**Proposal for 2021 EURASLIC / IAMSLIC Conference in Bremerhaven, Germany**

to EURASLIC / IAMSLIC Site Selection Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

I am pleased to submit this proposal to host the combined EURASLIC / IAMSLIC Conference in Bremerhaven, Germany. In 1992, the Alfred-Wegener-Institute already had a chance to host the EURASLIC Conference in Bremerhaven and this would be an excellent time to return.

Where the River Weser and the North Sea waters meet you will find Bremerhaven, the largest city on the German North Sea coast.

Founded in 1827 as a North Sea harbour for Bremen, Bremerhaven has long been a conduit that gathered the ‘huddled masses’ from the verdant but poor countryside and poured them into the world outside. Of the millions who landed at New York’s Ellis Island, a large proportion sailed from here, and an enticing exhibition at the German Emigration Centre shares their history.

The port of Bremerhaven is the sixteenth-largest container port in the world and the fourth-largest in Europe with 4.9 million twenty-foot equivalent units of cargo handled in 2007 and 5,5 million in 2015. The container terminal is situated on the bank of the river Weser opening to the North Sea. In the wet dock parts, accessible by two large locks, more than 2 million cars are imported or exported every year with 2,3 million in 2014. Bremerhaven imports and exports more cars than any other city in Europe. Another million tons of "High-and-Heavy" goods are handled with ro-ro ships. In 2011 a new panamax-sized lock has replaced the 1897 Kaiserschleuse, then the largest lock worldwide.

Bremerhaven has only a few historical buildings, and the high street and city centre are almost entirely post-war. The main attractions for tourists are found at the Havenwelten and include an attraction about climate change, the Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost, the German Emigration Center (awarded as „European Museum of the Year 2007“) and the German Maritime Museum by Hans Scharoun from 1975, featuring the Hansekogge, a vintage cog dating from 1380, excavated in Bremen in 1962, and the historical harbour with a number of museum ships, such as the Type XXI U-boat Wilhelm Bauer (a museum of its own), the Seute Deern (a wooden three-masted sailing vessel), and the salvage tug Seefalke from 1924. The Bremerhaven Zoo reopened on 27 March 2004, after a lengthy renovation. It features Arctic wildlife, both terrestrial and marine. The latest addition is the Klimahaus from 2009, simulating travel adventure along the 8th line of longitude and dealing with climate issues. Two gazebos can be found on top of the Atlantic Hotel Sail City and the Radar Tower. Another tourist spot is the Fischereihafen (fishing port) in Geestemünde which also houses an aquarium (the Atlanticum). The Lloyd-Werft shipyard is renowned for building and renovating large cruise liners, for example Norway.

Every five years Sail Bremerhaven is held, a large sailing convention that attracts tall ships from all over the world. The last time it was held was in 2015 with over 270 vessels and 3,500 crew members. In 2011 Bremerhaven set the record for the largest ever parade of boats, with 327 vessels in the parade. This record was broken in 2012 by the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant, with 1,000 boats.

**About AWI**

As the Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research, the Alfred Wegener Institute is primarily active in the cold and temperate regions of the world. Working together with numerous national and international partners, the institute is actively involved in unravelling the complex processes at work in the “Earth System”. Our planet is undergoing fundamental climate change; the polar regions and the oceans, which play central roles in the global climate system, are in flux. How will planet Earth evolve? Do the phenomena we’re observing represent short-term fluctuations or long-term trends?

The AWI was named after the German polar explorer who discovered the continental drift, Alfred Wegener.

The Institute was first launched in 1980 with only a handful of employees - today that number has risen to more than a thousand. This Helmholtz Centre also maintains a Research Institute in Potsdam (Forschungsstelle Potsdam), a Biological Institute on Helgoland (Biologische Anstalt Helgoland - BAH) and a Tideland Station on Sylt (Wattenmeerstation Sylt).

The AWI is a foundation under public law and member of the Helmholtz Association - the largest scientific organisation in Germany.

**Proposed Venue**

There are different site options:

The preferred site for the conference would be at AWI. The library is situated in building D at AWI (the building is located directly in the city centre). In building D the main conference room has a capacity of 100 seats with full audio and PC projection facilities. A smaller conference room seats 30 people e.g. for group meetings or workshops.

Internet facilities is available in AWI library located in building D. The conference and meeting rooms have wireless internet access.

Another option could be the [Conference Center](https://www.atlantic-hotels.de/en/hotel-sail-city/meetings-events/) at the Atlantic Hotel Sail City in Bremerhaven. The Conference Center offers six event rooms in total depending on the size of the conference. Conference rooms 1 and 2 have a capacity up to 145 seats and there are also two smaller conference rooms.

**Local Speakers**

AWI scientists and colleagues from local libraries (e.g. the National German Maritime Museum) would be invited speakers.

**Food Service**

AWI works with a local catering company to provide meals, usually lunches and coffee-breaks. Catering could be arranged with the company.

Other venues for meals are possible given the range of excellent restaurants in the city center.

**Banquet venue**

Conference banquet could be held in one of the restaurants, located in a walking distance from AWI. For example in the restaurant [Seute Deern](https://www.seutedeern.de/en/) (an old, one-time cargo sailing ship) or at the Captain's Lounge on the hotel's 19th floor of the Atlantic Hotel Sail City.

**Transportation**

Bremerhaven is about 60 km north of Bremen. The city can be reached from Bremen and Hamburg.

**By plane**

The nearest bigger airport is in Bremen. From Bremen airport you can take the streetcar line 6 to the central station and then easily travel to Bremerhaven with the train.

A big international airport is in Hamburg and if you are flying across the Atlantic, you will most likely arrive there or have a layover in Frankfurt airport.

**By train**

The train station is located in central Bremerhaven. Trains arrive from throughout Germany via Bremen with Deutsche Bahn as well as with EVB from Hamburg via Buxtehude. A single train ticket from Bremen to Bremerhaven costs 12,95 €. From here you can reach the city center using the public transportation system BremerhavenBus. A single bus ticket costs 2,50 €. A day ticket 7,10 €. Taking a taxi from the central train station to the city center costs about 10 €.

**By taxi**

A taxi from Bremen airport would approximately cost 90 €.

**By car**

Bremerhaven can be easily reached by car from Bremen, via the A27 northbound, if you take exit 10 from the A27 you can follow the road directly to the Fishdock (Fischereihafen).

**Hotels**

There are several hotels and guesthouses in vicinity of AWI pricing from low-budget to superior class hotels. AWI cooperates with certain hotels in Bremerhaven and if possible we will try to offer special room rates for the conference.

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B&B Hotel Bremerhaven

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**Visa regulations**

**EU nationals**

EU nationals do not require a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany.

**Non-EU nationals**

Generally speaking, all other foreigners require a visa for stays in Germany. A visa is not required for visits of up to 90 days in an 180‑day period for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement.

**Bodies responsible for issuing visas:**

Under German law (section 71 (2) of the Residence Act), responsibility for issuing visas lies with the missions of the Federal Republic of Germany, i.e. its embassies and consulates‑general. In principle, the Federal Foreign Office is not involved in decisions on individual visa applications, nor does it have any knowledge of the status of individual applications being processed by the missions.

Ratione loci competence (local responsibility) for issuing the visa lies with the mission responsible for the area in which the applicant has his/her ordinary residence or domicile.

Ratione materiae competence (subject‑matter responsibility) lies with the mission of the Schengen state in whose territory the sole or main destination is situated.

**Visa fees**

Since 14 May 2008, the fee for all types of visas has been EUR 60.

**Time required to process a visa application**

As a rule, missions require between two and ten working days to decide on an application for a short stay visa. Applications for visas entitling the holder to a longer stay or to take up gainful employment may take several months to process.

During the peak travel season there may be a waiting period for making an application to a German mission. Persons requiring a visa to enter Germany should therefore submit their applications in good time.

**Application procedure**

As a rule, applicants must submit visa applications, together with all necessary documents, in person at the German mission responsible for their place of residence. In order to avoid time‑consuming requests for additional information or documentation, applicants should consult the website of the respective mission well in advance of their departure date to find out about the visa procedure and about the documentation which has to be submitted.

Visa application forms can be obtained from the mission free of charge (in the local language). Applicants may also download the forms at the bottom of this page. The forms submitted must be original versions in the appropriate language of the mission in question. Application forms may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the competent mission.

**Requirements for the issue of short stay (Schengen) visas**

Since 5 April 2010, Regulation (EC) No. 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code) forms the statutory basis under European law in all Schengen states for the issuing of visas for transit through the Schengen area or for short‑term stays in the Schengen area not exceeding 90 days in any 180‑day period.

The Visa Code standardises the visa requirements which must be examined by the mission in the course of the visa procedure. The respective mission makes a decision on the visa application at its own discretion, taking into account all the circumstances in any given individual case.

There is no automatic entitlement to a Schengen visa.

The mission must ensure that the following requirements have been met in each individual case:

* The purpose of the trip to Germany must be plausible and comprehensible.
* The applicant must be in a position to finance his/her living and travel costs from his/her own funds or income.
* The visa holder must be prepared to leave the Schengen area before the visa expires.
* Documentary evidence must be provided of travel health insurance with a minimum coverage of 30,000 euros valid for the entire Schengen area.

Should an applicant be unable to prove that he/she can finance the journey and stay from his/her own funds, a third person may undertake to cover all costs associated with the trip in accordance with sections 66 and 68 of the Residence Act. This undertaking is normally to be made to the foreigners authority in the place of residence of the person making the undertaking.

Persons whose entry into the Schengen area would jeopardise security or public order in the Schengen states or who do not fulfil one or more of the above‑mentioned requirements, cannot be granted a visa.

Should a visa application be rejected, the applicant will be informed of the main reasons for the rejection. Every applicant is entitled to take legal recourse against the mission’s decision.

**Field Trips**

In the tourism area Havenwelten Bremerhaven (Harbor Worlds) one can enjoy fantastic attractions and an exciting means of transferring knowledge in:

the [Climate House Bremerhaven 8° East](https://www.klimahaus-bremerhaven.de/en.html?no_cache=1) (adult ticket: 16 €)

the [National German Maritime Museum](https://www.dsm.museum/)

the [German Emigration Center](https://dah-bremerhaven.de/english/) (adult ticket: 14,80 €)

the [Zoo at the Sea](https://zoo-am-meer-bremerhaven.de/de/startseite.html) (adult ticket: 9 €)

[Harbour Tours Bremerhaven](http://hafenrundfahrt-bremerhaven.de/en/index.php) (adult ticket: 11 €)

[Trips by HarborBus](https://www.bremerhaven.de/en/tourism/tours-excursions/trips-by-harborbus.22262.html) (adult ticket: 11,50 €)

Find out more at: <https://www.bremerhaven.de/en/>

**Optional field trip:**

A day trip to Bremen (old Historical Hanseatic City, UNESCO World Heritage).

Organised sightseeing tour. Must-see attractions in Bremen: famous Bremer Town Musicians, old town hall, Schnoor quarter, Böttcherstrasse and many more.

Transportation might be organized by train or bus.

Find out more at: <https://www.bremen-tourism.de/>