

European Conference on Amateur Radio Astronomy EUCARA

Bad Münstereifel-Eschweiler, Germany
September 16th - 17th, 2023

Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

Background

EUCARA has been initiated in 2014 and has been held at the Astropeiler Stockert. The next conferences took place in 2016 in Dwingeloo, 2018 again at Stockert, and 2021 as a virtual conference organized by the Dwingeloo team. Now it is time again to meet at Stockert.

The structure of the conference

EUCARA will be a two days conference on the weekend of September 16th and 17th, 2023. Saturday morning will be devoted to talks and the keynote speech by Dr. Laura Spitler from the Max-Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy. After lunch, we will depart by bus to a visit of the Effelsberg radio telescope. In the evening, there will be a conference dinner.

On Sunday, there will be talks in the morning. After lunch, in the afternoon there will be tours of the Stockert site with various demonstrations of the telescopes as well as individual discussions. The conference will close in the late afternoon on Sunday. For attendants arriving earlier on Friday, the conference site will be open for informal discussions and site tours.

The venue

The venue will be the facilities of the "Astropeiler Stockert" radio telescope, which comprises of several buildings and 6 radio telescopes (25-m, 10-m, 3-m, 2.3-m, 1.2-m and a Ku-band interferometer). Presentations will be held in our conference room. Another room is available for lunch, coffee and individual discussions.

The site is located near the town of Bad Münstereifel in the west of Germany. The distance to Cologne and Bonn is about 50km.

For transportation and lodging information, please see the attached information sheet.

Registration

Important notice:

Due to the limited space at the Astropeiler Stockert and based on the experience from the previous conference, the number of attendants will be limited to a maximum of 40. Confirmation of registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. After reaching the maximum number of registrations, further requests will be put on a waiting list.

Registration is now open. Registrations are requested by sending an email to eucara2023@astropeiler.de, giving the following information:

- Full name
- Affiliation (if any)
- Full postal address
- Email address
- Ham callsign (if any)

Registration fee

Please note that the conference fee still has to be determined based on incoming quotations. You can expect that the conference fee will be 100 EUR or less. This will cover the transportation by bus for the visit to Effelsberg, lunch, coffee and drinks for both days and some material needed. Please note that the conference dinner is not included and will be paid individually.

The conference fee shall be paid (once finally determined) via bank transfer to the account of Astropeiler Stockert e.V. Bank details are:

Raiffeisenbank Rheinbach Voreifel e.G.
IBAN DE88 3706 9627 0071 7580 10
BIC GENODED1RBC

Please give your name in the transfer so that we can allocate payments.

Conference language

The conference language will be English. Assistance on site in other languages can be provided in German and French.

Website

A conference website has been set up at <https://www.astropeiler.de/eucara/european-conference-on-amateur-radio-astronomy-2023/>

Additional information will be provided there as they become available.

Call for papers / presentations

We are asking for papers for presentation at the conference. If you are interested to present, please notify us by July 16th giving the title of the paper.

In the schedule, we have allocated time for a total of 12 presentations of 20 min each. Should the number of submissions exceed this limit, we will need to make a selection.

We will inform you about the acceptance of your paper by July 23rd.

If your paper is accepted, you are requested to submit an abstract for inclusion in the detailed program by August 6th. We are also requesting to provide your slides at least one week before the conference so that we can upload it to our presentation server.

We are planning to put the presentations on a web site after the conference. If you prefer not to make your material publicly available please indicate so.

Potential video streaming

Should the number of registration requests substantially exceed the number of available places, we are considering to provide a live stream of the talks. We are presently investigating the feasibility of this but cannot make a promise at this point in time.

Covid-19

At this time, there are no restrictions due to Covid-19.

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Information sheet for attendants

Hotels

The town of Bad Münstereifel and the surrounding area has suffered a severe flooding in the summer of 2021. Still, a lot of restauration work is ongoing and as a consequence the choice of Hotels in Bad Münstereifel is limited. Additional opportunities are in the town of Euskirchen. One of the options there is:

Welcome Park Hotel
Alleestraße 1
53879 Euskirchen
Phone: +49 2251 7750
Mail: reservierung.eus@welcome-hotels.com

Furthermore, a few rooms are available at the “Hotel Kurhaus Uhlenberg” in Bad Münstereifel. Prices vary between 89 EUR and 149 EUR depending on size. For booking, contact is:

Hotel Kurhaus Uhlenberg
Uhlenbergweg 3
53902 Bad Münstereifel
Phone +49 2253 54270
Mail: info@kurhaus-uhlenberg.de

Other options can be found through [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or other hotel reservations services.

Transportation

The railway line between Euskirchen and Bad Münstereifel is not yet operational again after the flooding. However, there is a bus line instead running every 30 minutes. We will provide a shuttle service from the bus stop in Iversheim to the Astropeiler Stockert. If you stay in the Welcome Park Hotel, the bus stop in Euskirchen would be an easy walking distance from the hotel. If you stay in Bad Münstereifel, you can also catch a bus to Iversheim where we will pick you up.



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Historische Radiosternwarte

Transportation to the Effelsberg telescope will be provided by bus. A shuttle service will also be available for going from the conference site to the conference dinner location and back.