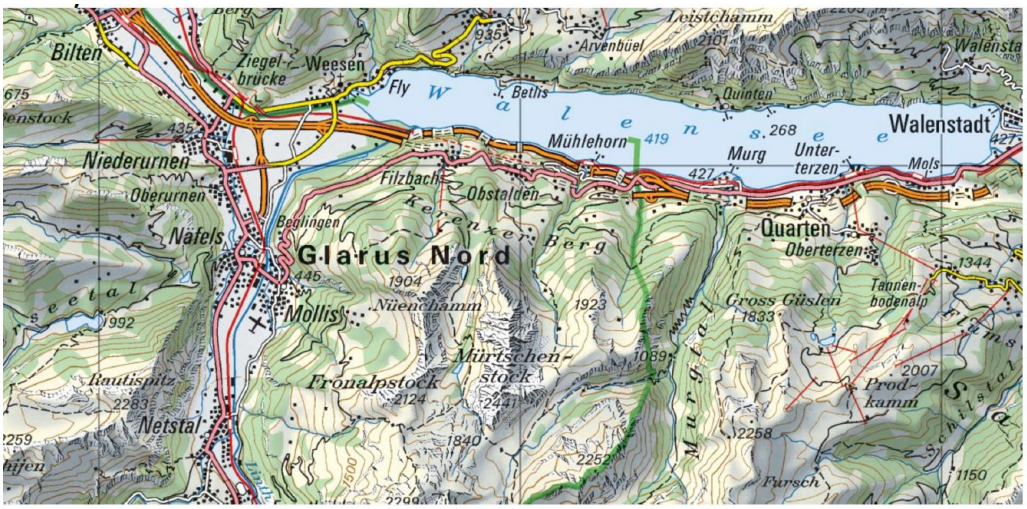
40th Congress of the J.E.C.
6th - 12th October 2024, Quarten, Switzerland

Welcome to Quarten

The German-speaking community of Quarten has 2,957 inhabitants (2020) and an area of 61.9 km^2. The deepest point is Lake Walen at 419.3 m above sea level, the highest is the Magerrain at 2523.7 m above sea level. The municipality consists of the villages Oberterzen, Unterterzen, Quarten, Quinten, Mols, Murg SG, Tannenbodenalp and Flums-Grossberg. The municipality of Quarten is located in the foothills of the Alps.

Lake Walen lies at 410 m above sea level and has a surface area of 24 km^2. Its greatest depth is 145 m. The U-Valley was shaped by the Rhine glacier in the Würm period.



History

The place was mentioned as Quarto between 801 and 850 and as Quartin around 1220. Bronze Age finds and Romanesque place and field names indicate early settlement. The place names Brünsch, Guns, Terzen, Quarten and Quinten come from the early medieval court census of the diocese of Chur.

Until the 20th century, the residents lived primarily from livestock farming and alpine farming. In the nineteenth century, some industrial companies settled here. The Walensee Motorway was opened in 1987. Local tourism developed as holiday tourism. The Neu-Schönstatt Education Center has been located in Quarten since 1956.

In addition to a magnificent mountain landscape and an inviting lake, the community of Quarten has some valuable and unique landscape and heritage objects.

Climate and vegetation

The area of the political community of Quarten is characterized by a relatively favorable climate. Strong contrasts between sunny and shady sides are obvious. On the sunny right side of the valley, grapes, figs, kiwis and other exotic plants grow around the idyllic village of Quinten, which can only be reached by boat or on foot. But the left side of the valley also benefits from the warmth of the lake and the Föhn, so that plants with a relatively high heat requirement, such as the chestnuts in the Murgwald, can also be found here.

Geology

The area around Quarten is located in the UNESCO World Heritage Site Tectonic Arena Sardona, situated in the cantons of Glarus, Graubünden and St. Gallen.

Three types of rock are predominant in the area around Quarten:

- Verrucano rocks. These are 250-300 million year old acidic silicate rocks (clays, sands and breccias);
- Triassic rocks, 200-250 million years old, with mainly dolomite, i.e. basic CaMg carbonates (the Röti Formation) and also acidic silicate clays (so-called Quarten slates);
- Quaternary cover, thus a wide variety of loose rocks, which are acidic and basic and were transported here by the glacier.

Detailed map: see https://s.geo.admin.ch/e995ncjpxjqw

A nice summary of the area, above Quarten (Flumserberge), can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ISgH5YfO5QD2huX6OQ8ebyQNZicr7ro-/view?usp=sharing, where the geology in quarters is practically the same.

The mountain landscape in the border area of the cantons of Glarus, Graubünden and St. Gallen is very interesting and impressive. The «Glarner Hauptüberschiebung» appears as a line in the rock faces of the Atlas and on the Sardona-Segnas-Group.

Mushroom areas

Depending on the weather, the excursions take place in the cantons of St. Gallen, Glarus, Schwyz and Graubünden. Alkaline and acidic coniferous, deciduous and mixed forests are visited. The area encompasses all climatic levels, from the Mediterranean area around Quinten/Walensee to the high mountains and the glacier world of the Tödi at the very end of Glarnerland. The forests are correspondingly diverse: mixed deciduous forests with oaks, beeches and chestnuts on Lake Walen with the corresponding funga. Mixed spruce/fir forests in the middle levels. Various Cortinarius species (*Phlegmacium, Telamonia, Cortinarius, Myxacium*) can be expected. For example, *C. atrovirens, C. olidus, C. rubellus, C. calochrous, C. bulliardii, C. violaceus, C. callisteus*, various small brown Telamonia and Myxacia.

In Switzerland, collection restrictions apply depending on the municipality or canton. We have been granted exceptional permission to hold the Cortinarius Congress. The congress participants will be informed in written form and must adhere to the restricted gathering regulations.

Electricity

Attention: Type J sockets are used in Switzerland.

In Germany e.g. there are plugs of type C and F. Devices with a 2-pin Euro plug can be used without an additional adapter.

How to travel to Quarten

By vehicle

From the Gotthard – from Basel – from western Switzerland – from Zürich – from Kloten

Take the A3 to exit no. 47 with the traffic sign «Murg / Mühlehorn / Unterterzen», i.e. leave the motorway at exit no. 47. Then drive about 3 km on the country road (but do not turn into Murg) to the village of Unterterzen. At the roundabout take the first exit (white traffic sign: Oberterzen, Quarten, Neu-Schönstatt education center) and drive approx. 1 km up the slope to the church (537 m above sea level) and around the church. There is the Neu-Schönstatt education center. Unload the heavy things here and take them to the work area. Room check-in is from 2 p.m. Then park the car in one of the hotel's own parking spaces a little further down.
Coordinates 47°06’33.6” N / 009°14’28.2” E.

From Sargans

Take the A3 to exit no. 49 with the sign «Flumserberg/Walenstadt/Unterterzen», i.e. leave the motorway. Then drive about 6 km on the country road to the village of Unterterzen. At the roundabout take the second exit (white traffic sign: Oberterzen, Quarten, Neu-Schönstatt education center) and drive up the slope to the church (537 m above sea level) and around the church. There is the Neu-Schönstatt education center. Unload the heavy things here and take them to the work area. Room check-in is from 2 p.m. Then park the car in one of the hotel's own parking spaces a little further down.
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Vignettes

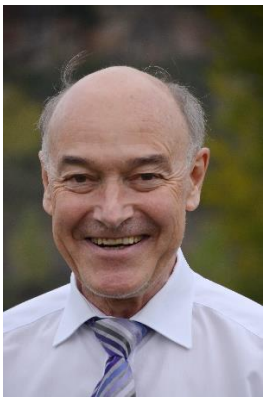
A so-called vignette requirement applies on Swiss motorways. There is a physical and an electronic vignette. You can buy the electronic Swiss motorway vignette before entering Switzerland at https://www.e-vignette.ch. There is only one annual vignette.

By plane

The nearest international airport is Kloten, approx. 98 km from Quarten. The journey from Kloten Airport to Quarten takes around 1 hour by car, and around 1.5 hours by train.

Basel Mulhouse Airport is 165 km away. The journey from Basel Mulhouse Airport to Quarten takes around 1.5 hours by car and around 2.5 hours by train.

Responsible for organizing the Cortinarius Congress 2024



Oswald Rohner and **Erika Bühler-Holzer**

Daniel Schlegel
Präsident of the co-organizing Verein für Pilzkunde Glarnerland

Responsible for the Scientific Committee of the Congress

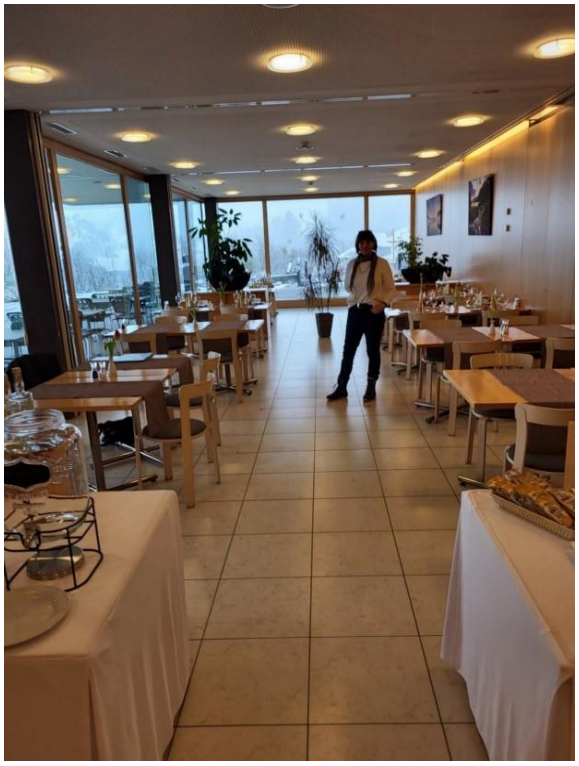
Tor Erik Brandrud

The Scientific Committee of the Congress also includes

Günter Saar **Claudio Rossi**

View of the center Neu-Schönstatt

Dining room



Restaurant

Working room (here still set up as a banquet room)

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Preliminary Program

Sunday, 6th October 2024

12:00 – 18:00	Arrival and registration
	Room check-in beginning 14.00 Uhr
18:00	Opening ceremony and welcome aperitif
19:00	Dinner
20:30	General information and introduction to the excursions
24:00	Closure of working rooms

Monday, 7th October 2024

07:30	Breakfast and opening of the working rooms
	(everyone prepares their own packed lunch)
09:00	Departure for the mycological excursions
14:00	Individual study of the collections
18:00 – 19:00	Presentation of the most important species of the day
19:00	Dinner
20:30	Lectures and scientific contributions
24:00	closure of working rooms

The same program applies to Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th October

Thursday, 10th October 2024

07:30	Breakfast and opening of the working rooms
	(everyone prepares their own packed lunch)
09:00	Departure for the mycological excursions
13.00 – 17:00	Individual study of the collections

Afternoon:

15:45 – 16:45	Meeting of the Board of the J.E.C
17:00 – 18:30	**Ordinary J.E.C. Members General Meeting**
18:30 – 19:30	Presentation of the most important species of the day
20:00	Aperitif and Gala evening

Saturday, 12th October 2024

07:30	Breakfast
12:00	Closure of working rooms, end of the congress

Lectures and presentations

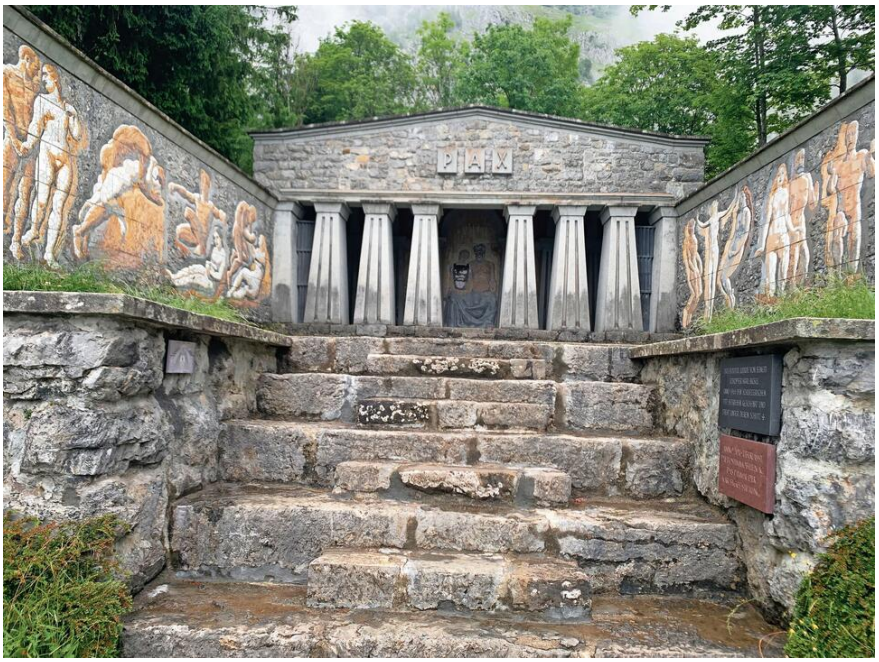
There is the opportunity to give presentations/lectures during the congress.

Please let us know on the registration form whether you would like to give a presentation. Please prepare a summary (one page) of your contribution in Word in one of the congress languages (according to the statutes: French, German, Italian or English) and send it by email to Oswald by **September 1, 2024 at the latest** Rohner, J.E.C. President o.rohner@bluewin.ch.

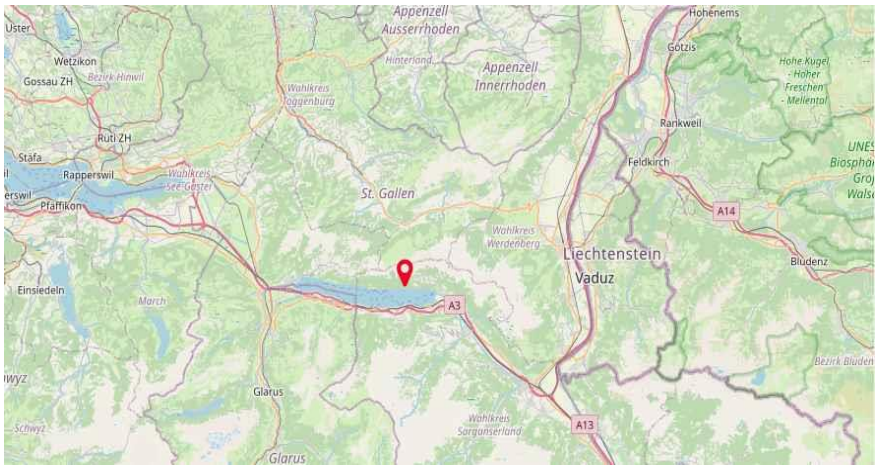
Cultural program for accompanying persons

Monday, 7th October 2024

Short hike to the Peace Memorial in Walenstadtberg (SG) with a guided tour on site. With the Paxmal, whose basic idea is peace for everyone, the artist Karl Bickel (born 1886) created a place for inner contemplation, meditation on people and their goals, their way of life and their social forms. Bickel fell ill with tuberculosis in Italy in 1913 and stayed in Walenstadtberg to recover, where he implemented his vision for a temple of peace over a 25-year construction period. The Paxmal is a very interesting place of wonder.



Return to Walenstadt harbor followed by a boat trip on Lake Walen to Au, then a 20-30 minute walk to the idyllic wine village of Quinten. Continue by boat to Murg. Directions to Walenstadtberg approx. 20 minutes.



Tuesday, 8th October 2024

Visit to the idyllic village of Appenzell (AI) with a guided tour of the village. We will learn a lot of exciting things about the history of the picturesque place and the incredible wealth of traditions. A classic custom, namely the livestock show, takes place live on the very day of the visit.

After lunch, visit a classic dairy farm. Afterwards, a free tour of the town. Directions to Appenzell approx. 60 minutes.

Wednesday, 9th October 2024

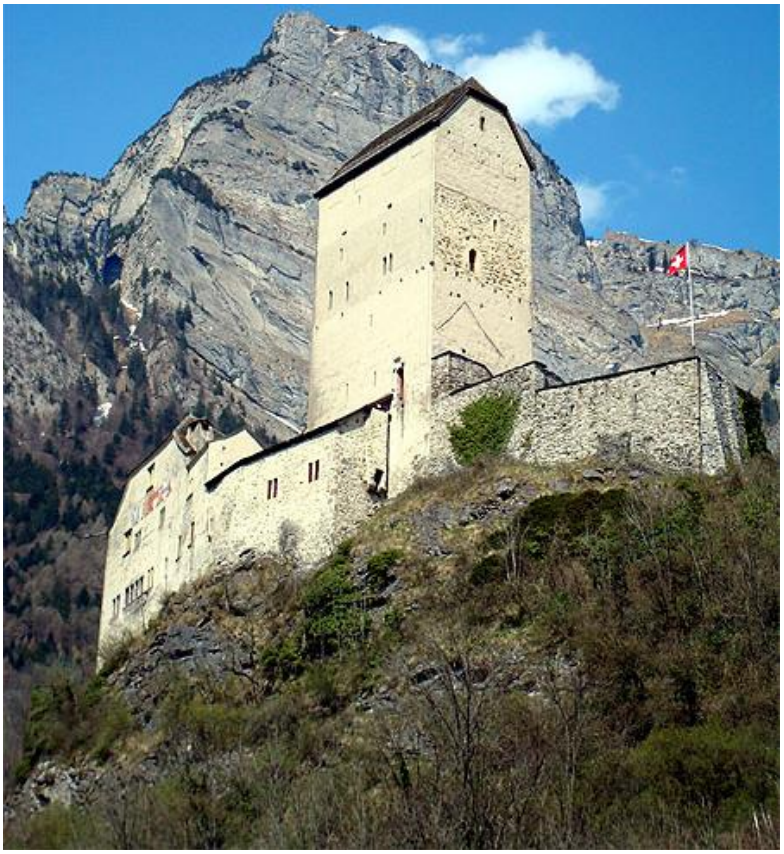
Visit to the slate factory in Elm (GL), which is well worth seeing, including a guided tour. The old crafts are presented to us in an exciting and impressive way - coupled with the most modern museum education.

Afterwards, perhaps a brief look at the Tectonic Arena visitor center next door. The collision of the two continents Africa and Europe has raised the Alps. This is demonstrated to us in the UNESCO World Heritage Tectonic Arena Sardona.

If the weather conditions are pleasant, we will spend the afternoon on the Elmer Citro themed hiking trail for about 1 ½ to 2 hours. The drink Elmer Citro has been produced in Elm from two sources for 90 years. The necessary mineral water comes from deep within the mountain. Approx. 50 min.

Thursday, 10th October 2024

Visit to the castle or Sargans Castle (SG). This is located in a strategically important location between the Seez and Rhine valleys. The complex is visible from far away and is the landmark of the entire region. It is one of the most famous castles in Switzerland and, in addition to an exhibition on its own history, houses the Sarganserland Museum. A tour of the castle museum, which is housed in the imposing, 900-year-old tower on 6 floors, will bring us closer to the history. Journey time 20 minutes and walk approx. 15 minutes.



In the afternoon we visit the Läderach Chocolate Museum in Bilten (GL). Läderach is a family business and has existed for three generations. A free tour of the museum is planned with a small tasting. In the beautifully furnished shop you can buy the highest quality chocolate. Let us surprise. Approximately 30 minutes.

Friday, 11th October 2024

Visit to the Museum of the State of Glarus in the so-called Freuler Palace in Näfels (GL). The Freuler Palace is one of the most magnificent Swiss residential buildings of the 17th century. The builder, Kaspar Freuler (1595-1651), served the French kings as a Swiss military contractor. The art-loving colonel of the guard had artisans from all over Europe come to Näfels to create the total work of art on his behalf. An impressive picture of the wealth and craftsmanship of the time is presented to the visitor. The museum presents Glarus history from its beginnings to the present day. One focus is the exhibition on Glarus textile printing. Glarus' pioneering spirit is demonstrated with impressive evidence.
Directions approximately 20 minutes.

Then continue your journey to Obersee in Näfels (GL). The small lake is located in the Oberseetal at 983 m above sea level. M. and is surrounded by the mountain peaks of Bärensoolspitz, Brünnelistock and Rautispitz. Possibly circular hike 3 km, approx. 1 hour. Journey approx. 16 minutes.

Registrations (until July 31, 2024)

The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 80 people.

The JEC members are taken into account first, according to the date of registration.

Registration for the congress can be done by filling out the enclosed form or by downloading it from the J.E.C. website http://www.jec-cortinarius.org. The form can be sent by email to o.rohner@bluewin.ch or by post to the following address:

Oswald Rohner, PO Box 450, CH-8840 Einsiedeln, Switzerland.

Registration is only concluded and valid after payment of the participation fee, which must be transferred to one or other of the following accounts:

Oswald Rohner, Churerstrasse 24, CH-8808 Pfäffikon

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Costs 2024	**EURO**	**CHF**
Included in full and half board are: accommodation, apéros, breakfast, dinner, gala dinner, workplace **Without drinks**	**Price** **per person**	**Price** **per person**
Congress fee for J.E.C.-members for non-J.E.C.-members	 130 € 170 €	 120 CHF 160 CHF
1. Full board (with packed lunch) Single room with shower/toilet Double room with shower/toilet **per person** 3-bed room with shower/toilet **per person**	 700 € 650 € 605 €	 670 CHF 620 CHF 570 CHF
2. Half board (without packed lunch) Single room with shower/toilet Double room with shower/toilet **per person** 3-bed room with shower/toilet **per person**	 625 € 575 € 525 €	 600 CHF 550 CHF 500 CHF
3. Just dine: apéros, breakfast, dinner, gala-dinner, packet lunch. Workplace	355 €	340 CHF
4. Camping Request o.rohner@bluewin.ch		

In the event of cancellation, the following amounts will be withheld:

Cancellation until September 15, 2024: 200 euros / 190 CHF
Cancellation from September 16, 2024: the entire amount

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Two members of the J.E.C.,
who donated a significant amount
to reduce the costs of the conference

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Volunteer supporters,
especially the excursion leaders
and the organizing team of the congress