

## Prices & Fees

**Prices for field trip + conference** per person  
(early bird until 31/05/2024; normal fee until 31/08/2024):

Single room	495 €	595 €
Double room	345 €	445 €

**Prices for conference only** per person  
(early bird until 31/05/2024; normal fee until 31/08/2024):

Single room	245 €	275 €
Double room	175 €	195 €

*Included in the total fee are:*

Accommodation incl. bedclothes and towels, 12<sup>th</sup> + 13<sup>th</sup> half board, 14<sup>th</sup> +15<sup>th</sup> full board, TGV ticket Reims-Paris for field trip on 13/09, entrance to museums, conference fee

*Not included in the total fee are:*

Dinner on wednesday (11/09), lunch during the field trips (12/09 + 13/09)

**Pupils and students** pay 50 % of the prices above.

## Arrival

**By car:** A4, A26 or A34 to Reims, then take the city motorway A344, take there the exit Reims-Cathédrale, turn on Av. Paul Marchandeaude to Wilson, on the roundabout first exit Rue de Courlancy, after 650 m turn right to Av. du Général de Gaulle, after 400 m turn left on Chau. Bocquaine

**By train:** TGV station Champagne Ardenne, tramway B in direction of Neufchâtel, leave at station Comédie

**By plane:** Airport Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG), ca. 150 km by car or by train to Reims

## Registration

Please **register** until **31/08/2024** online at this link:  
<https://veranstaltungen.wort-und-wissen.org/ft-geo/>

Rooms will be allocated in the order in which registrations are received. You will receive a confirmation of registration.

**Dr. Peter Borger**, Wort und Wissen, Germany, studied biology, taught and conducted research at universities in Europe and Australia. He is an expert in molecular biology and has published over 70 articles in international journals.

**Dr. André Eggen**, associate principal marketing manager, Illumina, France. He obtained his PhD in animal genetics from the Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland.

**Paul Garner**, Biblical Creation Trust, Great Britain, has an MSc in Geoscience from University College London, where he specialised in palaeobiology. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and published several books.

**Guy Gerard**, Geodoxa, Canada/France. He is a geologist engineer involved in Tertiary geology and tectonics. For the last eight years he was researching on hydrodynamic of turbulence flows and erosion in flood context.

**Dr. Reinhard Junker**, studied biology, mathematics and theology and holds a doctorate in interdisciplinary theology. His main research interests are the design argument, basic type biology, comparative biology and palaeontology.

**Dr. Marcus R. Ross**, assistant professor of geology at Liberty University, and Assistant Director of the Center for Creation Studies, Virginia, USA. He studied earth sciences and got his PhD in geosciences from the University of Rhode Island.

**Dr. Renata van der Weijden**, associate professor of Earth and Environmental Science, Utrecht University, Netherlands. Her research interests involve water quality, geochemistry, (bio-)crystallization and element cycles and recovery.

**Tom Zoutewelle** studied biology and geology at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands, working in secondary and university education. His main interests are questions of origin.

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## 36<sup>th</sup> EARTH SCIENCES CONFERENCE

The Paris Basin and the  
rapid radiation of mammals  
in the Tertiary

11<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Éthic Étapes CIS de Champagne  
51100 Reims, France



# Warmly welcome!

# Programme

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Photo: Tom Zoutewelle

## Dear Interested Parties!

We cordially invite you to the **36<sup>th</sup> Earth Sciences Conference** of the Studiengemeinschaft Wort und Wissen. Compared to previous years, there will be some innovations this year:

The two-day **excursion** and the **conference** will form a **thematic unit**: the Paris Basin and the rapid radiation of mammals in the Tertiary. Our field observations, visits to museums and the presentations by international speakers will deal with this topic. Accordingly, this years **conference** will once again be held **abroad**, this time in **Reims** in northern France. The lectures will be held in **English**, a German translation or summary will be offered. The conference is aimed at **geoscientists**, **biologists**, students of these disciplines and related disciplines, as well as **interested laypersons**. We would like to examine the conference topic from a scientific perspective, but on the basis of Biblical faith. **Doubters**, **seekers** and **skeptics** are very welcome! Please promote this event among interested friends and acquaintances!

*Guy Gerard, Markus Merk, Rafael Schäffer & Tom Zoutewelle*

*Organising committee of Earth Science Conference 2024, Studiengemeinschaft Wort und Wissen ("Study society word and knowledge")*

Please **contact** us with any queries: [sg@wort-und-wissen.de](mailto:sg@wort-und-wissen.de)

### Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Own arrival and dinner

### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

07:30 h Breakfast

09:00 h **Departure to field trip, region of Reims**  
 Reims Mountains geological nature trail, Pourcy: fossil beach with palm trees, Witness Mound of Laon, Museum The Cave aux Coquillages with marine fossils; **lunch** in between

18:00 h **Return** to accommodation

19:00 h **Dinner**

### Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

07:30 h **Breakfast**

09:00 h **Transfer** to train station, TGV to Paris

**Visit and workshop** at the Natural History Museum, Great Gallery of Evolution and Gallery of Paleontology and Comparative Anatomy, **lunch** in between

18:00 h **Return** by TGV to Reims

19:00 h **Dinner**

20:15 h **Greeting, opening of the conference**  
 Short presentation of the Studiengemeinschaft „Wort und Wissen“

20:30 h **Opening lecture**  
*Tom Zoutewelle: Introduction to the sediments and fossils of the Paris Basin, Tertiary*

**\*\*Preliminary programme - subject to change without notice\*\***

### Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

07:30 h **Breakfast**

09:00 h *Paul Garner*  
**The continuation of the Paris Basin in Great Britain**

10:30 h *Guy Gerard*  
**Paleo landscapes of the Paris Basin**

12:00 h **Lunch**

13:15 h *Dr. Renata van der Weijden*  
**Reconstruction of the Tertiary paleoclimate by stable isotopes**

14:30 h *Dr. Reinhard Junker*  
**Basic type biology - how created programs enable diversity**

15:45 h **Coffee break**

16:15 h *Dr. Marcus R. Ross*  
**Rapid radiation of mammals in the Tertiary from a paleontological point of view**

17:30 h *Dr. Peter Borger & Dr. André Eggen*  
**Rapid radiation of mammals in the Tertiary in the light of genomics - Part 1**

19:00 h **Dinner**

20:15 h **Previous lecture - Part 2**

### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

07:30 h **Breakfast**

09:30 h **Divine service, prayer community**

10:45 h **Geoforum, closing discussion**

12:00 h **Lunch**, from 13 h departure