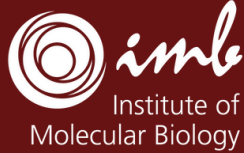




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10 - 13 March 2026



IMB Mainz, Germany



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Deadlines

Monday, 1 December 2026	Early Bird Registration
	Abstract Submission
Monday, 2 February 2026	Regular Registration
	Childcare Registration

About the Venue



The conference will take place at:

Institute of Molecular Biology (IMB)

Ackermannweg 4,

55128 Mainz,

Germany

[Google Maps Link](#)

The institute is located on the campus of the
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Around the Area

Mainz



The city of **Mainz** is a charming, open-minded city. It dates back 2,000 years to Roman times and still has a historic centre with a magnificent medieval cathedral. Founded by the Romans as Mogontiacum, Mainz is one of the oldest cities in Germany with much to offer: situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers, Mainz has a sizeable university, fine pedestrian precincts and a certain "savoir vivre" whose origins go back to the Napoleon's occupation at the turn of the 18th century – at least that's what the "Mainzer" say.

The city is located at the confluence of two of the most important rivers in Germany, the Rhine and the Main, and has spectacular esplanades. Strolling along the Rhine river, enjoying the sun in the beer gardens, and sampling local wines in a half-timbered wine tavern in the Altstadt (old part of the city) are as much part of any Mainz visit as visiting the impressive Romanesque Dom St. Martin (St. Martin Cathedral), Marc Chagall's ethereal windows in St. Stephan's Kirche (Church of St. Stephan) or the first printed bible in the Gutenberg Museum. In the 15th century, local hero Johannes Gutenberg perfected moveable type and became known as the inventor of modern book printing – the man of the millennium.

Not only is Mainz the capital of the federal state of Rhineland-Palatinate, but also one of the "Great Wine Capitals" of the world along with Bordeaux and Napa Valley. Every weekend, the Mainz wine growers tempt you with exquisite wine during your Saturday morning market stroll at the **Mainz Market** or better know as "Mainzer Marktfrühstück". Additionally, they also set up a wine tasting stand near Fischtorplatz inviting you to linger by the river with a glass of wine.

Around the Area

Food & Drinks



Baron (restaurant and bar)

Johann-Joachim-Becherweg 3, 55128 Mainz (on campus)

Mon-Fri: 10:00-22:00; Sat: 12:00-22:00

Menu: Fresh, organic and regional food and large variety of wine and beer

Heiliggeist (restaurant and bar)

Rentengasse 2, 55116 Mainz

Tue-Thu: 17:30-23:00; Fri-Sat: 17:30-00:00

Menu: High-quality traditional and seasonal food, beers, and wines



Eisgrub-Bräu (restaurant and brewery)

Weißlilienengasse 1A, 55116 Mainz

Mon-Sun: 11:30-00:00

Menu: Traditional German food and home-brewed beer

Weinhaus Michel (wine tavern)

Jakobsbergstr. 8 55116 Mainz

Tue-Sat: 16:00-23:00

Menu: Regional food and wine



3Sein (restaurant and bar)

Große Bleiche 60-62, 55116 Mainz

Wed-Thu: 17:00-01:00; Fri-Sat: 17:00-02:00

Menu: Tapas and a variety of drinks

Goldener Hirsch (restaurant and bar)

Nackstraße 16, 55118 Mainz

Mon-Sun: 17:00-23:00

Menu: Traditional German specialties



Around the Area

Things to See & Do

During the excursion, participants will have the chance to explore the Eberbach Abbey.

If you are then staying longer and looking for more to do in and around Mainz, we have curated a selection of places to visit and experience.



St. Martin's Cathedral (Mainzer Dom)

Markt 10, 55116 Mainz

Mon-Sat: 9:00-17:00; Sun: 13:00-17:00

1000 year old roman catholic cathedral.

The red sandstone building is home to the diocese of Mainz.



Gutenberg Museum

Reichklarastraße 1, 55116 Mainz

Mon-Sun: 09:00-18:00

Museum of printing named after the Mainz-born Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of printing with movable metal type.



Fastnachts Fountain

Schillerplatz, 55116 Mainz

Fountain with over 200 figurines from carnival and mythology.



Fastnachts Museum

Neue Universitätsstraße 2, 55116 Mainz

Tue-Sun: 11:00-17:00

Learn about the history of the "fifth season" in Mainz, the grandly celebrated carnival.

mainz STORE / Tourist Information

Markt 17, 55116 Mainz

Mon-Sat: 10:00-18:00

Touristic Information, Vinotheque with local wines and souvenir shop.



City Tour on the Gutenberg Express

Gutenbergplatz, 55116 Mainz

Sat+Sun: 10:30-16:20

35 minute long city tour in a rustic railroad carriage express.



St. Stephan's Church

Kleine Weißgasse 12, 55116 Mainz

Mon-Sat: 10:00-16:30; Sun: 12:00-16:30

St. Stephan's gothic hall church with the famous blue windows by Marc Chagall.



Isis and Mater Magna Sanctuary

Römerpassage 1, 55116 Mainz

Mon-Sat: 11:00-18:00

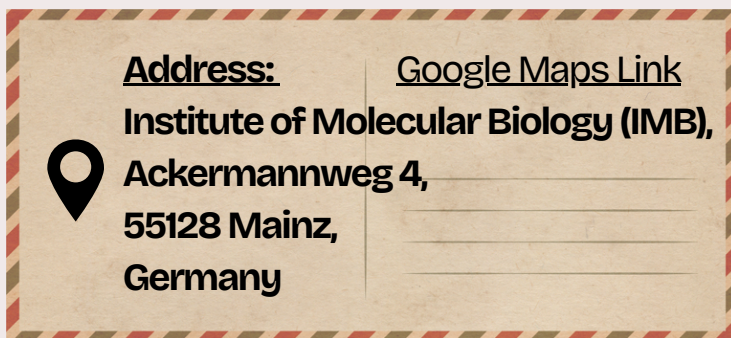
Excavations of a temple dedicated to the Egyptian goddess Isis and the oriental deity of Mater Magna.



Travel

Getting to IMB

Please find detailed information on how to get to IMB [here](#).



By Car

If you are travelling by car, please use the free parking lots within walking distance to IMB (5-7 min):

- Hochschule Mainz (Lucy-Hillebrand-Str. 2, 55128 Mainz)
- Parkplatz Dalheimer Weg (Dalheimer Weg 1, 55128 Mainz)



By Flight and Train

Mainz can be easily accessible via **train** to the **Mainz Main Station (Mainz Hbf)** or via **flights** to **Frankfurt International Airport** (or Frankfurt Hahn Airport if flying with Ryanair).

If you are arriving at **Frankfurt International Airport**, you would need to continue your journey to Mainz Main Station by train (**travel time: ca. 40 minutes**):

- **S8** in the direction of **Wiesbaden Hbf**
- **RE2** in the direction of **Koblenz Hbf**
- **RE3** in the direction of **Saarbrücken Hbf**

Please check the [Deutsche Bahn](#) website for timetables and further info.

If you are arriving at **Frankfurt Hahn Airport**, you would need to continue your journey to Mainz Main Station by bus (**travel time: ca. 75 minutes**).

Please check the [Frankfurt Hahn Airport](#) website for timetables and further info.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the registration fee and needs to be self-organised by the participants.

If you are planning to stay in Mainz directly, it is recommended to reserve your accommodation early as hotels in the area are usually very quickly booked out.

Participants are offered special rates for rooms (first-come-first-serve basis) at the hotels listed below for the duration of the conference by using the given keyword when making reservations directly with the hotel. Each reservation must be guaranteed by credit card.

Please note that the hotels named are just a selection of many which can be found in the Mainz region and the organisers cannot be held responsible for availability and/or level of service.

Hotel Contingent

B&B Hotel Mainz

Mombacher Straße 2b, 55122 Mainz

Singleroom EUR 65,00

Rooms can be booked until 31.01.2026

+49 6131 570788-0; mainz-hbf@hotelbb.com

Keyword: "ABK IMB Events" or Res. No. "1461437"

Hotel Mainzer Hof

Kaiserstraße 98, 55116 Mainz

Singleroom EUR 99,00

Rooms can be booked until 09.02.2026

+49 6131 97240; info@hotel-mainzerhof.de

Keyword: "Institute of Molekular Biology" or Res. No. "32871"

Intercity Hotel Mainz

Binger Straße 21, 55131 Mainz

Singleroom EUR 159,00

Rooms can be booked until 09.02.2026

+49 6131 58851-0; mainz@intercityhotel.com

Keyword: "IMB Events"

Childcare

Childcare at IMB & SFB1361 Conference 2026

**Your little scientists are in good care while you
attend our conference with a bit of a relieve!**

We understand that in some cases, attending a conference and family responsibilities can coincide to present a challenge for families. We acknowledge this challenge and are delighted to partner with [Das Sahnehäubchen](#) to provide free onsite childcare for registered participants of the IMB & SFB1361 Conference 2026. Registration for childcare will be handled on a first-come first-served basis as spaces are limited.

For more info: <https://www.sfb1361.de/dnarepairconf2026/venue-practical-info/childcare>

Registering for childcare Pre-registration is required!

Childcare registration deadline: 2 February 2026

If you would like to make use of the free onsite childcare service provided, please register via this form: [Registration Form](#)

Please note that a place for your child(ren) is(are) only considered reserved after you have received a written confirmation from the conference managers.

In case of cancellation (e.g. change of plans, sickness, no longer attending, etc.), please inform us earliest possible to ensure available places can be offered to others who may be on the waiting list. Notice of cancellation (with your name and reason) must be communicated in writing by email to the conference managers: sfb1361@imb.de



Other Practical Information



Talks & Poster Sessions

The talks will take place in IMB's Hubertus Liebrecht Auditorium. The poster sessions will be set up in the Atrium and Foyer.



Catering

Food and drinks will be served in the Atrium & Foyer at designated times according to the programme.



Family Room

There is a family room available during the conference for use for childcare or nursing. Please speak to our conference staff for more information. Please be respectful of others using the room.

Health and Safety

Smoking is prohibited in the IMB building.



Do not enter any restricted areas or the laboratories unless instructed to do so.

First Aid Kit and Defibrillator (AED) are available at the reception desk in the Foyer.

Please report all accidents to the conference staff.

In case of an emergency, please contact our staff at the reception desk in the Foyer or call +49 6131 39 21600.

Other Practical Information



Internet

Wi-Fi is available in the building and on campus using the Uni-Mainz network with the event specific user name and password provided in your conference booklet. Also available is the eduroam network (secure, worldwide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community).



Taxi

To order a local taxi, please contact Taxi Zentrale Mainz at +49 6131 910 910.



Photography

During the conference, an IMB photographer will take a group photo and other photos to document the meeting. The photos may be used for future marketing and communication purposes in web and in print. If you would not like to appear in these photos, please inform the photographer or a member of the conference staff.



Printing

If you need to print your train tickets or boarding passes, please send an email to sfb1361@imb.de. We will inform you to pick up the printouts at the reception once it is ready.



Lost and found

For lost and found items, please contact our staff at the registration desk.

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Remember to use **#ISC26DNArepair** and tag us **@SFB1361** and **@IMBMainz**




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