

Additional Information for Participants of Oberwolfach Workshops

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Please find below some additional information concerning your invitation to participate in a workshop, half size workshop or Arbeitsgemeinschaft in Oberwolfach and about the Oberwolfach Workshop Reports. See our homepage, www.mfo.de or www.oberwolfach.org, for further information (in particular, concerning our *measures because of the pandemic*), please.

Registration

To register and to reserve your place, please follow the *online registration process*. Registration includes a check of your address data and a confirmation of the institute's terms of service. Please register not later than the *deadline* which is 6 months prior to the workshop for the first round of invitations. In case you will not be able to participate, please inform us as well. If you need a *signed invitation letter* by mail for *visa application*, this can be stated during the registration - please inform us on this *in due time*.

Talks and Research Reports

The organizers will ask some participants in advance to present important developments in longer talks. The final program will be specified only during the conference. Here is an example of a workshop schedule (details will be fixed by the organizers):

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-	8 – 9 am Breakfast	8 – 9 am Breakfast	8 – 9 am Breakfast	8 – 9 am Breakfast	8 – 9 am Breakfast; check out
-	9 – 12:30 am Talks 1 – 3	9 – 12:30 am Talks 6 – 8	9 – 12:30 am Talks 9 – 11	9 – 12:30 am Talks 12 – 14	9 – 12:30 am Talks 17 – 19
-	12:30 – 4 pm Lunch & Break	12:30 – 4 pm Lunch & Break	12:30-1:30 pm Lunch	12:30 – 4 pm Lunch & Break	12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch
4:30 pm Arrival, Opening time	4 – 6:30 pm Talks 4 – 5	4 – 6:30 pm PhD short talks	1:30 – 6:30 pm Afternoon hike	4 – 6:30 pm Talks 15 – 16	1:30 – 2:30 pm Talk 20
6:30 pm Dinner	6:30 pm Dinner	6:30 pm Dinner	6:30 pm Dinner	6:30 pm Dinner	Afternoon/evening: Departure

There will be the possibility to upload title and abstract for your proposed talk which will be forwarded to the organizers only, and a short research report/summary on your recent work which will be visible to all participants for their mutual information. We will contact you again with the access link about 12-6 weeks prior to the meeting. As meetings in Oberwolfach primarily serve the exchange of ideas, please notice that only about 20 - 25 talks are intended, so that not every participant will have the possibility to give a talk. Please feel free to bring an updated hard copy of your report with you and to post it on our pin board in the corridor in front of the lecture hall. In addition, there is a shelf where you may display your preprints and work relevant to the workshop.

Practical Information

(<http://www.mfo.de/for-guest-researchers> - see in particular the FAQ section)

The Institute *opens* for your workshop on Sunday at 4:30 pm and then the guest office is open 5 – 7 pm. The Institute's doors are closed until 4:30 p.m., *so if you intend to arrive earlier, please contact us at least a week before the beginning of your workshop*. On our homepage you may look for further important information regarding your stay at Oberwolfach, including:

- travel information, how to find your way to Oberwolfach
- train schedule (link to German railways)
- practical hints
- opening hours, arrival time, departure
- taxi transfer service from Hausach; special hints for early and late arrivals
- technical equipment (please contact us in due time prior to the meeting in case of special needs)
- scientific program with annual schedule
- news and funding possibilities, in particular *grants for junior researchers* (OWLG, NSF, OWFF)
<https://www.mfo.de/scientific-program/grants>

Child Care and Family Support

The institute can help with *finding and funding child support (baby sitting, child care arrangements)*, if necessary. For details see our website please and *contact us in due time* prior to your stay.

Meals at Oberwolfach

Our staff is highly engaged to consider different diets. However, due to limited personnel resources this is only possible within a certain scope - i.e., within 5 meal categories: *mixed/vegetarian/vegan/gluten-intolerance/lactose-intolerance* - and with enough lead time.

In case of specific medical requirements, please contact the institute in advance. We are very sorry that we are not able to realize other special wishes concerning food, or fulfill additional restrictions arising from cultural or religious rules. In such a case, the nearby restaurants could be an option, as they enable an individual choice of meals and food. Participants who plan to have their lunch or dinner not at the MFO are kindly asked to *inform our guest office at least one day in advance*.

Arrival and Departure, Taxi Service to the MFO

It is expected that visitors come for the whole week to make full use of the capacity of the institute as required by our funding agencies. In particular, this concerns the institute's planning of room reservations and purchase of food. If a shortening of your stay is unavoidable for an important reason, *please let us know in advance*.

The Institute offers a free taxi transfer from Hausach train station to the MFO on Sunday evening at the following fixed times: (<http://www.mfo.de/for-guest-researchers/prepare-your-stay/travel-information>)

4:40 pm at Hausach (with stop 4:50 pm at Wolfach train station) 5:40 pm at Hausach (no stop at Wolfach) 6:40 pm at Hausach (no stop at Wolfach)

Actual times can change in case of changes of train schedule. Please have also a look at our website with up-to-date information before departing to Oberwolfach. Taxis are waiting at Hausach in front of the railway building (and at Wolfach next to the station platform) and can easily be identified by the MFO sign which will be displayed.

NEW: On the *day of departure (Friday)* we ask our guests to leave their rooms and *check out not later than 9:30 am*. In order to form groups for transfer to the station we leave a list in front of the dining hall. Here all guests having to catch a train are asked to write down the time of the train departure mentioning their names as early as possible, but not later than on Thursday afternoon. The scheduled departure time is on Friday afternoon or evening. In case of an essential reason, an earlier departure is also possible and should be announced at the guest office. However, we would like to remind our guests that a substantially shortened stay ties up resources, puts the institute in conflict with its funding agencies and might affect the success of the meeting. **NEW:** Please note that *accommodation until Saturday is not possible* furthermore, please inform us at least 1 month prior to the workshop if we should reserve a hotel room from Friday to Saturday for you because of urgent reasons.

For the return trip we will continue to organize car pools from Oberwolfach to the train stations in Wolfach and Hausach. For three trips we will also cover the taxi fare. *Taxi fares at other times cannot be reimbursed*, unfortunately. (Taxis at Hausach/Wolfach station: Phone +49-7831-533 for taxi company "Luke" or +49-7834-333 for taxi company "Heizmann")

Simons Visiting Professorships

(<http://www.mfo.de/scientific-program/meetings/simons-visiting-professors>)

This program of the *Simons Foundation* at the MFO supports annually up to 40 mathematicians from overseas who want to *combine a visit to an Oberwolfach Workshop with a research stay at a European University or a research institution* acting as external host. Provided the hosting institution pledges to cover accommodation expenses and travel expenses between MFO and host, the Simons Visiting Professorship will offer up to 1000€ per week on a pro rata basis that can be used to support the international travel. The grants are decided by the director in consultation with the MFO's scientific committee on recommendation of the organizers. Please see the additional information on our website.

Oberwolfach Research Fellows (OWRF) in combination with workshops

(<https://www.mfo.de/scientific-program/longer-term/oberwolfach-research-fellows>)

The Oberwolfach Research fellow program (formerly Research in Pairs) for teams of 2-4 workshop participants allows to combine their workshop visit with a follow-up research project of 1-3 weeks at the MFO. In view of the earlier deadline for responses to workshop invitations 9 months before the workshop, organizers can help to facilitate early contacts between confirmed participants allowing for timely applications in the OWRF program. Applications will be judged competitively by the scientific committee and are subject to available capacity.

Oberwolfach Snapshots of Modern Mathematics

(<http://www.mfo.de/snapshots>)

Snapshots of modern mathematics from Oberwolfach explain mathematical problems and ideas in an accessible and understandable way. The project is designed to promote the understanding and appreciation of modern mathematics and mathematical research in the interested public world-wide. Snapshots selected by the organizers of the scientific programs should be 5-8 pages (A5) long, written in English or German, and address a topic that is related to the research topic of your program at the MFO. The targeted readership consists of mathematics teachers, science journalists, undergraduate and advanced high school students, etc. All snapshot are published online and freely downloadable in cooperation with the IMAGINARY platform (www.imaginary.org). If you are interested in writing a snapshot, please contact the organizers. Details can be found on our website.

Oberwolfach Reports

(OWR, <http://www.mfo.de/scientific-program/publications/owr>)

The MFO publishes official reports of every workshop, mini-workshop and Arbeitsgemeinschaft, containing the list of participants and extended abstracts of the talks given (1 to at most 3 pages including references). The aim is to report periodically upon the state of mathematical research, and to make these reports available to the mathematical community. The reports should keep an informal style and reflect the potentially provisional status of the presented results. The added references should provide the necessary background and point to related papers. Thus, the reports will not affect any further publications of the results.

The MFO quarterly publishes the collected workshop reports electronically as well as a hard cover book series "*Oberwolfach Reports*" (OWR, ISSN 1660-8933,) on a non-for-profit basis in cooperation with the European Mathematical Society. The workshop reports are also freely available on our homepage. Moreover, we regularly inform *zbMATH (Zentralblatt)* and *Reviews of Mathematics* about the content of OWR. This will give them the status of official documents, making them quotable.

These workshop reports require a minor additional effort from the speakers. They will be asked to send their extended abstracts as a Latex document by e-mail to the conference reporter (the organizers will appoint a participant to this mission) within four weeks after the conclusion of the conference. This can also be taken into consideration when submitting a proposal for a talk, such that the additional work after the conference will be minimized.

Publishing Policy of Oberwolfach

As your stay with full board and lodging is mainly financed by *public means* (i.e. by the German Federal Government and by all German State Governments via our membership in the Leibniz Association) and additionally by third party funding, we are obliged to make our research activities public by publishing OWR and annual reports. These documents do not only contain scientific results which are discussed in Oberwolfach, but also lists of participants of these activities (including addresses of home universities/institutes and a group photo, but no email addresses).

We will also ask some participants to allow us to make *portrait photos* for our online photo collection. In case that you change your mind and do not like us to publish your individual photo furthermore, please send us a message and we take the photo off our online collection. Please note that you can find our data protection statement (according to German law) on our web site.

Concerning further topics, please see our FAQ (available as booklet in the rooms and via our web site "for-guest-researchers").