Bundeskriminalamt

On behalf of the ENFSI APST EWG Steering Committee and the Bundeskriminalamt Wiesbaden, we are happy to announce the

14th ANIMAL, PLANT and SOIL TRACES EXPERT WORKING GROUP MEETING

in Wiesbaden, Germany

20th – 23rd April 2027

1st Announcement



PROGRAMME

The 14th Expert Working Group Meeting will commence on Tuesday, April 20th, with registration and a welcome reception. The conference provides a platform for presenting research on current scientific topics regarding animal, plant, and soil traces, focusing on their forensic application, validation and interpretation. In addition to the main sessions, two specialized workshops will be held to address specific queries and plan future collaborations. Attendees can also network and discuss potential partnerships during a field trip to the geological formations of the Rheingau and the social dinner on Thursday. The event will include a business meeting where the Steering Committee will present the annual report and elect new delegates. The conference will conclude following lunch on Friday, April 23rd, 2027. A detailed program will follow after the registration deadline.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all in Wiesbaden!

REGISTRATION

To attend the conference, you will have to register officially. Registration is open to all colleagues from ENFSI member institutes (Full ENFSI Members and EWG Associated Members). Please use the Registration and Abstract Submission Form.

Non-members of the APST EWG may attend the Annual Meeting as guests with the permission of the APST EWG Steering Committee. Those wishing to attend as guests should contact the Steering Committee at APST@enfsi.eu to declare their interest. Non-members wishing to apply for Associated Membership should also contact the Steering Committee.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

You can contribute to the meeting with one of these options:
- Oral presentation (15 minutes and 5 minutes questions)
- Poster

Contributions to one of the following key themes are welcomed:
• casework/bring your case • research & development/validation
• data interpretation/reporting • quality assurance/ISO standards

For all options the submission of an abstract is required. Deadline for abstract submission (see attached abstract submission form) is Monday, March 1st, 2027.

In case you may need the approval of submission for registering, please include a draft title of your presentation/poster in the registration e-mail. Soon after you will receive our response if your presentation topic fits into the program and has been accepted.

REGISTRATION AND MEETING FEE

The registration fee will be **425 €**. You will receive an invoice with payment details after successful registration. The payment is due within 30 days.
The fee includes:

- Conference rooms
- Lunch, coffee and tea breaks
- Conference material
- Get Together reception on Tuesday, April 20th
- Social event on Thursday, April 22nd
- Farewell lunch box

CONFERENCE VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

The meeting will take place at the event location "Schloss Biebrich", Rheingaustraße 140, 65203 Biebrich, Germany. Our meeting room is located in the west gallery and the circular ballroom of the Baroque Palace.

Within walking distance to the conference venue, there are some small hotels. Further hotels are available near the Wiesbaden main station and city center requiring transportation to the venue.

Additional details regarding hotel recommendations, accommodation costs, the venue, transportation and other requirements will be provided in a second announcement.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Registration Opens	Monday, November 16th, 2026
Call for Abstracts	Monday, November 16th, 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline	Monday, March 1st, 2027
Abstract Reviewing Opens	Friday, March 5th, 2027
Notification of Acceptance	Monday, March 15th, 2027
Close of Registration	Thursday, April 1st, 2027