**23rd “ENSISHEIM METEORITE SHOW 2024”**

**Updated News (May 25, 2024)**

Dear meteorite friends, members of IMCA & Meteorite-Central List,

Please find some updated news, concerning the return of the 2024 meteorite show to the Regency Palace.

*For the sake of clarity, the old text is left* ***in black*** *and the updated news (additions and/or corrections) are written* ***in red***

GENERAL INFORMATION

Show location

As it was usually the case for most of the preceding editions, the Regency Palace buildings, located in the center of Ensisheim, in front of the church, are again available to host our show.

As a result, the number of tables placed in the renewed inside of the main building rooms and their layout could be slightly modified, compared to the 2022 show and some more tables have been added in a new extra space (see below).

Show schedule

The Meteorite show will be held, as usually, during the weekend preceding the Ste-Marie-aux-Mines “*Mineral & Gem*” show:

\* Friday June 21: 10:00–18:00: professional day (for dealers only, public not allowed).

\* Friday June 21, 18:30: official show pre-opening (for dealers, friends & invited guests): welcome address,

 induction ceremonies, and the traditional friendly drink.

\* Friday June 21, 20:00: traditional DINNER PARTY in the big tent set up on the square where everybody

 (dealers, public…) is warmly invited (details given below and refined more precisely later)

Official show opening to the public

\* Saturday June 22: 9:30–18:30 (dealer’s access possible from 8:00)

\* Sunday June 23: 9:30–16:30 (dealer’s access possible from 8:30)

Free entrance for the public on Saturday and Sunday !

Travel tips

\* Friday June 21: 10:00–18.00: professional day for dealers only, public not allowed; buildings closed at

 18.00 sharp!).

\* Friday June 21, 18:15 - 18:45: welcome address and induction ceremonies outside, on the main square

\* Friday June 21, 18:45 - 20:00: traditional friendly drink on the square (dealers, friends & invited guests)

 and/or free time.

\* Friday June 21, 20:00: traditional DINNER PARTY in the big tent set up on the square where everybody

(dealers, public…) is warmly invited (more details are given below and will be refined more precisely later)

\* Saturday June 22: 8.00: show opens for dealers only.

\* Saturday June 22: 9:30–18:30: show open for the public

\* Saturday June 22: 10:00 – 10:30 show inauguration with the officials

\* Saturday June 22: 10:30: for the officials only: guided show visit and friendly drink (white “meteorite vintage”)

\* Saturday June 22: 11:00-12:15: plenary lecture in the building across the main square (see below)

\* Sunday June 23: 9:30–16:30: show open for everybody (dealer’s access possible from 8:30)

Free entrance for the public on Saturday and Sunday !

Travel tips

Maps and travel itineraries can be found soon on the website of the city of Ensisheim:

*www.ville-ensisheim.fr.*

The main nearby hotels are: "La Couronne" (across the street from the Regency buildings), "Domaine du Moulin", "Logis de l'Ecomusée", "Niemerich" and "Cheval Blanc". More information on their location and their characteristics (phone, fax, e-mail, websites) will be available soon on the city's website.

IMPORTANT: Everyone must organize their own accommodation! If you call, they all also speak English and German.

Food and Friday Dinner Party

The food places and the lecture room are in (or juxtaposed to) the church square.

The Dinner Party starts on Friday on the main square under the big tent, at 20:00. The detailed menu will be specified later. Reservation for the Dinner Party is appreciated though not strictly controlled; it just helps the cooks to prepare the appropriate amount of food. Just send me your names.

Details about all other side activities (Friday Dinner menu, other food possibilities, wine sales …), will be provided in a forthcoming “Ensiheim-Newsletter”.

Induction ceremonies

The induction ceremonies of the new “*Honorary Members of the Ensisheim Meteorite Association* ” now definitely replaces the former “*Honorary Ensisheim Meteorite Guardians*” nominations. Their status is of course equivalent to that of the old inductees and both must be considered as forever “Ensisheim Meteorite Guardians”.

We recommend everybody to attend this part of the welcoming ceremonies (Friday 18:15) which will be brief enough to save time for the friendly tasting of the drinks (“meteorite white wine”) at 18:45
Lecture and thematic exhibit

So far, we had accepted a very interesting lecture about **tektites**; the lecturer is the famous tektite expert **Aubrey Whymark**, from the UK, living in the Philippines. His presentation deals with the “Search for the Australasian Tektite Source Crater”. He will also briefly define the mechanisms explaining the particular morphologies of these strange tektites. His PowerPoint presentation can automatically (real-time through the microphone) translate the English language talk into French subtitles at the bottom of the screen. In addition, each slide has a summary in French and German (via “*Google Translate*”).

This nice offer from Aubrey prompted us to select “TEKTITES” as the 2024 thematic exhibition.

To illustrate this lecture, I will bring my own extended collection of tektites from the Philippines and display them in an appropriate place in the Regency palace, probably in the museum, next to the Ensisheim meteorite.

SPECIFIC MESSAGES FOR DEALERS

TABLES SETUP and DEALERS LAYOUT

The main concern of many of you is the table setup and the dealers layout within the Regency buildings, in the entrance tent and under the arcades (see below).

This year, all tables are new and have the same dimensions, i.e. 153 x 76 cm.

In total, 110 tables are available.

Originally we had planned setting 96 tables within the Regency rooms and the adjacent tent (roughly, as in 2022). However, recently (from about the beginning of May), all tables have been rented so that more than 10 dealers had to be placed on our waiting list for tables….

Important decision (NEW !)

We very recently decided to add **other 14** **extra tables** (same size) in a space created under the Regency arcades, thus between the street and the square.

This place is protected from the sun and rain and will be surrounded by “symbolic” barriers, just preventing the vision of the space under the arcades from outside.

However, this barrier only has a deterring character, unfortunately not protecting from any kind of inward incursion. As we could not provide a night guardian in this space, the dealers who accept these tables are urged to remove their merchandise from their tables during the Saturday-to-Sunday night time !

Finally because the light is somewhat slightly naturally darkened with respect to the outside, we suggest that the dealers bring along some kind of lighting (in case…).

We are sorry to impose these restrictive conditions which therefore require a “take it or leave it” character.

The layout of the rooms with the distribution of all tables is attached to this newsletter.

The table price is 220 Euros per table (and not per meter), regardless of the number of tables rented anywhere within or outside the buildings, meaning that all spaces are considered as equivalent and that there is no more digressive price for those who rent more than one table.

Tables must be paid preferably in cash (in Euros) on the opening day, at the reception desk located at the main entrance of the tent. French checks are accepted but credit cards aren’t!

Don’t send any money in advance through any kind of bank draft.

If you reserve, we trust you will come. If you can’t come, please notify me urgently so that I can rent out your table to newcomers who might still wait on my waiting list.

When you pay, you will receive your personalized badges (for you and your assistants - see below).

You are only allowed to enter if you wear your badge!

This year, we have slightly modified the tables’ places in the Regency and tent spaces so that 4 additional tables could be added, compared to 2022, leading to a total of 96 tables (92 + 4 consignment tables).

The grand total of tables is **110 this time**, thus including the 14 new arcade tables (see above) .

So far (by May 25), I have reserved 92 tables in the buildings and in the tent, to many of our "*old exhibitors*” and to some dealers present last year in the Gymnasium, (and their assistants) in the best way, trying to respect both the 2022 and 2023 table layouts.

Surprisingly, I recently had a consequent request for tables from about a dozen of “*new exhibitors*” (mostly those who have asked for tables very late and the newcomers applying this year).

To satisfy his unexpected new demand, we have decided to create the new arcades space, including tables 96 to 109, which are all equivalent.

Presently, I have a dozen of potential dealers who will be offered to accept (or not) these tables in that arcades space.

They will now be contacted personally very soon

All exhibitors are asked to accept tables as selected by the organizers, roughly following the "first come, first served" rule, if possible..

We are sorry in advance for possibly not being able to meet everybody’s wishes and we hope everybody will show flexibility and accept our best rearrangements, which must be strict, meaning they can neither be modified nor changed.

I also note that some of our “*old exhibitors*” have not yet reserved their last year tables. I will appreciate very much if these dealers can inform me quickly about whether they still wish (or not) to confirm their renting of tables this year again . If yes, specify how many tables you want to rent.

If I have no news from them by May 28 at the latest, I will offer their usual tables to newcomers.

That’s the best I can do folks, so thanks very much for your flexibility and understanding.

To reserve your table(s), just send me an e-mail:

**zelimir.gabelica@gmail.com**

You can also use my usual business mail although I consult it very seldom.

**zelimir.gabelica@uha.fr**

If you have contacted me before March 31 this year or by the end of 2023, it is safer to contact me again (just send me a short reminder, specifying the date of your first request).

When you rent tables, please specify the following data:

First name, last name and the country of origin of the main dealer (you) and the same for all your assistants! This is necessary so that we can prepare the corresponding badges.

Nobody can enter showrooms without badges outside the opening hours.

All dealers and their assistants must also wear their personal badge permanently during their stay in the showrooms.

Dealer’s assistants

The rules for assistants are the following:

1 reserved table = one dealer and not more than 1 assistant, hence 1 or 2 badges awarded;

2 tables, also one dealer and not more than 1 assistant, hence 1 or 2 badges awarded;

3 tables, one dealer and not more than 2 assistants, so up to 3 badges awarded;

More than 3 tables, still up to 3 badges are awarded; no additional badge is awarded for more than 3 persons per stand composed of 4 tables or more. These (“badgeless”) assistants have no access to the showrooms on Friday and will be considered as the public on Saturday and Sunday.

Persons without badge are not considered resellers, cannot occupy tables and are not allowed to enter the showrooms on Friday (professional day) nor outside public opening hours on Saturday & Sunday.

Selling meteorites elsewhere in the buildings or outside (on the main square) is not allowed.

“Consignment tables”

"*Consignment tables* ": is the space where organizers and guests coming from “far away” can offer their "extraterrestrials" for sale at a friendly price.

These 4 additional tables are now located at the entrance of the tent.

Those who are interested in reserving a small space on these consignment tables (this is free of charge), are asked to please contact me and, if possible, specify approximately the amount of space desired. Currently 10 to 20 samples (still flexible number) are allowed to be offered for sale.

Material to offer for sale

Our show is exclusively dedicated to extraterrestrial material (meteorites, tektites, impactites and related literature). In other words, any other geological material of terrestrial origin, namely minerals, gems, fossils, pearls etc. is strongly prohibited to be displayed or to be offered for sale.

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We are warmly welcoming everybody to attend this 23rd Meteorite Show in Ensisheim.

I am now looking forward to receiving news from you (possibly also from a few “*old dealers*”) as soon as possible and remain at your disposal to provide you with any kind of additional information.

I will also reply rapidly all questions or requests recently asked by mail (sorry but I was on mission abroad from May 18 to 25).

Thank you for your constant interest in our event!

My ever-friendly regards to everybody.

Welcome all, have much fun and always stay happy!

Zelimir GABELICA