

A Preview of Goldschmidt 2009

Davos, Switzerland • June 21–26, 2009

The 19th annual V.M. Goldschmidt Conference will take place June 21–26, 2009 at the Congress Centre in Davos, Switzerland. The Organizing Committee invites you to come and discover the unique blend of landscape, architecture, sporting and urban delights.

CHALLENGES TO OUR VOLATILE PLANET

This year the conference focuses on past, contemporary and future challenges to the Earth's resources and environment. The 20 themes and over 100 sessions will be joined by high-profile speakers and compelling panel discussions to highlight the future of geochemistry in its global context.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission and early registration will be open at the conference website on January 1, 2009, and the deadline for submission of abstracts is February 22, 2009. Early registration, at reduced cost, closes May 22, 2009.

VENUE

Davos is set in the breath-taking mountain landscape of the Grisons Alps, and at 1560m above sea level the town is the highest in Europe. Most famous for hosting the World Economic Forum, Davos is also known as a place for exhilarating summer and winter sports. It was founded in the Middle Ages, and from the middle of the eighteenth century Davos became a popular destination for wealthy visitors and those who sought the clear mountain air for their health.

Today Davos has a plenty of sights and entertainments for visitors and their families including horse-drawn carriages, pony trekking, mountain biking, water-sports, rambling, museums, shopping and the botanical garden. For those who want more science there is the Physical and Meteorological Observatory and the relic Silderberg mines. If you would rather relax, try a visit to the golf course, casino, brewery or spa centre.



Kirchner Museum

DAVOS CONGRESS CENTRE

Goldschmidt 2009 will take place at the Congress Centre in Davos Platz. Located within easy reach of accommodation, shops and restaurants, it is also served by excellent bus services to the nearby valleys and sites. Davos has over 35 years of experience in hosting international congresses, including Goldschmidt2002. The Congress Centre offers a selection of modern and comfortable theatres, equipped with hi-tech presentation technology. The entire Centre has wireless network access.

TRAVEL

Reliable public transportation connects Davos to key places in Switzerland and Europe, making your journey through the scenic landscape a relaxing start to the conference. By car, the journey from Zurich International Airport takes just 2 hours, and by train, 2.5 hours. Detailed information on how to reach Davos can be found on the official Davos website: www.davos.ch

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Davos has 20-30,000 beds in accommodation to suit every budget, from self-catering to 5* hotels. There are also nearly 100 restaurants and bars in which to enjoy a wide range of international cuisine. Detailed accommodation, travel and amenities information will become available on the conference website.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

The conference ice-breaker, banquet and other social events will be held in the Congress Centre. A number of short Field Trips are planned to take a look at the varied geology of the Alps. Details of the excursions will be posted on the conference website.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

See the conference website for the list of themes, all the latest news and information, and to sign up for the mailing list.

www.goldschmidt2009.org



The Grisons Alps



Family hiking



Congress Centre



Alpine dining

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