

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, about the Oberwolfach Workshop Reports and about further details. See our homepage www.mfo.de or www.oberwolfach.org for further information, please (in particular, in case of special measures).

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 finalized 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 of rooms
-	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 Lunch Break until 4 pm	12:30 Lunch Break until 4 pm	12:30 Lunch	12:30 Lunch Break until 4 pm	12:30 Lunch
4:30 pm Arrival and opening time of MFO	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	6 pm at the latest: 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.

Guiding Principles

The MFO has guiding principles in the areas of 1) *Good Scientific Practice and Quality Assurance*, 2) *Equality, Diversity, Inclusion*, 3) *Open Access* and 4) *Sustainability*. Please see the website of the MFO for more details: <https://www.mfo.de/about-the-institute/guiding-principles>

These guiding principles also include (in item 2) a *statement for respect and collegiality*. In particular, the MFO is committed to fostering an atmosphere of respect, collegiality, and sensitivity. We want to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all. Therefore, we ask all staff members, organizers and participants of the various research programs, members of the boards as well as further stakeholders and visitors of the institute to behave in a fair, respectful and collegial manner. In case that some incident has to be reported, please contact the organizers or our head of administration (Susanne Riester,

riester@mfo.de) who is our ombudsperson for equal opportunities. More information about our ombud system can be found at

<https://www.mfo.de/about-the-institute/guiding-principles/equality-diversity-inclusion/statement-for-respect-and-collegiality>

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 will try to 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. We will try to accommodate participants with infants up to 2 years within the institute. But, because of staff shortage, *families and visitors with accompanying persons have to be accommodated outside of the MFO* (in a nearby hotel generally at own costs), unfortunately. We hope for your understanding.

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-sensitivity/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>)

In front of Hausach train station: 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm. (Stop at Wolfach train station each about 10 minutes later.)

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 lunch time. The scheduled departure time is on Friday afternoon or evening (6 pm at the latest). 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 help to 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")

Other Programs and Grants:

(For more detailed information, in particular how to apply, please consult our websites.)

Oberwolfach Research Fellowship (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 deadline for responses to workshop invitations 6 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.

US Junior Oberwolfach Fellows (NSF Award DMS-2230648)

(<https://www.mfo.de/scientific-program/grants/nsf-grant>)

This grant enables the MFO to support the participation of outstanding junior scientists from US universities/institutes in all weekly activities at Oberwolfach. This concerns applications of postdocs, tenure track holders or graduate students to Oberwolfach Workshops, half-size Workshops, Mini-Workshops, Arbeitsgemeinschaften and Seminars. The award DMS-2230648 is effective April 15, 2023 and expires March 31, 2028. Travel expenses (in accordance with the Fly America Act and Open Skies Agreement) for these US Junior Oberwolfach Fellows can be covered up to 1000 US-Dollar (about 900 Euro - depending on the dollar rate). The participants have to hold some job or position at a US university or institute (every nationality can apply), have to come from the USA to Oberwolfach and the Ph.D./Dr. degree has to be received not more than 10 years ago. Moreover, one person can receive the grant not more than two times. Due to recent uncertainties in this program, a definite approval of this grant can only be made some few months before the workshops.

See <https://www.mfo.de/about-the-institute/news/nsf-financial-assistance-programs-under-review>

Oberwolfach Leibniz Graduate Students (OWLG)

(<https://www.mfo.de/scientific-program/grants/become-an-oberwolfach-leibniz-graduate-student>)

The MFO is able to offer support for doctoral researchers for participation in Oberwolfach Workshops and Mini-Workshops. The OWLG program addresses graduate students and recent post docs (the Ph.D./Dr. degree must be received not more than 2 years ago, counted from the date of the workshop). Travel costs can be reimbursed up to an amount of 200 Euros in average.

Oberwolfach Foundation Fellows (OWFF)

(<https://www.mfo.de/scientific-program/grants/oberwolfach-foundation-fellows>)

Starting in 2019, there is a new grant of the Oberwolfach Foundation to support a small number of invited junior researchers with regard to their travel to the MFO. This grant allows the MFO to partially reimburse travel expenses up to an amount of 1000 Euros for invited participants coming from places with insufficient support for junior researchers, with Dr./Ph.D. not longer than 10 years ago. An application should be submitted as soon as possible after having received the invitation to an Oberwolfach activity (Workshop, Mini-Workshop, Arbeitsgemeinschaft or research stay within the Oberwolfach Research Fellows program). Please note that funds are limited.

Publications:

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 (open access) 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.

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 snapshots 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.

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 in the guest folder in the rooms and via our web site "for-guest-researchers").

Possible publication of MFO-stay on MFO website prior to the workshop:

The MFO plans to create the possibility to publish (if you wish) your confirmed stay on our website to give other scientists the information about your presence in Oberwolfach, in order to foster synergy with other possible research stays in Europe.