



# Bathing Culture in Budapest

International Conference of the Frontinus-Society on the History of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering  
**Budapest, September 16 - 23, 2021**

## INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will be held as a series of lectures and excursions on the history of water management and hydraulic engineering. Its aim is to stimulate interdisciplinary discussion about water in antiquity. The participation of archaeologists, historians, hydraulic engineers, civil engineers, town planners and geologists ensures an information exchange about the latest findings and theories. The emphasis will be on bathing culture from antiquity to nowadays. The organizer of this conference is the Frontinus-Society, with support of the Historical Museum (Castle Museum and Aquincum Museum) in Budapest.

One full and two half days of lectures will be followed by excursions to historical water installations outside and inside of Budapest. Due to the special situation in Budapest the lectures of the conference should deal exclusively with baths. Topics to be dealt with include the water supply of baths, the bath complexes themselves with all their details, their hygienic conditions and the connected latrines of private and public bathrooms. Other topics on water in a historical context can be presented as posters and treated in a short section.

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## PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

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| 16.09.2021, Th | Individual arrival in Budapest, registration at the Museum, welcome cocktail and opening, followed by opening lecture in the Gothic Hall of the Palace Museum  |
| 17.09.2021, Fr | Full day lectures in the Gothic Hall in the Castle Museum or in the conference hotel, in the evening awarding of the Frontinus-Medal. Gala dinner in the baroque courtyard of the museum   |
| 18.09.2021, Sa | Full day excursion: <b>THE ROMAN AQUINCUM</b> with aqueduct and civil town - <a href="http://www.aquincum.hu/en/">http://www.aquincum.hu/en/</a> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Roman bathing beach (Rozgonyi Piroska Str. 2) = starting point of the aqueduct, visit of the ruins</li><li>2. Walk along the ruins of the aqueduct to the civil town (approx. 1 km)</li><li>3. Visit of the amphitheatre on the way</li><li>4. Aquincum Museum and Archaeological Park (Szentendrei Str. 135) = civil town with remains of five bathing facilities, original</li></ol> |

inscription of the *Thermae Maiores*, ceramic fragments of the fountain house of the Roman bathing beach.

In the evening or at night **BATHING LIKE THE ROMANS**, visit of the Ottoman Rudas Bath (bathing suits required). It is the most impressive bathing room with preserved dome on eight sides (see logo of the conference) - <http://www.rudasfurdo.hu/galeria/torok-furdo-felujitasa-50>

19.09.2021, Su

Morning: lectures in the Gothic Hall of the Castle Museum  
Afternoon: excursion: **ROMAN BATH COMPLEX** - legion camp - <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/thermae-maiores-budapest-hungary>:

1. *Thermae Maiores* - Thermal Museum (Flórián Square) = large bathing complex of the Legio II Adiutrix
2. South and east gate of the legion camp
3. Ruins of a Roman villa in the military town
4. Remains of a manor with bathing room
5. Amphitheatre of the Legion

20.09.2021, Mo

Morning: lectures in the Gothic Hall of the Castle Museum or in the conference hotel

Afternoon Excursion: **THE MIDDLE AGES IN BUDAPEST**

1. Spring from the 15<sup>th</sup> century at the Sváb-hegy (Swabian mountain) in the mountains (bus ride)
2. Royal Castle Palace of Buda with cistern, medieval and Renaissance fountains
3. Remains of the medieval pumping system of the castle palace in Lánchíd Street 19: shaft and source in today's Design Hotel
4. Medieval Jewish Mikveh in Buda from the 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> century.

21.09.2021, Tu

Full day excursion **THE OTTOMAN BATHS** (visit of three baths),

1. Rác bath is the most authentic of all baths, closed today, renovated in 2009, with a spring from a large gap
2. Király bath in the Fő Str. 88 - <http://www.kiralyfurdo.hu/galeria/kiraly-galeria-6>
3. Császár or Veli bath in Árpád fejedelem Str. 7 - <http://www.irgalmasrend.hu/site/velibej/galria>

With bathing possibility in the Király bath

22.09.2021, We

Full day excursion **ESZTERGOM**: Ottoman bath is currently being uncovered, another bath in the basement of a house and a medieval water supply system near the Danube River

Evening: Gala dinner in the Hilton Castle Hotel in Budapest

23.09.2021, Th

Departure

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Since the Gothic Hall and the Baroque inner courtyard in the Castle Museum (address: Szent György Tér 2, <http://www.btm.hu/en/contents/details/17-Information>) are two wonderful locations at our disposal, we would also like to use them and therefore there are several hotels available to us, which are located on the Burgberg itself or in the immediate vicinity, so that some are within a short walking distance, others with a short time distance by public transport.

These hotels are the following:

1. **Hilton Castle** – 7 minutes walk or 2 stops with bus 16 Or 16A to the conference location – <https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/hungary/hilton-budapest-BUDHITW/index.html>
2. **Lanchid 19** – 10 minutes walk up the hill to the conference location or there are elevators in the Várkert Bazár (the building open to the public next to the hotel) up to the museum or bus 16 from Clark Adam square to Disz square and 4 minutes walk into the museum – <https://www.lanchid19hotel.com/>
3. **Castle Garden** – 15 minutes walk to the conference location or bus 16A in front of the hotel to Palota street and there is an elevator up to the Rooyal Palace, where the museum is <http://en.hotelcastlegarden.com/> - Lovas út 41,
4. **Ibis Castle Hill** – tram 56 near the hotel to Dózsa György square and then the elevator up to the Royal Palace – <https://ibis-budapest-castle-hill.go-budapest-hotels.com/en/>
5. **Ibis City hotel** –the hotel is located on the other side of the Danube River and longer travel times are to be expected – <https://www.hrs.com/en/hotel/ibis-budapest-city/a-146094>.

Each hotel has limited space so the allocation of rooms depends on the order that registrations are received. This means that if the cheaper hotel is full, only the next more expensive hotel will be available to book *et vice versa*. You will be informed if your desired hotel is no longer available.

Please take all information from the above mentioned website of each hotel. The prices (please note that Budapest is a very expensive city) can be found together with the various packages on the attached registration form for the congress, where you will also have to choose your hotel when booking your overnight stay. The full package includes all overnight stays in the hotel incl. city tax and breakfast, all lectures with coffee breaks and snack-lunch in the museum on the lecture days, the welcome cocktail, the two gala dinners on 17<sup>th</sup> (in the baroque courtyard of the museum) and 22<sup>nd</sup> September (in the Hilton Castle Hotel), all excursions with the entrance fees. Not included is the journey to Budapest, the transfer from the airport / railway station to the hotel, as well as lunch in Esztergom on 22.9. and the dinners from 18. to 21.9. – these evenings can be arranged individually and therefore must be paid individually. Package 2 includes all services of package 1 except overnight stays in a hotel.

Please note that the reserved rooms in the individual hotels are limited. This means that if the cheaper hotel is full, only the next more expensive hotel will be available to book *et vice versa*. You will be informed if your desired hotel is no longer available.

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## REGISTRATION

In order to ensure accommodation, prospective participants are urged to register as soon as possible. Details concerning pre-payment will be sent at a later date. **Kindly complete and return the attached registration form before February 29, 2020** to:

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The language of the conference will be English and German. The length of each lecture (only topics in connection with baths are accepted) should not exceed a time-limit of 25 minutes (for posters 5

minutes). Prospective speakers on the proposed or related subjects are requested to send a 500 word summary, in English or German, before **April 26, 2020** to Gilbert Wiplinger.

A poster session will be included as part of the conference and each author may present his or her poster in a Power Point presentation of 5 minutes. Please notify us in the registration form, if you should wish to participate with a poster.

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## PUBLICATION

Only contributions will be published in the conference proceedings,

- \* which comply with the publication guidelines of BABESCH (<https://www.babesch.org/instructions.html>),
  - \* which successfully pass the review by the editorial team of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Frontinus-Society and carry out any revisions required by the editorial team (editor's support), and
  - \* which successfully pass the BABESCH peer review process.
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## FRONTINUS-AWARDS

The Frontinus-Society offers up to three awards for students to assist with travel expenses. Participants who are still in training are requested to send their application material to Gilbert Wiplinger at the address indicated above no later than May 29, 2020 for consideration.

Prerequisites for this are

- \* the submission of a scientific lecture,
- \* the participation of scholarship holders in all lectures, excursions and other events during the symposium, and
- \* accommodation in an accommodation near the venue.

Applications must include a curriculum vitae, a literature list (if available), an abstract of the lecture with approx. 3,000 characters (including spaces) and the reason why the applicant should be selected to receive the scholarship.

The amount of the scholarship is half of the congress fees and half of the accommodation costs, excluding travel expenses, but as maximum Euro 500,-.

Half of the scholarship will be paid after the scholarship is awarded before the conference, the other half after the conference.

With kind regards



Gilbert Wiplinger  
Vienna, January 2020

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