

KARTHAUS-2014

ICE SHEETS AND GLACIERS IN THE CLIMATE SYSTEM

Practical information

Venue and housing

The course will be held in **Karthus**, which is a charming old village in the Schnalstal, about 20 km northwest of Merano, northern Italy. The logistic centre, where all meals will be served and where the crowd gathers in the evening, is hotel **Goldene Rose**, run by **Paul Grüner**. Some of the participants will stay in this hotel, many will be housed in good-quality pensions within a 2- minute walk. All participants should *check in at Goldene Rose*. Students will be asked to share double bedrooms.

Have a look at: <http://www.goldenerose.it/en/the-golden-rose-hotel/>

Phone number of the hotel: +39 (0)473 679130

How to get there

By international train to **Bolzano** (this is a main station along the Munich - Innsbruck - Verona line). Change in Bolzano on a local train to **Merano**, change once more on another local train (direction Mals, go off at **Naturns**). Then take a bus to **Karthus** (Schnalstal), line 261 (timetable will be published on the site in September since the schedule changes to the winter schedule early September). Those coming by plane may fly to Innsbruck, Munich or Milano, take a train to Bolzano and proceed as described above. It is also possible to fly to Verona or Bolzano, but flights are less frequent and more expensive.

Lecture room / projects

The lecture room is not far from the hotel (follow the crowd). There will be five Mac computers in a network with a printer. These computers are meant for project work, but can also be used by students to go on the internet, check email, etc [but project work has priority!]. The internet connection of Karthus with the rest of the world is slow, but there is nothing we can do about that. As a consequence, keys for individual wifi use are only available for teachers. Projects will be carried out in groups of three. The organizing committee will distribute the students over the projects. Only minor modifications can occasionally be made. For project work and exercises it may be helpful to bring a pocket calculator and a formula book with basic math rules. Lecture notes are distributed at the time of the lectures. It may be helpful to bring a folder to store the notes.

Telling who you are

We do not use badges for participants. In the beginning of the course students are asked to summarize in a 5-min presentation who they are and what their project is about. In this way we get to know each other quickly. The time limit is strict, so use no more than three illustrations (bring overheads or a USB stick).

Excursion

The excursion will be a trip in high mountain terrain. The hike is not difficult, but requires solid hiking/mountain boots. Good clothing (including a hat), gloves and sunglasses are essential. Mountain equipment (crampons, rope, etc) is not needed.