



# New Developments for Winter Service in Europe

Final Conference of COST-Action 353  
May, 26<sup>th</sup> to May, 28<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Bad Schandau (Dresden), Germany

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## **Conference Objectives and Topics**

COST 353 is a research project of 22 European countries dealing with winter maintenance strategies for increased road safety ([www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=240&action\\_number=353](http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=240&action_number=353), Chairman: Dr. Christian Holldorb, Karlsruhe/Germany, [christian.holldorb@holldorb-consult.de](mailto:christian.holldorb@holldorb-consult.de)).

At the Final Conference the results of this project will be presented, especially

- European level of service and winter maintenance model
- New and emerging technologies to be used for optimized winter maintenance
- Winter Maintenance Management Systems
- Actual and future research in winter service

Beside this there will be given an overview of actual development and research in winter maintenance organization and technologies in Europe including the newest European standardization. There will be reports from several countries and the opportunity to exchange experiences.

## **Language**

The official conference language is English.

## **Time Schedule**

Monday May 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 h	Pre-Congress Excursion to Kirnitzschtal (optional)
	10:00 h	Registration (up to 13:00 h)
		Opening of the Exhibition
	13:00 h	Conference Opening
	14:30 h	Session I and II
	19:30 h	Welcome Reception and Dinner
Tuesday May 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 h	Session III and IV
	13:00 h	Lunch
	14:30 h	Elbe River Tour to Dresden with Conference Dinner
Wednesday May 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 h	Session V and VI
	13:00 h	Summary and Closing of the Conference
	14:30 h	Excursion to the Königstein Fortress (optional)

On Tuesday afternoon a boat trip is planned to Dresden along the Elbe River Valley, a visit and sightseeing trip in the town of Dresden; the conference dinner will be served on the boat in Dresden.

## **Exhibition**

The whole time during the conference there will be a technical exhibition of winter maintenance and road weather information products at the conference site. This will provide delegates with the opportunity to see first hand the latest developments and technologies designed for efficient winter service. For participation in the exhibition please contact secretary of conference ([h.hanke@lfs.saarland.de](mailto:h.hanke@lfs.saarland.de), address see further down)



## Venue

The COST Final Conference will take place at the Hotel Elbresidenz in Bad Schandau, where excellent facilities for the conference are provided ([www.elbresidenz-bad-schandau.de](http://www.elbresidenz-bad-schandau.de)).

Bad Schandau ([www.bad-schandau.de](http://www.bad-schandau.de)) is a lovely small town situated in the romantic valley of the Elbe River, so-called "Saxon Switzerland" ([www.saechsische-schweiz.de](http://www.saechsische-schweiz.de)) with its lovely sandstone mountains in Eastern Germany near the border to Czech Republic. You will find a great variety of sights and historic places in this area.

About 40 km from Bad Schandau along the Elbe River there is the City of Dresden, Capital of Saxon in Eastern Germany ([www.dresden.de](http://www.dresden.de)). In Dresden you find several historical places and buildings listed in the UNESCO cultural heritage. Most famous places are Zwinger and Frauenkirche.

The Hotel Elbresidenz is situated directly on the bank of Elbe River in the centre of Bad Schandau. You can reach Bad Schandau by train (connection Dresden - Prague/CZ), from the train station you can go by foot and ferry (the hotel is on the opposite side of the river) or by taxi. There is also a hotel shuttle service available.

The closest airports are Dresden, Berlin-Schönefeld and Prague (CZ). From Dresden Airport you can reach Bad Schandau by train or by taxi. A shuttle service from the hotel is possible but must be ordered before.

In the congress hotel there is provided a limited number of rooms with a special price of 80 € per night in single rooms, double rooms 130 € including cure taxes. This price is also possible for longer stays when booking with the conference registration. The hotel has a high standard and provides several offers for wellness and health some of them (bath and sauna) included in the price. Please use the registration form also for the hotel reservation.

## **Conference Fee**

The conference fee amounts for 350,- € if paid before March, 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. 400,- € after this date. It will include the admission to all sessions with soft drinks, tea and coffee breaks, the proceedings, business lunch and welcome dinner on Monday, lunch and conference dinner including boat trip and visit of Dresden on Tuesday.

## **Excursions**

On Monday morning (26<sup>th</sup> of May) there will be the opportunity for the participants or for accompanying persons to take part to an excursion to the lovely valley of Kirnitzschtal. It will start in Bad Schandau with a historical tramway through the valley to the Lichtenhain Waterfall including a coffee break. The fee for this excursion is 25 € per person.

On Wednesday afternoon (28<sup>th</sup> of May) there will be the opportunity to take part in an excursion to the famous historical Königstein fortress, the biggest fortress in Europe. We will make a tour by bus to Königstein and follow a guided sightseeing tour in the fortress. We will relax in the fortress with coffee and cake. The fee for this excursion is 30 € per person.

Please note that the excursions will only take place if a minimal number of persons take part. As there is also a maximum number of places available, the registration date will be considered.

## **Accompanying Persons**

There is no special programme for accompanying persons. But it will be possible to take part to the excursions, the welcome dinner and the boat trip to Dresden with conference dinner with a special fee. If you have special wishes to take part only in some of the events, please ask for the conditions.

Outside of the official programme there are several visits possible to Dresden or to several places nearby. You can find several advices for this on the above mentioned homepages.

## **Registration**

Please use the enclosed registration form for the conference, the excursions and for your hotel reservation and send it to the contact address below. You will get a confirmation after receiving the registration form and the payment. COST 353 members have a special registration form.

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