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# 8th ESST/VDZ Conference

## Programme

Hofburg Vienna conference and event centre  
Vienna, Austria, 5 to 8 May 2024

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## **Accompanying persons programme**

### **Sunday, 5 May 2024**

19 h      ESST Welcome Reception sponsored by  
AGRANA (Riesenrad Panorama)

### **Monday, 6 May 2024**

18 h 10    Get together in exhibition area

### **Tuesday, 7 May 2024**

9 h 45     Sightseeing tour of Vienna by bus  
(Meeting point Heldenplatz)

12 h       Guided Tour of Vienna  
“Zuckergoscherl & Mehlspeistiger”  
in English and German

19 h 30     Dinner at Schweizerhaus (Prater)  
sponsored by Fachverein der Zuckerfabriken  
Österreichs  
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## **Registration**

Sunday, 5 May      15 to 18 h Hofburg

Monday, 6 May      8 to 16 h Hofburg

## **Sunday, 5 May 2024**

14 h 30      ESST Board (Hofburg, Radetzky I)

16 h 30      ESST Council (Hofburg, Künstlerzimmer)

19 h      ESST Welcome Reception sponsored by  
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## **Monday, 6 May 2024**

8 h 00      VDZ-Ausschuss für Preisarbeiten  
(Hofburg, Künstlerzimmer)

9 h 30      ESST Scientific Committee  
(Hofburg, Künstlerzimmer)

9 h 30      VDZ-Vorstand (Vorstand und Beirat)  
(Hofburg, Radetzky I)

9 h 30      Arbeitskreis Junge Mitglieder  
(Hofburg, Radetzky III)

## Monday, 6 May 2024

13 h 30    Opening  
Bram Fetter, Harald Powitz

### **Plenary Presentation**

Chairman: Piotr Wawro

- 13 h 40    Norbert Harringer (AGRANA)  
Sustainability and decarbonization in the sugar market
- 14 h 10    Erik Bek-Pedersen  
Sugar-based chemicals and fuels – ongoing developments and trends

### **Challenges in decarbonization of sugar production**

Chairman: Wolfgang Klosterhalfen

- 15 h 00    Josh Gartland  
Climate neutrality toolbox of CEFS
- 15 h 25    Coffee break and Poster session
- 15 h 55    Stephane Petit  
“Digital energy twin” project
- 16 h 20    Daniel Nouws, Marc van Dijk  
Integrating thermal vapor recompression in a sugar factory
- 16 h 45    Saiedeh Wicht, Yannis Affeldt, Boris Morgenroth  
Beet sugar factory decarbonization

## **Monday, 6 May 2024**

- 17 h 10 Nils Träber, Wjatscheslaw Popov, Deike Laue  
Energy and cost efficiency in the sugar house:  
combining proven methods with continuous  
crystallization and vapour compression
- 17 h 35 Sébastien Schellen, Vincent Couplet, Adrien  
Couplet  
Efficient crystallization: Paving the way to 100%  
electrification in crystallization
- 18 h Bestowal of ESST Science Award

## **Evening Programme**

- 18 h 10 Get together in exhibition area
- 20 h 15 End

## **Short Presentations**

Chairman: Piotr Wawro

- 9 h 00 Mischa Baier  
Slurry, viscosity reducer and color remover for efficient and energy-saving sucrose crystallization based on laboratory data and field tests
- Mario Gürtl  
Sugarlyzer 5000 – The fully automated lab for the sugar industry
- Stefan Schöpf  
Revolutionary candle type precoat filtration within the sugar industry
- Isabel Bejenke, Torben Erichsen, Elke Hilscher  
The future shines bright – Implementation of NIRS-based process-analytical systems in sugar factories
- Jakab Rózsa  
Perfecting supersaturation curves in various sugar crystallization processes
- Karin Abraham, Karl Schlumbach, Luiza Fritzsche, Eckhard Flöter  
The effect of dextran on sucrose crystal color and morphology

**General Sugar Technology**

Chairman: Stephane Petit

9 h 40	Martin Bruhns The beet sugar factory – a European cultural asset
10 h 05	Dierk Martin ICUMSA®: Aims, development and current activities
10 h 30	Coffee break and Poster Session

**Sugar technology knowledge transfer to new generations – challenges and good practices**

Presentation 10 min + Panel discussion 30 min

Chairman: John P. Jensen / Eckhard Flöter

11 h 10	Lauran Rademaker, Peter van Dam Operator Training System – Practical experiences in the sugar industry
	Isabel Altmann Bringing shift work closer to young skilled workers
	Volker Baumann, Sven Boetcher, Nils Bertram Humans, technology, organization: Managing generation change in sugar analytics
	Mahesh Kumar Murugaiah Digitally bridging generations: LLM-RAG innovation in sugar industry
	Maciej Wojtczak, Aneta Antczak-Chrobot Educating the next generation of sugar technology experts: Best practices and challenges
12 h 30	Lunch

## **Digitization**

Chairman: Stefan Frenzel

- 13 h 45 Romy Ries  
Weihenstephan Standards and OPC UA – Paving the way for transparent and efficient future production
- 14 h 10 Bo Stig  
Energy optimizing vacuum pans through machine learning
- 14 h 20 Brett Stewart, Pablo Fabian Escobar Grajeda  
Transforming sugar manufacturing with the power of artificial intelligence
- 14 h 30 Wolfgang Klosterhalfen, Mark O. Burkhardt  
Visual Smart Sensor (VSS) for cossettes quality determination (VSS cossettes)  
Visual Smart Sensor (VSS) for beet quality determination (VSS external beet quality)
- 15 h 05 Coffee break

**Climate change and beet availability and quality**

Chairman: Marco de Vries

15 h 35 Stefan Frenzel

Technical and technological effects of changing  
texture properties of sugar beet

16 h 00 Karl Schlumbach, Jörg Tuchert

Beet texture – Technological value of texture  
altered beet

16 h 25 Christa Hoffmann

Impact of drought stress on yield, quality, and  
beet texture of sugar beet

16 h 50 Fernando Finger, Abbas Lafta, Mohamed Khan,

Karen Fugate

Relationship of long-term storage and raffinose  
metabolism in sugar beet

**Evening Programme**

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9 h      **VDZ-Mitgliederversammlung**  
(only for VDZ members)

**Tagesordnung**

1. Begrüßung und Eröffnung
2. Bericht des Vorsitzenden
3. Bericht des Geschäftsführers
4. Bericht des Kassenprüfers
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6. Wahl des Vorstandes
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8. Bericht aus dem Ausschuss für Forschung und Prüfung von Publikationen
9. Bericht des Arbeitskreises „Junge Mitglieder“
10. Ehrung von Mitgliedern
11. Bekanntgabe des Tagungsortes 2025

## **Wednesday, 8 May 2024**

### **General Sugar Technology**

Chairman: Barbara Muir

- 10 h      Karl Schlumbach, Susanne Rudolph, Daniel Eichstädt, Eckhard Flöter  
First steps towards a process model of extraction towers
- 10 h 25    Rebekka Birke *et al.*  
Biodegradation potentials of microorganisms in sugar factories
- 10 h 50    Janus Egholm, Ricco Kügler  
In-line detection of foreign particles and color measurement for dry sugar on conveyor belt
- 11 h 15    Coffee break

### **General Sugar Technology**

Chairman: Florian Emerstorfer

- 11 h 35    Felix Geisendorfer, Eckhard Flöter  
Numerical modelling regarding the role of sucrose crystals for the evaporation process within a discontinuous evaporating crystallizer
- 11 h 55    Christiane Lakenbrink  
Application of rapid methods for product release
- 12 h 15    Manuel Ruiz Holst, Leandro Dinnocenzo  
Solids-liquid filtration technology and solutions in the sugar beet processing and sugar production: Specific industrial application developments and process optimization
- 12 h 35    Marlies Rothauer  
Quality management systems and their further development
- 12 h 55    Closing remarks / Best Paper Award

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Mischa Baier

Slurry, viscosity reducer and color remover for efficient and energy-saving sucrose crystallization based on laboratory data and field tests **(1)**

Mario Gürtl

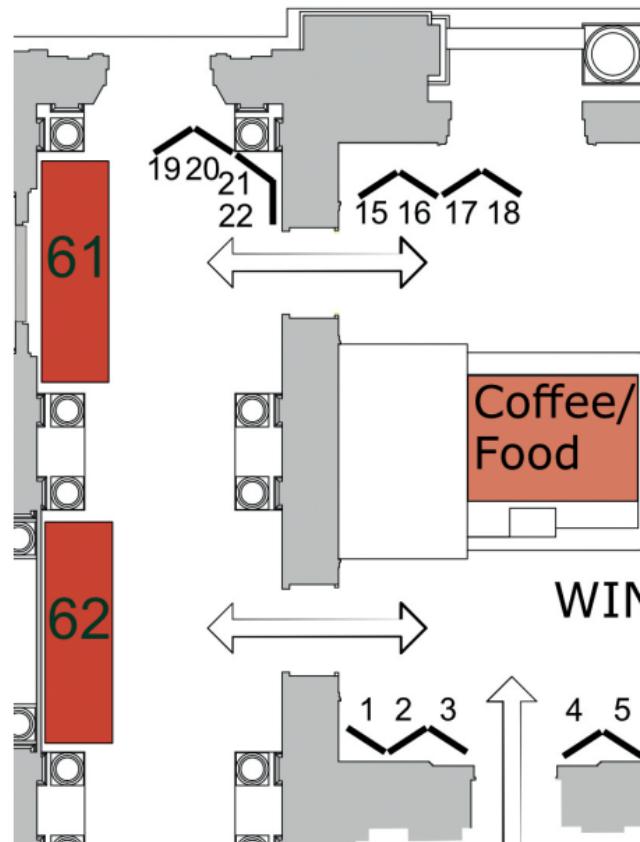
Sugaryzer 5000 – The fully automated lab for the sugar industry **(2)**

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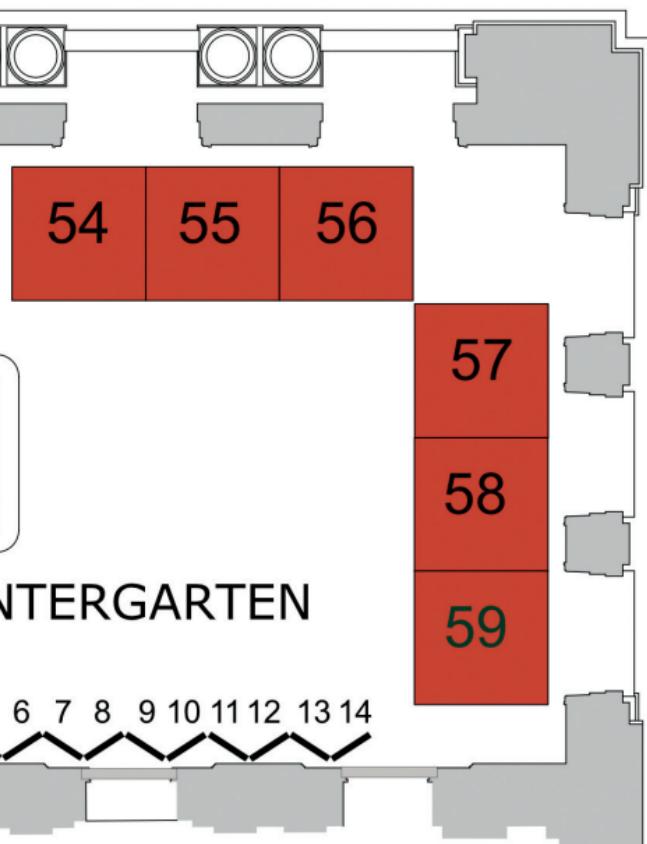
First steps towards optimized process condition in tower extraction as a function of beet quality (7)

Sakurako Yagami, Karl Schlumbach, Eckhard Flöter

Characterization and purification of technical non-sucrose solutions (8)

Markus Honkanen, Hannu Eloranta, Harjeet Singh Bola, Boris Morgenroth, Naresh Saini

Crystallization process optimization with on-line process microscope (9)



## **Posters**

Brett Stewart, Pablo Fabian Escobar Grajeda  
Transforming sugar manufacturing with the power of artificial intelligence **(10)**

Simona Gillarová, Svatopluk Henke, Zdeněk Bubník,  
Pavel Kadlec, Evžen Šárka, Vladimir Pour  
Application of continuous chromatography for mannitol production **(11)**

Svatopluk Henke, Simona Gillarová, K. Chalupný, Š. Zvěřina,  
D. Kulichová, Zdeněk Bubník, Pavel Kadlec, Vladimir Pour  
Sugar beet analysis using HPCEC-RI and ITP **(12)**

Karen Fugate, Abbas Lafta, Mohamed Khan,  
Fernando Finger  
Changes in composition and metabolism of sugarbeet root cell walls during storage **(13)**

Martin Bruhns  
Upgrading two falling-film evaporators at the Chortkiv sugar factory, Ukraine – design and installation of centrifugal juice separators below the calandria **(14)**

Claire Rua, Catherine Bouche  
ITECA on-line crystal growth technology applied to improving pan stage performance: Review of some applications **(15)**

Jens Mahrholz, Andreas Lehnberger  
Alternative suspension agents for slurry production **(16)**

Quido Smejkal, Arash Bagherzadeh  
Process development of beet sugar factories: reduction of fossil energy and CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions based on master plan of technology improvements **(17)**

Philip Schofield  
Can I improve the efficiency of my batch centrifuge when I change the basket **(18)**

## **Posters**

Markus Kratz

Enhancing production safety and reliability: Smart vibration motors for screens and feeders **(19)**

Tristan Stephan

Assessment of dust explosions in the sugar industry with regard to screening technology **(20)**

Bo Stig

Energy optimizing vacuum pans through machine learning **(21)**

Bjarne Christian Nielsen

Comments on validity and benefits of sucrose crystals colour determination by laboratory and indirect real-time method, with comparison between the two **(22)**

## **ESST Programme Committee**

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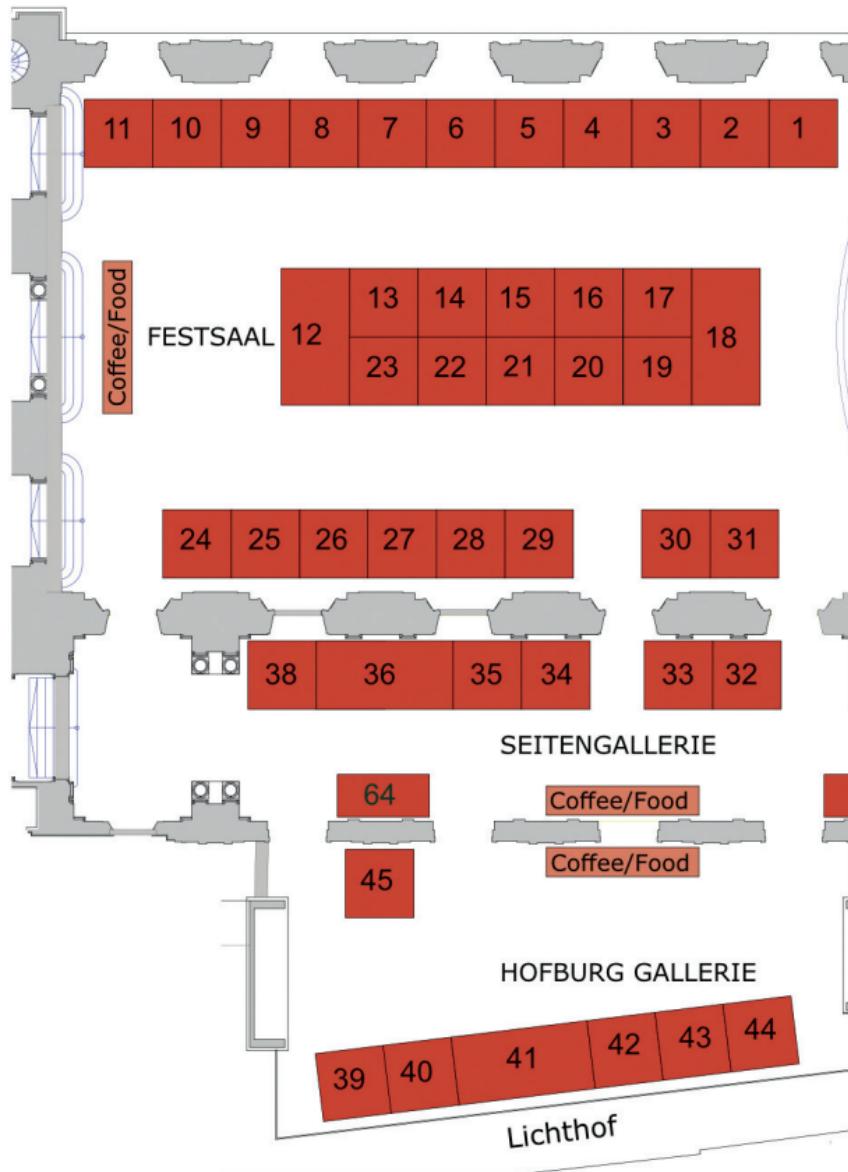
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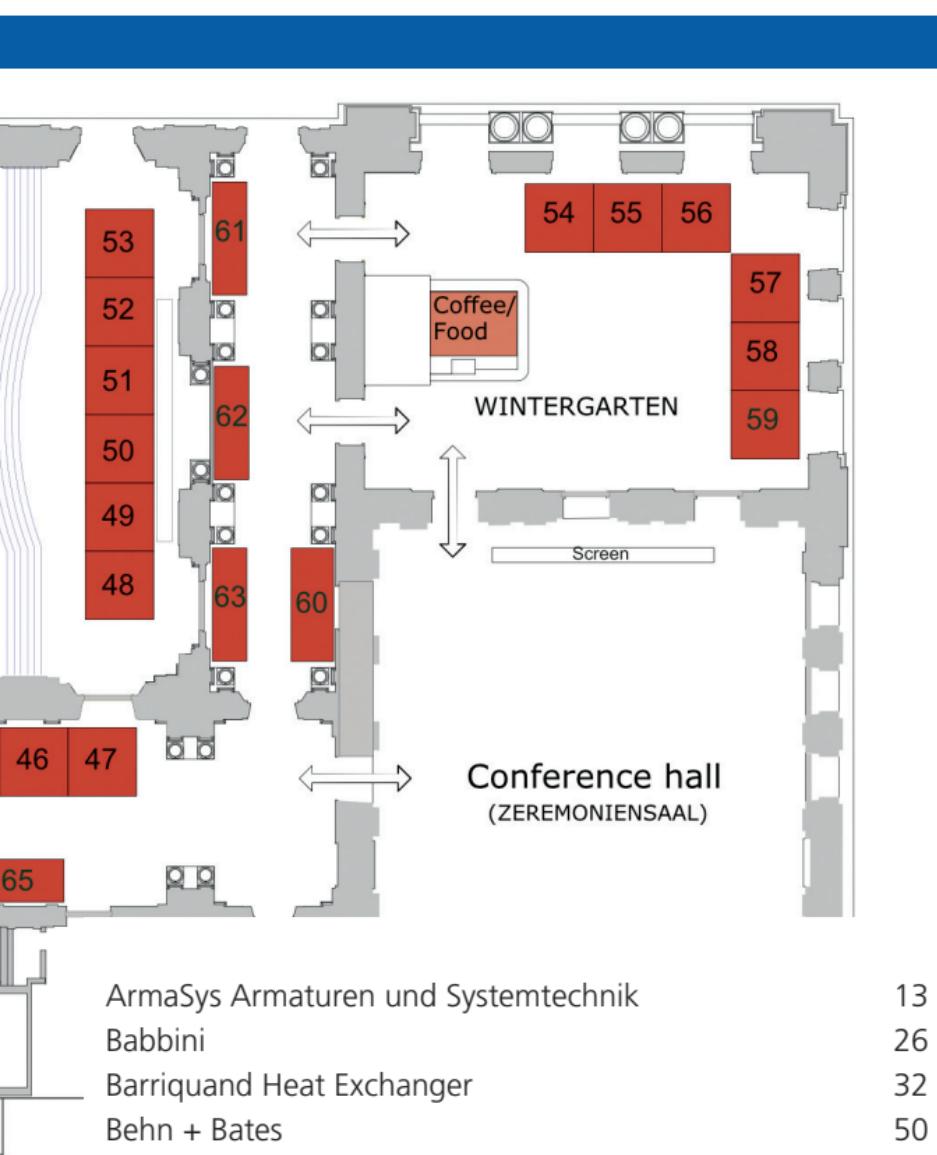


## Opening hours

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Wednesday 8 May	9 h to 13 h

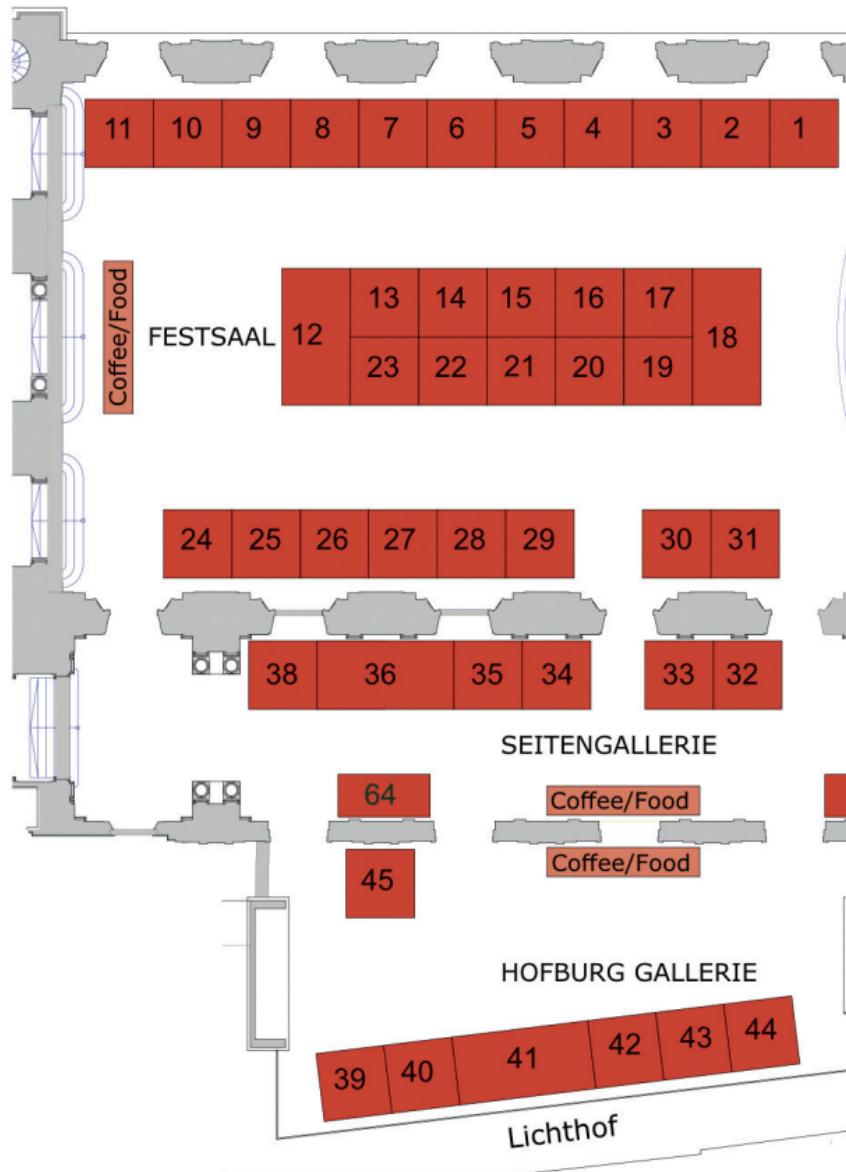
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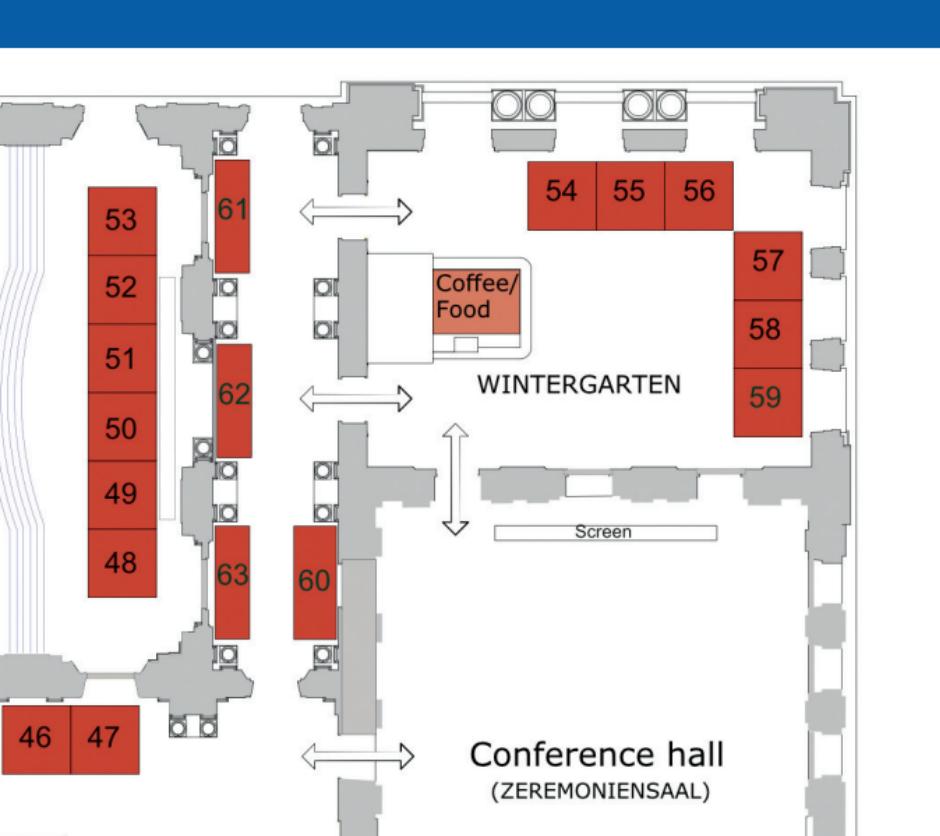


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### Welcome Reception on Sunday:

**Riesenrad Panorama**  
Riesenradplatz 1  
1020 Vienna, Austria



### Reception and Dinner on Tuesday:

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