

Registration details:

Normal:	DM 115.-
Students etc.:	DM 65.-
Proceedings:	DM 20.-
Banquet:	DM 35.-

*Proceedings and Banquet are not included
in the registration fee*

Gym Hall accommodation: DM 10.- per night
No beds provided, bring your sleeping bags along

Payment:

Cheque in DM or transfer to GWUP account: no.
166785-606, Postbank Frankfurt, Bank code (BLZ):
500 100 60.

Meals:

Light meals are available at the Conference. A list of
restaurants in Rossdorf will also be available. The
banquet must be ordered in advance.

Hotels:

The following is a list of hotels near Rossdorf. Please
book the hotel rooms yourself giving the hotel the
keyword „GWUP“.

1. Hotel Bockshaut, Kirchstrasse 7,
64283 Darmstadt, Tel.: (49) 6151 9967-0
Fax: (49) 6151 9967-67.
Single: DM 70 to 90, Double: DM 120 - 150
2. City Hotel, Adelongstrasse 44,
64283 Darmstadt, Tel.: (49) 6151 33691
Fax: (49) 6151 316096
Single: DM 95 - 130, Double 130 - 170
3. Hotel Müller, Adelongstrasse 34
64283 Darmstadt, Tel.: (49) 6151 26721
Fax: (49) 6151 293402
Single: DM 110, Double DM 140

4. Akzent Hotel „Mainzer Hof“, Marktplatz 22
64807 Dieburg, Tel.: (49) 6071 25095
Fax: (49) 6071 25090
Single: DM 98 - 124, Double DM 142 - 180
5. Alt Dieburg „Pfefferkorn“, Rheingauer Str.,
64807 Dieburg, Tel.: (49) 6071 24141,
Fax: (49) 6071 82220
Single: DM 65, Double DM 120
6. Hotel Waldesruh, Am Bessunger Forst 28,
64367 Mühlthal, Tel.: (49) 6151 14087,
Fax: (49) 6151 144396
Single: DM 77, Double DM 120

There are good bus connections to Rossdorf from
Dieburg and Darmstadt. Mühlthal is a picturesque area
but advisable only for those with cars (public transport
is via Darmstadt). All towns are less than 10 km from
Rossdorf.

Contact and Information

To register, send the registration card or a plain letter
with details (e.g. Gym Hall accommodation and
banquet) to GWUP (see cover for address information
etc.). Those who register before 15 April will receive
further information in advance.

Co-sponsors of the Conference

European Council of Skeptical Organizations (ECSO)
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the Paranormal (CSICOP)
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Advance Information:

The next European Skeptics Conference will be
held in Spain in 1997. In 1996, there will be a
World Skeptics Conference from 23 - 26 May,
1996 in Buffalo, NY, USA

7th European Skeptics Conference



Venue: Rehberghalle Rossdorf, Ringstrasse,
Rossdorf, Germany

Date: 4 - 7 May, 1995

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Final Programme

Thursday, 4 May, 1995

- 16:00 ECSO (European co-ordination) meeting
- 19:00 Reception by the District Commissioner of Darmstadt-Dieburg, Dr. Hans-Joachim Klein and welcome address

Panel Discussion (German)

- 20:00 Entscheidungen im Spannungsfeld zwischen Wissenschaft und öffentlicher Meinung (Decisions between Science and public opinion)
Chair: Amardeo Sarma
Panel: Prof. Ernst Habermann, Prof. Irmgard Oepen, Prof. Hans-Harald Bräutigam, Dr. Barbara Burkhard, Dr. Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen, Edgar Wunder

Friday, 5 May, 1995

- 09:00 Opening

Session I (German): Perception and Deception Chair: Dr. Jürgen Moll

- 09:15 Wolfgang Hund: Aber das habe ich doch mit meine eigenen Augen gesehen (I saw it with my own eyes)

Session II (German): Fringe Medicine Chair: Prof. Irmgard Oepen

- 11:00 Dr. Barbara Burkhardt: Politische Einflüsse bei unkonventionellen Methoden in der Medizin
- 11:30 Prof. Ernst Habermann: Wissenschaft, Glaube und Magie in der Toxikologie
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch

Session III: Fringe Science Chair: Dr. Jan Willem Nienhuys

- 14:00 Tim Trachet: Prejudice and the past - Examples of pseudoscience in historical sciences
- 14:30 Prof. Mahlon Wagner: Chiropractic in USA and world-wide
- 15:00 Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee break

Session IV: Junk History Chair: Lee Traynor

- 16:00 Gerhard Eggert: The enigma of the „Battery of Baghdad“
- 16:30 Gernot Buth: Creationism in Europe - Methods and Aims
- 17:00 Discussion

Evening Programme

- 20:00 Entertainment:
Magic, music and sketches

Saturday, 6 May, 1995

Session V: Dealing with Pseudoscience Chair: Prof. Wim Betz

- 09:00 Prof. Gerhard Vollmer: What pseudoscience is good for
- 09:30 Prof. Paul Kurtz: Neo Spirituality and the Paranormal - The Emergence of a New Religion
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break

Session VI: Fraud and Self-delusion Chair: Prof. Cornelis de Jager

- 11:00 James Randi: The psychic scene in America

- 11:30 John Maddox: The pitfalls of self-delusion
- 12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Workshops

- 14:00A Dr. Rainer Wolf: Delights and dangers of sensory illusions
- 14:00B Wolfgang Hund: Einfache Mentalzau-berkunststücke zur Veranschaulichung von „Okkultphänomenen“
- 15:30 Coffee break

Panel Discussion

- 16:00 Do skeptics need a lobby against fringe Science?
Chair: Amardeo Sarma
Panel: John Maddox, Prof. Cornelis de Jager, Prof. Paul Kurtz, Prof. Wim Betz, Prof. Gerhard Vollmer
- 20:00 Keynote Speech by Thomas von Randow
Conference Banquet

Sunday, 7 May, 1995

Session IX: Psychics Examined Chair: Miguell A. Sabadell

- 09:00 Rob Nanninga: Old Tricks & New Trials - exposing a Dutch pseudo-psychic and testing fifty astrologers
- 09:30 Dr. Luigi Garlaschelli: A chemist among the spirits
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:20 Close of Conference
- 10:30 GWUP members meeting