

SOR4D Research Conference 2026 – Logistics Note

Conference Schedule

- Registration & welcome coffee: Monday, 31. August, from 11:00 to 13:00
- Conference start: Monday, 31. August, 13:00
- Networking Apéro: immediately following the conclusion of the conference on Monday, 31. August, at 18:15
- Conference end: Tuesday, 1. September, 17:30

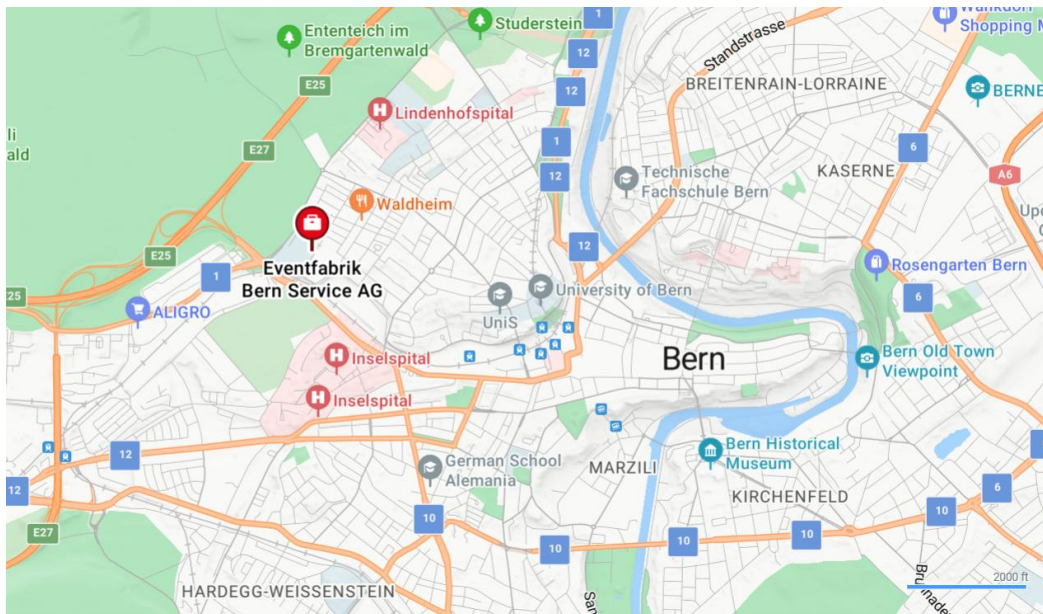
A detailed updated programme is available [here](#) online and will be shared at the conference.

1 Conference venue

Eventfabrik Bern

Fabrikstrasse 12, CH-3012 Bern, Switzerland

Webpage: [Eventfabrik Bern Services AG](#)



The Eventfabrik is located in the Längasse Neighbourhood, the University Area of Berne (see [Google Maps](#))

1.1 Catering & social programme

- Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served during scheduled breaks.

- An apéro will be offered on Monday evening, after the conference, providing an opportunity for informal networking.
- A vegetarian lunch will be served at the conference venue on Tuesday, 1. September

1.2 Mother & child facilities

A mother and child room is available at the venue. Participants wishing to make use of this facility are kindly asked to inform the organisers in advance so we can ensure access and comfort.

1.3 Accessibility

Eventfabrik Bern is accessible for participants with reduced mobility.

If you have specific accessibility requirements, please contact us ahead of the event so we can assist accordingly.

1.4 On-site information

- Cloakroom facilities will be available.
- Free Wi-Fi will be provided at the venue.

2 Getting to the conference venue (public transport)

2.1 From Bern Main Station (Bern Bahnhof)

Public transport in Bern is reliable and frequent.

- Bus 20 (direction: Länggasse)
Exit at “Länggasse”
- Bus 101 (direction: Hinterkappelen, Schlossmatt)
Exit at “Güterbahnhof”
- From the stop, walk 5–10 minutes to Fabrikstrasse 12 .

Travel time from Bern main station is approximately **10–15 minutes**.

2.2 Arriving by air

From Zürich Airport (ZRH)

- Direct trains run frequently from **Zürich Flughafen** to **Bern main station**
- Journey time: approximately **1 hour**
- No transfers are required on most connections

From Geneva Airport (GVA)

- Take a direct train from Genève-Aéroport to Bern main station
- Journey time: approximately 1 hour 50 minutes
- Trains operate regularly throughout the day

Tickets can be purchased [online](#), via the [SBB mobile app](#) for your smart phone, or at airport railway stations.

3 Accommodation (nearby budget & mid-range options)

The following hotels offer good value and convenient access to Eventfabrik Bern:

Closest

- **Sorell Hotel Arabelle** (≈ 8 min walk) [Link to hotel Arabelle website](#)
- **Hotel La Pergola** (≈ 15 min walk or short tram ride) [Link to hotel La Pergola website](#)
- **Hotel National Bern** (budget option, central) [Link to Hotel National Bern website](#)
- **Casa Maria Apartments** (budget option, ≈ 15 min walk or short bus ride) [Link to Casa Maria Apartments](#)

Accessible via Public Transport

- **ibis budget Bern Expo** (good budget choice, well connected) [Link to hotel ibis budget Bern Expo](#)
- **Prize by Radisson, Bern City** (modern, good value) [Link to hotel Prize by Radisson](#)
- **Moxy Bern Expo** (stylish, affordable outside peak dates) [Link to hotel Moxy Bern Expo](#)

Public transport within Bern is efficient and reliable, making all of the above options easily accessible.

4 Food options in the Länggasse area

4.1 There are many food and snack places for before or after the conference close to the venue, here are a few recommendations:

- [Ali Baba](#) (opening hours Monday – Friday 09:00 – 15:00, see on the map [here](#))
- Arkadas Belenkaya (opening hours Monday – Friday 10:00 – 15:00 and 17:00 – 22:00, see on the map [here](#))
- [Halle 16](#) (opening hours Monday – Thursday 09:00 – 22:00, Friday 09:00 – 23:00 and Saturday 17:00 – 23:00, see on the map [here](#))
- [Tulsi Bern](#) (opening hours Monday 11:30 – 14:00, Tuesday – Friday 11:30 – 14:00 and 17:30 – 23:30 and Saturday 17:30 – 23:30, see on the map [here](#))
- [Casa d'Italia](#) (opening hours Monday – Sunday 08:30 – 23:30, see on map [here](#))
- Mensa Unitobler (opening hours from Monday – Friday 8:30 – 16:30, see on map [here](#))
- Mensa von Roll (opening hours from Monday – Friday 11:30 – 13:30, see on map [here](#))

Further away food options:

- cäntin, vietnamese comfort food (opening hours Monday – Saturday daily 11:30-13:30 and 18:00 – 21:00, see on the map [here](#))
- Gelateria di berna, best ice-cream in town (opening hours daily 12:00-22:00, various locations, for a nice one near the river see map [here](#), for one closer to the conference see map [here](#))
- Lötschberg, Swiss food, one can find cheese fondue even in summer (opening hours daily 11:00-23:00, see on the map [here](#))

5 What else to do in Bern

Bern has a lot to offer, here are a couple of recommendations of things to see / do outside of the conference hours along with some information (not comprehensive)

- [Zytglogge](#) (always accessible): A medieval clock tower dating from the early 13th century, famous for its elaborate astronomical clock and moving figures that perform shortly before each hour.
- [Bärenpark](#) (always accessible, bears might be sleeping or in their caves): A modern riverside bear park reflecting Bern's centuries-old connection to bears, the city's heraldic animal, housed here in a more natural habitat since 2009.
- Government and parliament building "[Bundeshaus](#)" and [kleine Schanze Park](#): (always accessible but only from the outside) The Bundeshaus is Switzerland's parliament building, completed in 1902, while the nearby Kleine Schanze park offers views over the city and the Alps on clear days.
- Aare (always accessible) : The Aare River curves around Bern's old town peninsula, shaping the city's layout and serving as a popular spot for swimming in summer.
- [Gurten](#) viewpoint (accessible as long as public transport runs – or by foot): Bern's local mountain, the Gurten, provides panoramic views of the city, the Bernese Alps, and surrounding countryside, accessible by a historic funicular.
- [Rosengarten](#): (always accessible) Once a cemetery, this hilltop park now features over 200 varieties of roses and one of the best viewpoints over Bern's UNESCO-listed Old Town.
- [Botanical garden](#) (opening hours daily 8:00 – 17:00): The university's Botanical Garden showcases diverse plant collections, including alpine, tropical, and medicinal species, in both outdoor plots and greenhouses.

There are more things to see and do. If you have more time during day time, you could also do a trip to one of the many museums around. Some links:

- [Museums in Bern](#)
- [Attractions in Bern](#)

See [Welcome to Bern - Bern Welcome](#) for more information and ideas.

Zurich, Lucerne and Basel are only 1 hour away by train and have a lot to offer too.