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Dear Colleagues,

as preparations for the conference are proceeding, I want to inform you that the **website** is online now under the address <http://univie.ac.at/afrikanistik/meroe2008>, to be updated constantly. Here you will find all relevant information on the location, accommodation facilities, participants, abstracts of papers, etc.

University Campus is situated almost in the heart of Vienna, about 20 minute's walking-distance off the city's centre. There are numerous **hotels, guesthouses** and **hostels** of various categories in its direct neighbourhood, detailed information on which you will find on the website. Please, would you take into consideration that Vienna is a main tourist and conference place. So it is advisable to make your bookings at an appropriate early date.

Easy **accessibility** is also granted by tramlines 5 and 33 (stop "Alser Straße") as well as tramlines 43 and 44 (stop "Langegasse"), both located in front of Campus side entrance. For your comfort, the Department of African Studies (Court 5) will offer **additional service** like access to internet, phone and fax as well as proceeding mail. For lunch, there are also three restaurants in the Campus (Court 1) and many more around. Besides, it also accommodates a supermarket. Alser Straße, running adjacent to the Campus, houses various small shops, a bank and a pharmacy.

The **registration fees** amount to 100 Euro for full participants and 40 Euro for students. They have to be paid in cash at the registration desks either before the opening of the conference or upon later arrival. A confirmation of payment will be delivered. The registration fee covers participation to the conference, materials and documents, coffee breaks, receptions and much more.

We would ask you for transmitting the **title** of your communication until 30 April 2008 for granting profound planning of the conference program. The **abstracts** of your papers should be delivered until 30 June 2008 at latest and will be published on the conference website.

Looking forward seeing you all in Vienna, I remain with all my best wishes,



Michael Zach