

Under the auspices of the City of Ensisheim and of the Ensisheim Federation of Associations, the **"Friends of the Ensisheim Meteorite"** are organizing their

## CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EVENT

# **ENSISHEIM-METEORITE 2016**

17<sup>th</sup> International Show & Exhibit on  
Extraterrestrial Matter:  
**METEORITES, TEKTITES, IMPACTITES**



**JUNE 18 and 19, 2016**  
(18<sup>th</sup>: 9:30-18:30; 19<sup>th</sup>: 9:30-16:30)

(The week preceding the nearby Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines  
Mineral and Fossil show)

**Regency Palace – ENSISHEIM**

**Featuring 2016:**

**"Meteorites that have created a buzz"**

**Side-theme 2016:**

**"Pallasites"**

**SHOW ACTIVITIES: SCHEDULE**

### - **Friday June 17: "dealer's day"**

- **13:30-18:00:** Free access to Regency rooms only for dealers with badges (table setup, permanent free entrance). Public: no admittance.
- **18:00:** Closure of the Regency rooms (guard ensured overnight).
- **18:30:** Gathering on the Regency square. Reception and words of welcome, followed by the induction ceremonies of the new Honorary Members of the "Friends of Ensisheim Meteorite Association" (equivalent to the former Honorary Guardians nominations). Friendly drink: wine "Pinot Gris 2015" (domain of Jacques Cattin, Voegtlinshoffen) and craft beer "Aérolithe 1492" from "La Passerelle" brewery in Ensisheim.
- **From 20:00:** Optional Dinner Party in the large tent erected on the front (Regency) square, served by the restaurant "Le Boeuf Rouge", gathering organizers, dealers and all their friends (see § food). Reservation firmly required before June 10: by E-mail to Zelimir Gabelica.

### - **Saturday & Sunday, June 18-19:**

- **7:30 (Saturday) and 8:00 (Sunday):** Free access to Regency rooms only for dealers with badges (table setup, permanent free entrance); public: no admittance. On Saturday: dealers must pay their tables at the ground floor counter before entering the rooms.
- **9:30:** Show doors open to the public
- **9:45 (Saturday)** Official show opening & ribbon cutting.
- **Permanent activities:** Sales, trades, transactions...of various extraterrestrial objects: meteorites, tektites, impactites, related literature... (Excluding terrestrial rocks, minerals & fossils!)
- **2 plenary lectures**, (slide-shows & debates)

**\*Saturday, 11:00 – 12:00**

**"Planet, dwarf planet, asteroid, meteorite: what difference?"** (in French)

by **Prof. J.C. Lefebvre** (Liège university, B)

*Jean-Claude Lefebvre is Professor of Astronomy at the Astrophysics Institute of Liege University (B) and regular ambassador in Ensisheim of his beloved amateur clubs of mineral collectors (AGAB & CTSA) from Belgium. In his lecture, he will address a general topic: the origin of meteorites in our solar system with a preliminary update of the notions of planet, dwarf planet and asteroid, based on the latest discoveries and definitions. In this context, he will redefine meteorites and related phenomena (meteoroids, meteors ...), and depict the whole family of extraterrestrial bodies using an updated iconography.*

**\* Sunday, 11:00-12:00:**

**« Description of some famous historical meteorites »** (in French)

by **Marc Jost & Peter Marmet** (Bern, CH)

*Marc Jost and Peter Marmet, two pleasing meteorite collectors from the Bern region, cherish one of the finest collections of historical meteorites in Europe. They will tell us how their fall had puzzled or frightened witnesses at a time where, most often in the absence of any scientific data, fundamental questions have been asked about their origin. Before realizing that the origin was extraterrestrial, various natural phenomena (storms, volcanism ...) or even magic or divine wrath had been proposed to explain the arrival of meteorites on Earth, especially in case of devastating falls. The presentation will conclude with the description of some recent falls that made the "buzz".*

### • **Thematic exhibition:**

Because of their mixed constitution (gemmy olivine grains embedded in a metallic matrix), pallasites, these true "Space Jewels", are undoubtedly considered as the most spectacular and the most aesthetic meteorites. Selected examples of slices of this "cathedral stained glass" from your collections will be displayed in the windows of the Regency museum. Everyone is invited to bring up to 5 pallasite samples selected for their pure aesthetics. As in 2015, the public will vote for 3 of the most appreciated pallasites, basically for their subjective beauty and not necessarily for their rigorous scientific significance. The 3 winning samples should allow their happy owners to appreciate a symbolic prize in the form of bottles of some

traditional Alsatian wine, always unanimously esteemed.

#### • **Other activities/facilities:**

- **Free (visual) expertise of your doubtful or unknown meteorites** (Z. Gabelica).
- **Consignment room:** space (on the right at the entrance of the main Regency hall) where organizers & guests coming from far away are offering for sale at a friendly price their “extraterrestrials”. Always worth a visit!
- **For sale: wine** (traditional “*Pinot Gris*” 2015 vintage & Bordeaux), a new **craft beer** cleverly named “*Aérolithe 1492*” and other various souvenirs.
- **Sunday, 16:30: Show closure**

### **FOOD**

**\*Friday Dinner Party:** Inside the large tent set on the Regency square: The restaurant “*Le Boeuf Rouge*” offers a **special menu based on guinea fowl** (approx. € 20, drinks not included: smoked salmon with brioche or pie with salad, stuffed guinea fowl thigh, vegetables & spaetzles, iced kougelhopf. You may also order a **vegetarian menu**. To stimulate friendliness and encourage conversations during the dinner, soft background music (sound system + CD) is scheduled. Music will continue for those who want to inaugurate the dance floor on the square.

**\*Saturday & Sunday lunches:** A giant tent and some tables will be installed on the square in front of the Regency where local fast food (pies, grills, snacks, chips, pastries ...not forgetting the traditional “*tarte flambée*” (Alsatian *flammeküche*) will be available, along with various drinks (wine, craft beer, soft drinks, sodas, water ...).

**\*Saturday dinner:** Exceptionnaly the “*Boeuf Rouge*” restaurant will be closed (private wedding). Suggestion: possibility to enjoy on the Regency square tent, a *flammeküche*-based dinner or other local fast food, as suggested above. Those who prefer having

dinner elsewhere in the city are invited to return to the square and enjoy the “*Saturday night dance fever*” and the evening discussions that continue “*ad libitum*”, hosted by some local “wild” orchestra...

### **ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMODATION**

All information on Ensisheim and its accessibility is available on the Ensisheim city **web site**:

<http://meteorite.ensisheim.net>

Everyone is invited to **take care of his hotel reservation!**

So far, **four** nearby hotels are recommended:

\* **Hotel « Le Domaine du Moulin »**, Ensisheim (200 m from the Regency square)

Tel : +33 (0)3 8983 4239 ; Fax : +33 (0)3 8996 2140

**Web site:** [www.hotel-domainedumoulin-alsace.com](http://www.hotel-domainedumoulin-alsace.com)

\* **Hotel « Les Loges de l'Ecomusée »**, Ungersheim (~6-7 km away) ; Tel : +33 (0)3 6958 5025

**Web site:** <http://www.hotellesloges.fr>

\* **Hotel « Niemerich »**, Pulversheim (~5 km away)

Tel : +33 (0)3 8948 1103 ; Fax : +33 (0)3 8948 2506

**E-mail:** [info@hotel-niemerich.com](mailto:info@hotel-niemerich.com)

\* **Hotel « Cheval Blanc »**, Baldersheim (~5 km away)

Tel : +33 (0)3 8945 4544 ; Fax : +33 (0)3 8956 2893

**E-mail:** [cheval-blanc@wanadoo.fr](mailto:cheval-blanc@wanadoo.fr)

**Other contacts:** “Mulhouse tourist inform office”

Tel: +33 (0)3 8935 4848; Fax: +33 (0)3 8945 6616.

### **SHOW PRICES AND RATES**

#### **I. Entrance fee**

\* **Sat & Sun June 18-19** (1 or 2 days), 4 €

\* **Children under 14: free**

#### **II. Table renting for dealers:**

All tables have the same size, namely **160 x 80 cm**. (**note the large size!**). Please plan your own lighting (**strictly limited to 250 W/table!**).

### **III. Rates** (price per table, NOT per meter):

**1 table: € 170; 2 tables: € 320; 3 tables: € 450** etc

### **TABLE AVAILABILITY & RESERVATION**

The total number of tables is limited to **52** (40 to 60 dealers) + **6** window-tables in the consignment room. **Table allocation:** on a “first-come, first-serve” basis, priority being given to dealers having reserved the same tables previously. Tables are arranged within the Regency following the same layout as in 2015.

#### **Table reservation**

Contact informally **Z. Gabelica**, exclusively by **E-mail**. Precise **main dealer's name, full address & contact** (phone, **E-mail**...), **number of persons per booth** (max 2 for one table, 3 for 2 tables, 4 for 3 tables...) and their **names** (for badge attribution), and the **number of tables requested**.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION, UPDATES AND CONTACT**

#### **Current information, flyer and regular updates**

(English & French): Ensisheim **web site**  
<http://meteorite.ensisheim.net>

#### **Table reservation, consignment room, meteorite expertise & all kind of scientific information:**

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