

First of all, congratulation on being a participant in this year's "Mental Calculation World Cup" and welcome to Magdeburg. During your stay you will be able to take part of many activities and events. Since you may have an overview first – here is an outline of your schedule over the days:

All participants can stay for free at hotel "Sachsen-Anhalt" in Barleben
address: Hotel Sachsen-Anhalt, An der Backhausbreite 1, 39179 Barleben
(close to Magdeburg).

There will be a shuttle bus from the hotel to the MCWC sites.

More about the hotel can be read at:

http://www.hotel-sachsen-anhalt.com/index.php?site_id=11&lang_id=en.

Guests who are not participants will stay at the same hotel, but they will have to pay for their accommodation.

Saturday, the 5th June:

Participants arrive in Magdeburg.

See <http://www.recordholders.org/en/events/worldcup/2010/magdeburg.html> for some useful links for your travel to Magdeburg. Please note that the travel to Magdeburg has to be organized and paid by the participants.

If you arrive between 9:00 and 15:00, you can use our bus shuttle to the hotel: When you arrive at the central railway station in Magdeburg, exit the station (following the blue signs "→ City").

Directly before the railway station, you will find the restaurant "Coffee Culture" (located in the City Carré shopping centre, <http://www.city-carre-magdeburg.de>).

We will wait for you in the restaurant between 9:00 and 15:00 and organize your transport to the hotel. If you arrive outside this timeframe, you can take a taxi to the hotel (takes about 15 minutes).

16:30 **(TIME HAS CHANGED!)**

We meet each other at the hotel and you will get some information.

16:45 bus transfer to the opening ceremony

17:30

opening ceremony, location: Petriförder

with an original demonstration of the famous Magdeburg half-spheres experiment

19:00 - 20:30

dinner very close to the location of the opening ceremony

venue:

restaurant "Schiffchen"

Wittenberger Straße 17

39106 Magdeburg

phone: 0391 5557648

time: 19:00-20:30

at 20:30 you have the possibility to take the transfer shuttle to the hotel

Alternatively, you are invited to visit:

20:45

demonstration of magic & calculation aboard "MS Wissenschaft" (in German language)

(with a few world record attempts)

The transfer back to the hotel will depart on 22:30. The bus will also pick up the remaining calculators from the restaurant "Schiffchen"

Sunday, the 6th June:

breakfast at the hotel

9:15

departure of the bus to the university. **DON'T BE LATE!**

10:00

group photo

venue: University of Magdeburg, Senatssaal

address: Universitätsplatz 2, building 05, room 205

10:30- circa 15:00

MCWC part one

venue: University of Magdeburg, Senatssaal

address: Universitätsplatz 2, building 05, room 205

16:30-18:00

guided city tour (with English and Spanish comments)

Meeting point: Before the opera house which is located directly opposite the university where the contest took place



Photo: The opera house , meeting point

The city tour will end at the Cathedral of Magdeburg, very close to the venue for the dinner.

18:30

dinner

venue:

restaurant L~BE

Restaurant L-BE

Schleiufer 30

39104 Magdeburg

phone: 0391/59 75 529

(web site: <http://www.l-be-md.de>)

The transfer shuttle brings you back to the hotel at 20:00 or at 21:00 (your choice).

Monday, the 7th June:

breakfast at the hotel

9:15 departure of the bus to the university. **DON'T BE LATE!**

10:00- circa 14:30

MCWC part two

venue: University of Magdeburg, Senatssaal

address: Universitätsplatz 2, building 05, room 205

15:00-15:30

Reception by the mayor of Magdeburg at the townhall



photo: Magdeburg Townhall

16:00-18:00

award ceremony with MC & memory show

venue: Industrie- und Handelskammer Magdeburg, Alter Markt 8

19:00

Transfer bybus to the hotel

A dinner on 7 June is **NOT** included into the official program. We have the option to meet in the restaurant at the hotel (on our own costs). Some people suggested to make this an opportunity for spontaneous record attempts.

Tuesday, 8 June

breakfast at the hotel

If demanded, we will try to organize one (and only one) bus transfer from the hotel to the railway station, departing at 8:00.

departure

Thank you for participating in this year's Mental Calculation World Cup.

We hope you had a nice time in Magdeburg and wish you a pleasant trip back home!

The City of Magdeburg



Founded by Charlemagne in 805 as Magdeburg, the town was fortified in 919 by King Henry I the Fowler against the Magyars and Slavs.

In 937, Magdeburg was the seat of a royal assembly.

Near the end of World War II, the city of about 340,000 became capital of the Province of Magdeburg.

In 1990 Magdeburg became the capital of the new state of Saxony-Anhalt within reunified Germany.

The city center was rebuilt almost exclusively in a modern style.

Magdeburg's most impressive building is the Protestant Cathedral of Saints Catherine and Maurice. It has a height of 104 m. We will see the cathedral at our city tour.

The hemispheres experiment

On Saturday, you will have the possibility to watch the famous Magdeburg half-spheres experiment.

Otto von Guericke, who served as a mayor of Magdeburg from 1646 to 1676, was a famous inventor and scientist. His major scientific achievement was the establishment of the physics of vacuums.

In 1654, Guericke demonstrated the force of air pressure with a dramatic experiment:

He had joined two copper hemispheres of 51 cm diameter and pumped the air out of the enclosure. Then he harnessed a team of eight horses to each hemisphere and showed that they were not able to separate the hemispheres. When air was again let into the enclosure, they were easily separated. The University of Magdeburg is called Otto von Guericke University of Magdeburg and it is named after him.

