

Water at the Iberian Peninsula

50 Years of Frontinus Society



**International Conference of the Frontinus Society on the History of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering
Segovia - Chaves and post-excursion, October 9-17/20, 2026**

INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

As already announced at the last conference in Budapest in 2022, we will be on the Iberian Peninsula next year from 9-20 October 2026. However, in contrast to Budapest, where we mainly focussed on thermal baths, the topics in Spain and Portugal will be broader again.

The following list intends to suggest some of the topics which could be discussed at the conference:

- Newest research results on aqueducts
- The *castellum aquae* an important link
- The distribution of water in towns
- Supply of public *nymphaea*
- The distribution of water in private houses
- Supply of public baths and latrines
- Water in ancient mining
- Other industrial usage of water
- Other sources for drawing water
- Water in the middle ages
- Sewage disposal
- Water quality and hygiene in the ancient world

Innumerable questions of your newest research results await clarification at the Iberian Peninsula

The conference will consist of three parts, all of which can also be booked individually:

1. The first part with the main block of lectures and some excursions in the area, as well as the ceremonial acts '50 Years Frontinus Society' and 'Awarding of the Frontinus Medal' will be in Segovia.
 2. The second part with a separate lecture section on water in ancient mining and two full-day excursions to Tresminas and Las Medulas will take place in Chaves in Portugal.
 3. The third part is organised as a post-excursion to Merida, Cordoba and Granada.
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PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Friday, Oct. 9:	Individual arrival in Madrid, and individual travel by train to SEGOVIA Registration at the conference hotel Eurostars Plaza Acueducto (https://www.eurostarshotels.com/eurostars-plaza-acueducto.html) Welcome cocktail at the terrace of the hotel Opening ceremony with opening lecture in the lecture hall in the church of San Juan de los Caballeros = Museo Zuloaga (https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iglesia_de_San_Juan_de_los_Caballeros_(Segovia))
Saturday, Oct 10:	Lectures all day at the lecture hall Evening: 50 Years of Frontinus Society Awarding of the Frontinus Medal Gala Dinner
Sunday, Oct. 11:	Lectures in the morning with Poster Presentation Afternoon: Excursion to the waterworks of the Roman town of Tiermes Return to Segovia Evening Lectures
Monday, Oct. 12:	Morning lectures (if necessary) Tour to the famous aqueduct bridge and parts of the water supply of Segovia
Tuesday, Oct. 13:	Full day excursion Visit of the Medieval monastery of Melque Alcantarilla dam Back to Segovia
Wednesday, Oct.14:	Bus drive from Segovia to CHAVES Afternoon visit to the thermal baths of Chaves Hotel Forte Sao Francisco (https://www.fortesaofrancisco.com/) Lectures in the evening: Water in mining sections
Thursday, Oct. 15:	Full-day excursion to Tresminas
Friday, Oct. 16:	Full-day excursion to Las Medulas and Monte Furado Gala dinner and conclusion in the evening
Saturday, Oct. 17:	Transfer to Porto and return flight or transfer to Merida for post-excursion

Post-excursion

Saturday, Oct. 17:	Post-excursion to MERIDA Visit to Proserpina Dam Cornovalo Dam Aqueduct bridge over the Rio Albarregas "Los Milagros" Hotel in Merida
Sunday, Oct. 18:	Morning visit in Merida Onward journey to CORDOBA with visit to the Mezquita-Catedral, Roman bridge, ... Hotel in Cordoba
Monday, Oct. 19:	Onward journey to GRANADA Visit to the Alhambra with water supply lines Hotel in Granada
Tuesday, Oct. 20:	Return flight from Malaga

REGISTRATION

In order to ensure accommodation, prospective participants are urged to register as soon as possible. Details concerning pre-payment will be sent at a later date. **Kindly complete and return the attached registration form before August 15, 2025** to:

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By registering, you accept the terms and conditions and cancellation policy of RUEFA Reisen:

<https://www.ruefa.at/informationen/reisebedingungen>.

Travel insurance can only be taken out for nationals of Austria, Germany and Italy via the travel agency.

LECTURES AND POSTERS

The language of the conference will be English and German. The length of each lecture should not exceed a time-limit of 25 minutes (for posters 5 minutes). Prospective speakers on the proposed or related subjects are requested to send a 500 word summary, in English or German, before **March 22, 2026** to Gilbert Wiplinger.

A poster session will be included as part of the conference and each author may present his or her poster in a Power Point presentation of 5 minutes. Please notify us in the registration form, if you should wish to participate with a poster.

PUBLICATION

Only contributions will be published in the conference proceedings,

- * which comply with the publication guidelines of BABESCH (<https://www.babesch.org/instructions.html>),
- * which successfully pass the review by the editorial team of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Frontinus-Society and carry out any revisions required by the editorial team (editor's support), and
- * which successfully pass the BABESCH peer review process.

FRONTINUS-GRANT

The Frontinus-Society offers up to three awards for students to assist with travel expenses. Participants who are still in training are requested to send their application material to Gilbert Wiplinger at the address indicated above no later than March 22, 2026 for consideration.

Prerequisites for this are

- * the submission of a scientific lecture,
- * the participation of scholarship holders in all lectures, excursions and other events during the symposium, and
- * accommodation in an accommodation near the venue.

Applications must include a curriculum vitae, a literature list (if available), an abstract of the lecture with approx. 3,000 characters (including spaces) and the reason why the applicant should be selected to receive the scholarship.

The amount of the scholarship is half of the congress fees and half of the accommodation costs, excluding travel expenses, but as maximum Euro 1.000,-.

Half of the scholarship will be paid after the scholarship is awarded before the conference, the other half after the conference.

IMPORTANT FOR THE POST-EXCURSION

Please send me your

- passport number
- the surname
- the first name as written in your passport
- gender
- date of birth
- nationality
- the date of issue
- the date of expiry
- the issuing authority of your passport

in order to buy your entrance ticket to the Alhambra. More easier is to send me a scan from your passport page.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Wiplinger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gilbert Wiplinger

Vienna, June 2025
