

# 16th International CSSM Conference on Ship Signature Management

**Kiel – 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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## Introduction

The Bundeswehr Technical Center for Ships and Naval Weapons, Maritime Technology and Research (WTD 71) will host the CSSM 2025 conference in Kiel. The CSSM conference 2025 will be held at the Steigenberger Conti Hansa Hotel, Schlossgarten 7, 24103 Kiel, Germany. The focus will be on ship signatures, susceptibility their measurement and modelling.

This document provides general information about the venue and the hosting city. Transportation from nearby airports, suggested accommodation and the meetings schedule are also presented.

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# 1. Registration

The registration fee is 280 €. This includes catering according to paragraph 8.

Instructions for registration are available on the CSSM website:

[Registration Form](#)

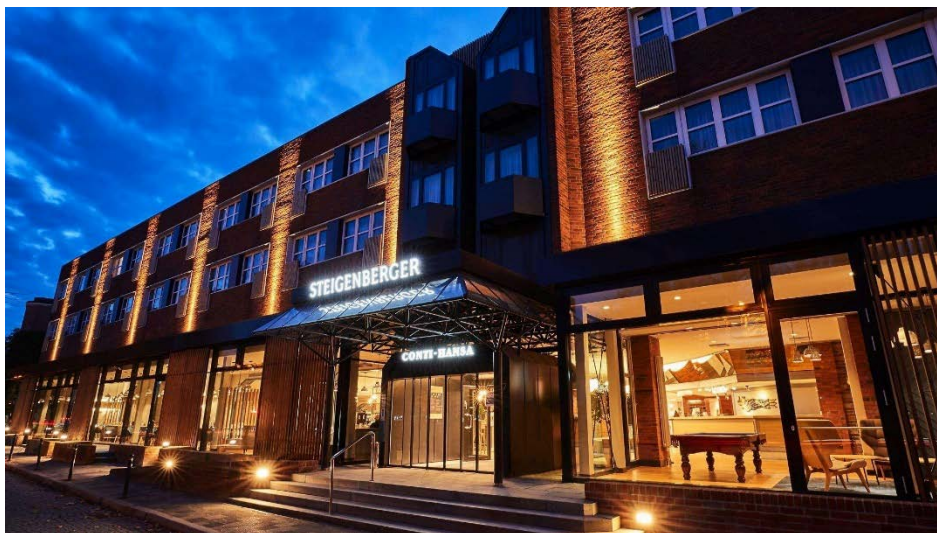
# 2. Venue

The meetings will be held at the Steigenberger Conti Hansa Hotel, Schlossgarten 7, 24103 Kiel, Germany. This conference centre is located in the city centre with good transport connections to many major hotels.

## Directions

The address of the conference centre is:  
Steigenberger Conti Hansa  
Schlossgarten 7  
24103 Kiel  
Germany

The map of the conference centre area is shown below together with the front entrance of the building.



**Figure 1: Main Entrance**

[Steigenberger Conti Hansa Kiel](#)



Figure 2: Location Map 1

[Map 1](#)





# 3. Transportation

There are several ways to reach Kiel, the easiest way is by flight to the closest airport in Hamburg (HAM).

## 3.1 Hamburg Airport to Kiel city centre

Hamburg Airport is located about 8km in the North of the centre of Hamburg on the other side of the river Elbe. You have 5 choices to go to Kiel.

The distance to Kiel is about 100 km.

[for further information](#)

By bus:

a) [Flixbus](#)

b) [Kielius](#)

By train: [DB train](#)

By car: [Car rental or sharing](#)

By taxi/ Uber

If you choose to take a taxi, the cost is variable but it's more than 240€. The best and cheapest way to travel to Kiel is by bus. The costs are from 10-25€ and the time is about 1.5 hours. All busses are almost similar. Via train is a little faster, the price is about 30€ and you have one change at Hamburg Central Station. Car rentals can be found at the airport.

## 3.2 Travel in Kiel

### Bus

There is an extensive network of busses covering the entire city.

Busses from Hamburg Airport arrive at the Central Bus Station which is located Auguste-Viktoria-Straße 6 in 24103 Kiel (see Figure 3) and the complete way is about 20 minutes to walk with a distance of 1,5km from the bus station to the conference centre.

There are many bus stops that are closer to the conference centre. Maps and route planners can be found at [bus plan Kiel](#).

To get to the conference centre from the central bus station or the main station, take lines 32, 41, 61 or 62. The cost of the ticket is 1,80 €. Average journey time is 13-18 min.

## **Car**

Due to the fact that the public transportation has a good coverage and options while parking in Kiel is challenging and expensive, it is not recommended to drive by car.

However, if you want to use a car, it takes also around 10-20 minutes. Germany has a right hand drive road system.

## **Taxi/ Uber**

Taxis can be found at the main station. Uber must be ordered and the price is for both about 8-10€.

# **4. Accommodation**

There is no discount code for the Steigenberger Conti Hansa, but there is a contingent for hotel rooms and the keyword is CSSM Conference 2025. Please use it for your reservation.

[Steigenberger Conti Hansa](#)

# **5. Things to Do**

Kiel is the capital of Schleswig-Holstein with an estimated population of 250.000. The city is situated next to the Baltic Sea and the Kiel Canal.

It is at least 780 years old, but it could be much older. It grew from a small rural settlement to become a large city and seaport. By 1301, the new town was fortified and surrounded by a wall by 1329. It belonged to the Hanseatic League from the late Middle Ages onward. The city at the bay was never able to develop into a serious competitor to Lübeck, leaving the Hanseatic League as early as 1518. The Christian-Albrechts-University was founded in 1665. Kiel became the main residence in 1721 and grew bigger and bigger through the years and became the capital of Schleswig-Holstein in 1949. The city has also been considered the sailing capital of Germany since the first Kiel Week in 1894.

In 1972, Kiel hosted the Olympic sailing competitions for the second time after 1936.

# What to See

## 6.1 Zoological Museum

As an university institution, the Zoological Museum Kiel moves between research, teaching and the public. The most important foundation of the museum are the extensive collections, which are on the one hand historical, but on the other hand also modern with the latest insights. The focus is always on the valuable original preparations.

Official site: [Zoological Museum Kiel](#)

## 6.2 Aquarium GEOMAR

The aquarium offers the native, but also the exotic underwater world. There are five roundtrips with the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, the Tropics, the Mediterranean Sea and with Jellyfish. Another highlight is outside with four seals. Compared with other aquariums it is not that large, but still very interesting and perfect for a short break.

Official site: [Aquarium Geomar](#)

## 6.3 Sankt Nikolai Church

In 1242 Adolf IV. of Schauenburg and Holstein founded Kiel and also started to build the Sankt Nikolai Church. It is the oldest building of the town and is next to the old market place. In the next centuries fires and lightnings destroyed some parts of it and of course the second world war. Due to the damages it was necessary to rebuild and change the church. There are often concerts and other cultural activities.

Official site: [St. Nikolai Church Kiel](#)

## 6.4 Maritime Museum

Fish hasn't been auctioned in Kiel's old fish auction hall for a long time. Since 1978, the Maritime Museum is inside of the building, which explores the history of seafaring in the city.

Since its founding in 1242, Kiel has been a port city, later becoming part of the Hanseatic League of Cities and developing into a major city in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The decisive boost came from the Prussian Navy, which established its home port in Kiel from 1865 onwards. The Maritime Museum devotes one of its four exhibits to the navy and displays, among other things, an original dinghy from a torpedo boat of the Imperial Fleet. It becomes clear that the base and the construction of warships were both a blessing and a curse. While they brought jobs to the city, they also brought crises, the sailors' revolt, and the widespread destruction of the Second World War.

Official site: [Maritime Museum Kiel](#)



## **6.5 Botanic Gardens Kiel**

The Botanic Gardens Kiel belong to the Botanical Institute of Kiel University and boast a history reaching back 350 years. Now at their fifth location within the city of Kiel, the gardens have been open to the public since 1985 and harbour about 14,000 plant species for science, for research and the training of students and for the enjoyment and instruction of visitors.

In the Botanic Gardens Kiel, you will find plants from all over the world within eight hectares of gardens that await to be discovered by wandering along its 10 kilometers of paths.

Within a short period of time, you can travel between all the continents at the Gardens. You will be impressed by the biodiversity of the flora of the Americas and Asia and you can explore characteristic biotopes of Central Europe, such as forests, heaths, dunes, moors or the alpine regions.

Do you need to warm up after your alpine excursion? OK, just visit the deserts of Africa and America in their greenhouses that are open to the public!

Official site: [Botanic Gardens Kiel](#)



## 7. Where to Eat and Drink

### 7.1 Kieler Brauerei

If you like beer, this is an excellent place to visit. There are several available on tap. The food is also great. German, Bar

[KIELER BRAUEREI, Kiel](#)

### 7.2 Lagom Restaurant & Bar

Since 2018, the philosophy of the Lagom restaurant on the Kiellinie has been a living memory. With an exceptional view of the Kiel Fjord, head chef Benjamin Stadler and his team offer delicacies from regional and Scandinavian cuisine. A Nordic lifestyle, charming hospitality, and Kiel's maritime backdrop make this place ideal for a special evening for two, with family, or friends. It's especially lovely to snag a spot on the balcony on a balmy summer evening. A select wine list and a well-stocked bar round out the offerings. German, European

[LAGOM RESTAURANT & BAR, Kiel](#)

### 7.3 Flygge

An interesting location! The restaurant of chef-patron Mathias Apelt and his partner Britta Künzl is housed in the canoe club; it has a cool, pared-back design with an urban boathouse feel. There is also a wonderful view of the fjord – needless to say, a spot on the terrace is a tempting prospect. The open kitchen serves Nordic-inspired and regionally based soul food, e.g. bouillabaisse made with Baltic fish and rouille, which, although different to the original from the South of France, is just as delicious! German, Healthy

[FLYGGE, Kiel](#)

### 7.4 BLOCK HOUSE Kiel

“Known for consistently high quality, warm service, and the unmistakable BLOCK HOUSE charm, we have been delighting our guests since 1968. With a total of 60 restaurants, 47 of which are in Germany, we are represented throughout Europe. If steaks are your preference, this is heaven. There are many types of burgers on the flame with generous portions of chips.”

[Block House Kiel](#)

And of course, there are many other Sports Bars, Restaurants etc.

## 8. Conference Schedule

Tea breaks with coffee, tea, water and softdrinks are served at the conference centre in the morning and in the afternoon.

Lunch will also be provided for all three days at the conference centre.

### **Conference Day 1 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**Welcome + Coffee:** 12:00-13:00

**Lunch:** 12:00-13:00

**Conference:** 13:00-16:00

**Coffee Break:** 14:30-15:00

### **Conference Day 2 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Welcome + Coffee:** 8:30-9:00

**Conference:** 9:00 -17:00

**Coffee Break:** 10:30-11:00

**Lunch:** 12:30 -13:30

**Coffee Break:** 15:00-15:30

**Dinner:** 19:00-22:00 CSSM dinner buffet at the Steigenberger Conti Hansa

### **Conference Day 3 – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Welcome + Coffee:** 8:30-9:00

**Conference:** 9:00 -12:30/end

**Coffee Break:** 10:30-11:00

**Lunch:** 12:30 -13:30

**Catering listed here is included in the registration fee.**