

edaForum04 - General Information

December 9-10, 2004

Dresden, Germany

The third edaForum was held at Dresden, Germany. Dresden, the capital of Saxony and the former residence of the Wettin dynasty, is a city of art and culture with magnificent buildings, many museums of world class as well as venues and ensembles with a rich tradition of theatre and music.

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In December, it is a must to visit the famous »Striezelmarkt«, the oldest German Christmas fair, which attracts thousands of visitors every year.

Dresden has built up a reputation as a location for semiconductor business, where several companies established new locations. Additionally, with the new mask technology center AMTC, the co-operating companies have built the most modern plant of its kind world-wide, which is a model for further investments in nanoelectronics.



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The Elbe and the gently rolling landscape between Saxon Switzerland and Meissen determine the nature in which the city on the river is embedded. The climate is equally beneficial for the development of the arts and for viniculture. The inhabitants are known for their own special charm, Saxon hospitality is proverbial. At the same time Dresden is a modern city with the flair of the former Saxon residence – simply a place with life style. Approximately 7.4 million guests visit Dresden every year. We are looking forward to your visit!

Dresden offers attractions in great variety. No book about the history of architecture can miss mentioning the Dresden Zwinger. The Frauenkirche Church, Semper Opera House and Royal Palace as well as many other historical monuments and ensembles determine the image of the city. The saucy angels from Raphaels The Sistine Madonna make publicity for Dresdens art collections in the whole world. Magnificent promenades on the bank of the Elbe, interesting museums and institutions, industrial monuments, charming details – Dresden has a lot for you to discover.

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The Saxon State Orchestra cultivates Dresdens high reputation as a metropolis of opera at the historical site of the Semper Opera House. Another three ensembles of world renown represent Dresdens great musical history: the Saxon State Opera, the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra and the Dresden Kreuzchor boys choir.

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Dresden boasts the ideal combination of economy, research and science.

More than 30 institutes, among them establishments of the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft and Max Planck Society and the University of Technology, as well as many academies and colleges, are a visible sign of the citys innovative potential.

Since as early as the 18th century, Dresden has been shaped by a fruitful association of business and science.

Important inventions and developments resulted from this symbiosis. In 1708 Johann Friedrich Böttger developed the technique for making European porcelain here.

Engineer and university professor, Andreas Schubert, designed Germanys first steam engine in and the original Saxon paddle steamers which are a great attraction on the river Elbe today.

It was Dresden camera experts who developed the reflex camera, the panoramic camera and the stereo camera.

The Dresden University of Technology was founded in 1828 as the »Technische Bildungsanstalt Dresden« and is thus one of Germanys oldest technical colleges. Today, the Dresden region has the strongest engineering and natural sciences research and development sector in eastern Germany.

This is contributed to by the Dresden University of Technology (Technische Universität Dresden – TU Dresden), the University College of Applied Sciences (Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft – HTW), around 30 institutions and establishments of the Max Planck Society, the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft and the Leibniz Association, as well as around 2,000 people working in the research and development departments of various companies.

[More information about Dresden](#) ^[1]

[More detailed information about Dresden \(only german\)](#) ^[2]

Location and Accomodation

The Hilton Dresden, located in the heart of the Old Town next to the Frauenkirche, is situated on Bruehls Terrace. The Semper Opera House and the world renowned Zwinger are within walking distance. The piers of the worlds largest and oldest paddle steamer fleet are next to the hotel.

The edacentrum has arranged the following special room rates for attendees, valid during the edaForum04, available only with bookings by fax or phone.

Single room, standard 130 € incl. breakfast

Single room, classic 160 € incl. breakfast

Please book your room until **October 27th, 2004** and mention edacentrum as keyword. Please use the [Hotel Accomodation Sheet](#) ^[3]. After October 27th, the fixed quota of rooms for the edaForum04 is closed. We recommend early booking because the Hotel will be booked up very quickly for December, because of the famous Christmas fair.

All participants are kindly asked to make their hotel reservations directly to:

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01067 Dresden

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www.dresden.hilton.com ^[4]

The Hilton Dresden, with 333 refurbished guest rooms is located in the heart of the old town; on the Bruhl's Terrace, also known as the "Balcony of Europe", and next to the famous "Church of our Lady". The Semper Opera House and the world- reknown "Zwinger" are within walking distance. The pier of the world's largest and oldest paddle steamer fleet is next to the hotel.

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