

Picking the Future

4th European Bluegrass Summit

2nd – 4th March 2012, Friedrichsbau, Bühl/Baden (Germany)

Facilitated by the European Bluegrass Music Association
Hosted by the City of Bühl/Baden (Germany)

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After the Bill Monroe Centennial...

For all Bluegrass enthusiasts and activists with a forum for exchange on subjects in which they take a personal and active interest.

The European Bluegrass Summit is a conference facilitated by EBMA and in line with EBMA's mission to work together to support Bluegrass music across borders.

After the success and positive feedback from the first years, the event has become a highlight of the European Bluegrass Music Association's agenda. The event is fully supported by IBMA as a major and effective tool to bring the scene together more closely and to find ways to fulfill the goals set at the previous meetings.

Let's celebrate and move Bluegrass Music in Europe again, in 2012!

For the 4th consecutive time the City of Bühl will host this summit. And for the 1st time, the German Bluegrass Music Association is the host of Saturday's concert featuring Strictly Bluegrass from Munich, and Bluegrass Cwrkot from the Czech Republic to celebrate what the European Bluegrass scene has to offer. Summit participants are invited to the concert offered by GBMA.

Who should attend

The summit is open to all, professionals and non-professionals, members and non-members of the European or other national associations, who think they may benefit from sharing ideas and best practices with like-minded people doing similar work in other countries.

This includes fans, musicians, promoters, journalists, webmasters, national association reps and anyone else with a personal, professional or organisational interest in Bluegrass in Europe.

REGISTER ONLINE **NOW TO PARTICIPATE AND TO RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATION:**

→ WWW.EBMA.ORG/EBS

Summit Programme

Friday, 2nd March 2012

(programme subject to changes)

	Rest. Deutscher Kaiser Bühlertalstraße 16, 77815 Bühl
16:00	EBMA Board meeting
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Official Opening of summit Welcome Outline aims of the Summit Registration for workgroups
20:30	Jam Session Open end...

Saturday, 3rd March 2012

Summit Meeting Location Friedrichsbau, Friedrichsstrasse 2 D-77815 Bühl	
09:00	Opening of conference Open discussion session and reports from 2011
10:45	Refreshment break
11:15	Work group sessions I
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Work group sessions II
15:30	Coffee Break
16:00	Work group sessions III
17:00	GBMA AGM (members only)
	Free time for other delegates to network and talk
	or continue work group session

18:00 Dinner break (convene yourselves)

**Venue of concert:
Bürgerhaus Neuer Markt
Europaplatz 1, D-77815 Bühl**

20:00 Bluegrass Concert with Strictly Bluegrass (D), and Bluegrass Cwrkot (CZ)

Sunday, 4th March 2012

Friedrichsbau	
09:00	EBMA AGM (members only)
	Free time for other delegates to network and talk
09:45	Coffee break
10:00	Work group sessions IV
	Closing session, define actions for next twelve months.
11:00	How can we help Bluegrass Music in Europe?
	Short presentation (max 15min) of each work group, display action plan and indicate where additional help or reflection is needed.
12:30	Closing Forum - Discussion – quick final round.
13:30	Summit close

What if you finalised discussing in a group?

If one topic is closed before the end of the conference, additional sessions can be used to join another group or start on an additional topic.

GROUP SESSION TOPICS 2012

Previous summits

The first summit, held in 2009, brought 40 people together for the first time and reinforced the desire to work together. At the second summit in 2010, a certain number of key issues were identified for further work. EBMA moved forward in 2010 with some of the topics and identified some more topics for 2011. Those outcomes again were taken through some process through the year and brought to specific results. Here are some of the projects and products resulting from previous summits:

- Festival Network (launched spring 2011)
- Pioneers & Personality awards (to be launched)
- Touring the US white paper (online)
- Organising jam sessions white paper (online)
- festival guide to be published spring 2012

Topics for group sessions in 2012

The group sessions are essential forums for interested parties to exchange best practices and ideas on the subjects in question. The EBMA board defined the following hotspots for discussion in 2012:

- EFN, EBMA Festival Network, how the networking festivals would like their festivals to be covered in Bluegrass Europe.
- BLUEGRASS EUROPE: meeting for (extended) editorial team for magazine
- A task force on a kids workshop
- Building a Network for National Reps.
- Organising workshops for music teachers and workshop organisers
- Approaches for teaching Bluegrass in the schools

Other Topics

Other topics may be identified at the start of the summit and discussed subject to participation levels and structure of participants. For example if a number of band leaders decide to discuss building a **network for (touring) bands**, this is the place to do it.

LOGISTIC INFORMATION

Accommodation

A number of rooms have been reserved in the **Hotel „Am Froschbächel“ Tagungshotel** at a conference rate (single: €51.50, double €72.50, per night). Call: +49-7223 8085-0 and **refer** to EBMA **before 20th January 2012, or send E-mail to admin@ebma.org**.

Other nearby hotels for indiv. reservations

- Deutscher Kaiser (cheapest rates, 26 rooms) 0049-7223 2349-7
- Hotel Badischer Hof 0049-7223 9335-0
- Hotel Grüne Bettlad 0049-7223 9313-0
- Hotel Sternen Bühl 0049-7223 9865-0

Travel

To help you make your arrangements here are links to the local airports and bus services:

- rail shuttle **from Strasbourg airport** to the central station where there are onward connections to Bühl:
www.strasbourg.aeroport.fr/E/navette_train.php
- bus to Baden-Baden station **from Karlsruhe-Baden airport**:
http://www.badenairpark.de/sub_airport/index-en.html

Other useful information

- **Meal and jam session** on Friday night are arranged for in the Deutscher Kaiser, Bühlertalstraße 16, 77815 Bühl (as in 2011).
- **Teas, coffees and lunches** will be available for purchase in the Civic Centre.

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