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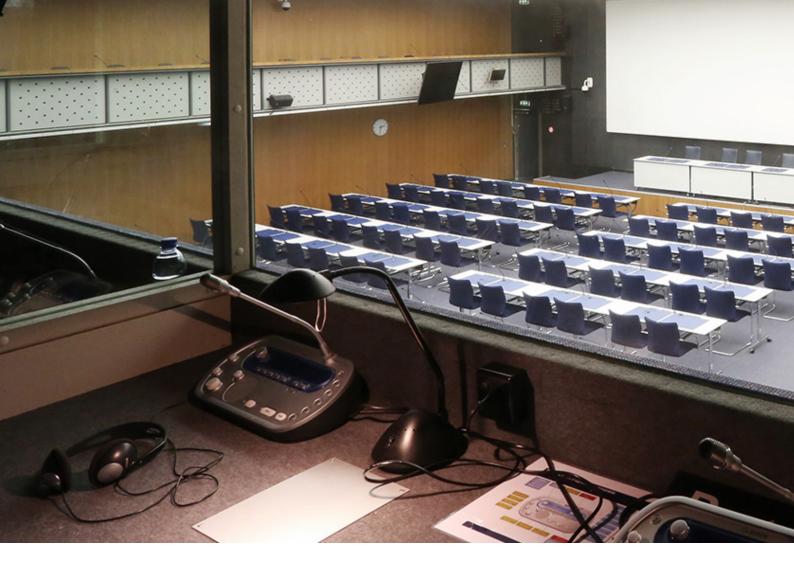
Conference Hall Rentals

UPU | UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

The Universal Postal Union is the United Nations specialized agency for the postal sector. Its conference centre is equipped with the latest technology, including ready-to-use interpretation facilities.

The UPU is in a prime location, close to the motorway network (Bern-Ostring exit) and the main train station (seven stops on the tram).

Our catering service offers a wide range of dining and reception possibilities for up to 400 people, including standing buffets and sit-down meals in our restaurant, with its stunning view of the Alps.

Heinrich von Stephan Hall

Ernst Heinrich Wilhelm von Stephan (1831–1897) was a General Director of Posts for the German Empire who reorganized Germany's postal service.

He was the key figure in the founding of the Universal Postal Union in 1874, and in 1877 introduced the telephone to Germany.

250 seats
in classroom style

10
interpretation booths

Surface area
350 m²

Climate neutral
No

Room height
5.3 m

Accessibility
Yes

Daylight
No

Montgomery Blair Hall

Montgomery Blair was Postmaster General of the United States of America from 1861 to 1864. He oversaw the introduction of money orders, free delivery, and railway mail, and was a key figure in the creation of the UPU.

He proposed the 1863 Paris Congress, where representatives of 15 countries gathered to discuss the possibility of a universal postal system.

130 seats in classroom style	**7 interpretation booths**	**Surface area** 275 m²	**Room height** 2.7 m
	Accessibility Yes	**Daylight** Yes	**Climate neutral** No

Montgomery Blair Hall can be divided to accommodate smaller meetings with up to 63 seats in classroom style with interpretation options as follows:

Montgomery Blair A

63 seats
in classroom style

3 interpretation booths

Surface area 137 m²

Accessibility Yes

Montgomery Blair B

63 seats
in classroom style

4 interpretation booths

Surface area 137 m²

Accessibility Yes

Abubakar Argungu Room

Alhaji Abubakar Musa Argungu
was Postmaster General of Nigeria
and Chairman of the UPU Council of
Administration's Finance Committee.

He died in the Bellview plane crash
at Lisa Village, Ogun State, Nigeria on
22 October 2005.

50 seats
(U-shape)

5
interpretation booths

Surface area
160 m^2

Room
height
2.7 m

Accessibility
Yes

Daylight
Yes

Climate
neutral
No

Beat
Fischer
Room

Beat Fischer von Reichenbach was the founder of the post office in the Republic of Berne. In 1675, he was granted a 25-year licence by the Bernese state to operate a post and courier service.

He expanded the Bernese Post to make it one of the fastest postal services in Europe, and, in 1680, was awarded a knighthood by Emperor Leopold I of the Holy Roman Empire.

60 seats in classroom or U-shape style or **200 seats** in theatre style	**300 persons** reception or **80 seats** banquet	**5 interpretation booths**	**Surface area 160 m²**	**Room height 2.7 m**
		Accessibility Yes	**Daylight Yes**	**Climate neutral No**

Thurn
und Taxis

Throughout the 16th century, the **Thurn und Taxis** dynasty was the imperial courier of the Holy Roman Empire and in the Spanish Netherlands, Spain and Burgundy.

Thurn und Taxis developed an international postal service which could "convey private correspondence and individuals against suitable payment".

40 seats
(U-shape)

Surface area 80 m²

Room height 2.3 m

Henri Péquet

Henri Péquet was the pilot of the first official airmail flight on 18 February 1911. The 23-year-old Frenchman, in India for an airshow, delivered some 6,500 letters when he flew from an Allahabad polo field to Naini, about 10 km away. He flew a 50 hp (37 kW) Humber-Sommer biplane and completed the journey in 13 minutes.

The letters were postmarked "First Aerial Post, U.P. Exhibition Allahabad 1911".

20 seats
(U-shape)

Surface area 40 m²

Room height 2.6 m

Philatelic Area

20 seats
(U-shape)

Surface area 40 m2

Room height 2.3 m

Attique

20 seats
in theatre style

or

15 seats
(U-shape)

Surface area 40 m²

Room height 2.7 m

St. Exupéry

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, born in 1900, who disappeared in flight on 31 July 1944 off Marseille, was a French writer, poet, aviator and reporter.

He became a pilot during his military service in 1922 and was hired in 1926 by the company Latécoère (later Aéropostale). He flew mail from Toulouse to Senegal, and then moved to work in Argentina in 1929.

25 seats
in theatre style

or

18 seats
(U-shape)

Surface area 40 m²

Room height 2.3 m

Anyone who has ever visited the UPU International Bureau will probably have noticed the beautiful works of art throughout the building, presented by member countries.

The UPU would be pleased to offer your meeting participants a peek into the international postal sector with a **guided tour** of the building.

In additional to the conference centre options, we offer the opportunity to rent our meeting room foyer for exhibitions, coffee breaks and standing buffets, or the **reception hall** for exhibitions, standing buffets, receptions and gala dinners.

Our in-house **print shop**, with its state-of-the-art printing equipment, along with our **graphic art unit**, offer services to help make your event a success.

Technical know-how

The UPU regularly organizes international conferences as part of its own activities.

Your seminars and conferences – be they international, national or local – can benefit from this know-how.

Modern technology

HD projectors, giant screens

Interpretation facilities with permanent booths

Free Wi-Fi access

Catering

Our international catering team offers a wide range of services, including coffee breaks, cocktail receptions, standing buffets, sit-down meals and gala dinners.

Print shop and graphic art unit

In-house print shop with state-of-the-art printing equipment

Graphic art unit with talented designers