

January 2010

Dear colleagues,

We look forward to welcoming you later in the week; here is information that might be helpful before you travel:

The conference venue is Hotel Ciutat de Castelldefels, Paseo de la Marina, 212, Castelldefels, BARCELONA
<http://www.hotelciudaddecastelldefels.com/eng/location.htm>.

TRAVEL - Airport to the Barcelona Zoo:

- By taxi (between 25-30 euros). Ask for Prim Entrance at the Zoo (inside Ciutadella Park).
- By train: Take the train (RENFE) at Terminal 2 (T2) to Barcelona (all trains leaving T2 go to Barcelona downtown). Ticket is 3 euros. Get off the train at Sants Estación. There look for the Metro. You must take line 1 (red) direction to Fondo. Get off at Arc de Triomf (remember to keep your tickets, you may need them to go out of the station). Once at Arc de Triomf, you have to walk all the way down of Paseo Picasso (walking under Arc de Triomf). At the end of that avenue there is Ciutadella Park. Cross the park straight and at the end there is the Zoo gate.

TRAVEL - Airport to Conference Venue (Hotel Ciutat de Castelldefels):

- From the airport, you can take a taxi (20-25 euros). You can also take the train (RENFE) at Terminal 2 (T2) to Barcelona. Step down at Sants Estació. There you have to take another RENFE train (Line C2) direction Sant Vicenç de Calders or Castelldefels. Get off the train at Castelldefels Platja. From there you have 10 min walk to the Conference Hotel (Ciutat de Castelldefels). If you get lost, you can call the hotel: +34 93 665 1900.

TRAVEL - Conference Venue (Hotel Ciutat de Castelldefels) to Barcelona Zoo:

- Take the train (RENFE) to Sants Estació and from there take the Metro line 1 (red) direction Fondo. From here follow the instruction given above.

Arrangements for the zoo visit & icebreaker:

- On Thursday 28 January, you can enter the zoo anytime from 10 am - 5 pm. At the entrance gate say your name and indicate you are attending the Conference.
- Icebreaker starts at 6 pm; around 5 pm there is a visit to the zoo commissary. If you enter the zoo after 5 pm, the gates will be closed. There is a doorbell next to the small gate on your right. Once inside, there will be signs or a person to point you the way to the Icebreaker location.
- Once the icebreaker is finished, you have to take the metro back to Sants Estació. There you should take the train (line C2) to Sant Vicenç de Calders (usually Platform 9). Remember to buy a ticket (1,60 euros), and keep it until the end of the trip. Get off the train at Castelldefels Platja. From there you have 10 min walk to the Conference Venue.
- If you visit the city after the icebreaker, remember that the last train is at 11 pm (metro is open until 12 pm). If you take a taxi to the hotel, after 8 pm there is the night rate (10% more expensive). The official tourism website of Barcelona www.barcelonaturisme.com gives more details on what to do and see in Barcelona.

Conference Programme (final schedule is attached as separate document):

- Invited speakers aside, each talk will last 12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions. All presentations should be prepared as single files using PowerPoint (version 2003). We can accommodate Mac users but must be informed well in advance and expect you to have the necessary adaptor for connecting to the beam projector.
- Posters should be prepared in portrait format that should not exceed A0 dimensions, that is 85 cm (width) × 130 cm (height). Materials for mounting posters will be available. Poster presenters will be responsible for putting up and removing their posters. We ask that you put up all posters at the beginning of the conference (9am, Friday). All posters must be removed by 5pm, Sunday, or they will be discarded.
- Brief commercial presentations are scheduled during breaks in the scientific programme.

And finally...

- Wireless connection at the hotel will be free for all participants (login provided upon registration).
- Don't forget your donations for the silent auction!
- Contact Information for last-minute queries - helena.marques@conzoolting.com or +34 626 666 489 (Helena).

Best regards,
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