

CONGRESS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Here you are some useful information in relation with the forthcoming XXIII Congress of IFATCC.

Congress Informations

Conference Venue

XXIII IFATCC conference will be held **between 08 – 10 May 2013 in the Hotel “Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget****”** Budapest, Hungary. (H-1138 Margitsziget/ Margaret Island Budapest). The venue is equipped with a complete range of conference facilities. The entrance into the building is via the main gate at the Danube site The Danube flows North to South. The hotel is situated on a green island in the middle of the city, between the Margit and Árpád Bridges. The hotel is located near the Árpád Bridge, the northern end of the island. The hotel reception will be at your service to find the easiest way to get into the city. (see the map with Conference venue and hotel locations on the conference website).

<http://www.ifatcc2013.mke.org.hu>

Registration office - **Lobby** (Entrance from River side)

Registration office opening hours:

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| Tuesday 7 2013 | 14.00-19.00 |
| Wednesday 8 May 2013 | 8.00-16.00 |
| Thursday 9 May 2013 | 8.00-19.00 |
| Friday 10 May 2013 | 8.00-17.00 |

Exhibition Area - **foreground of Jazmin I-II Room**

Tuesday 7 May 2013

- 14.00 -15.00** Lunch of the IFATCC Delegates Council - Széchenyi Restaurant Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget
- 15.00-17.00** Delegates Council Meeting of IFAtCC - **Ybl Room** Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget
- 14.00-19.00** Registration of the XXIII IFATCC Congress – **Lobby** at the main entrance of Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget
- 18.00-19.00** Poster Arrangement
- 19.00-21.00** Welcome Party – **Platan Restaurant** - Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget

Wednesday 8 May 2013

- 08.00 -9.00** Registration and Poster Arrangement
- 09.00 - 9.30** Opening Ceremony – **Star Auditorium**
- 09.30 -10.30** Plenary Session - **Star Auditorium**
- 10.30-11.00** Coffee Break – **foreground of Jazmin I-II Room**

- 11.00-12.30** Plenary Session - **Star Auditorium**
12.30- 14.00 Lunch - **Platan Restaurant**
14.00- 15.30 Poster Session- **Jazmin I Room**
16.00-23.00 Excursion to Visegrad and Gala Dinner

Thursday 9 May 2013

- 08.00-8.30** Registration
08.30-10.30 Plenary Session - **Star Auditorium**
10.30-11.00 Coffee Break – **Foreground of Jazmin I-II Room**
11.00-12.30 Plenary Session - **Star Auditorium**
12.30- 14.00 Lunch - **Platan Restaurant**
14.00-15.20 Session I **Star Auditorium** - Session II **Jazmin II Room,** - Session III **Magnolia Room**
15.20-15.50 Coffee Break – **Foreground of Jazmin I-II Room**
15.50-17.10 Session I **Star Auditorium** - Session II **Jazmin II Room,** - Session III **Magnolia Room**
17.10-18.40 Poster Session - **Jazmin I Room**
20.00- Organ Concert in the St Anna Church

Friday 10 May 2013

- 08.00 - 8.30** Registration
08.30-10.00 Plenary Session - **Star Auditorium**
10.00-10.30 Coffee Break – **Foreground of Jazmin I-II Room**
10.30-11.30 Plenary Session - **Star Auditorium**
11.30- 13.00 Lunch - **Platan Restaurant**
13.00-14.00 Session I **Star Auditorium** - Session II **Jazmin II Room** - Session III **Magnolia Room**
14.00-14.30 Coffe Break – **Foreground of Jazmin I-II Room**
14.30-15.30 Session I **Star Auditorium** - Session II **Jazmin II Room** - Session III **Magnolia Room**
15.30-16.15 Closing Ceremony – Awards
Announcement of XXIV Congress of IFATCC - **Star Auditorium**
Poster withdrawal

Uploading of the oral presentations:

Authors of plenary and oral presentations are kindly requested to upload the presentation file to the PC installed in each lecture hall at last on the day before if the presentation is in the morning session or on the day of the presentation between 7:30 and 8:30 AM or in the 30 minutes following the last oral presentation of that day. At least one technician will be available in the lecture halls in the above-mentioned time periods.

Poster session: Posters assigned with a code should be placed on the corresponding display boards. Posters will be on display during the entire conference. The poster display area (board) is 1.20 m high and 0.90 m wide. (Drawing) pins in order to fix the posters are available at the Registration Desk. The use of Scotch® is not allowed as it would damage the boards.

Internet access: Free **WIFI** Internet access will be ensured in lobby of Hotel.

Language: The official language of the conference is English.

Excursion: Those participants and accompanying persons who registered to attend and paid the fee of the excursion and Gala Dinner could participate on the event.

TIMETABLE OF SOCIAL PROGRAM

Welcome Party: Tuesday 7 May 2013 19.00-21.00 at Platan Restaurant.

Excursion to Visegrád: Wednesday 8 May 2013 from. 16.00 – 23:00

Buses departure at 16:00 from the main entrance of **Hotel “Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget*****”** return by Budapest Riverboat on Danube River. The riverboat will stop at Margaret Island next to the Hotel and cruising will be finished at Batthany Square.

Budapest Guided Tour for *accompanying persons*: Thursday 9 May 2013 bus start from the the main entrance of **Hotel “Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget*****”** at 10.00

Concert: Thursday 9 May 2013. 20:00-, at St Anna Church (1011 Budapest, Batthyány square 7).

General Informations

Arrival by air

All participants arriving at ‘Liszt Ferenc’ International Airport are advised to take the airport shuttle minibus to their hotels; this is the least expensive and most reliable service. You can find information about the Airport Shuttle Minibus (LRI) service on the following link: <http://www.airportshuttle.hu/en>

Metropolitan bus No. 200E (<http://www.bkv.hu/busz/200evissza.pdf>) also leaves from the terminal building for Kőbánya-Kispest station, where you may take metro line No. 3 (blue line) to the centre of the city and Árpád Bridge, after change to Bus No. 26 to Margaret island

A high quality and fair passenger carrier service is running at Liszt Ferenc Airport, <http://fotaxi.eu/?Language=en#main-menu> whose fares are defined and limited by zones. Efficient and simple taxi ordering procedure characterizes this taxi company. The price is appr. 20-25 Eur form Airport to Pest or Buda side. Please avoid private taxis and order your car on phone whenever possible. The average waiting time is about 10 minutes.

Arrival by train

There are 3 major international railway stations in Budapest (Déli pu., Keleti pu. and Nyugati pu.), located in the city centre and within easy reach of the hotels or the Congress Center either by public transport or by taxi. See the following link about railway services:

(<http://www.mav.hu/english/index.php>)

Arrival by car

Budapest can be reached by car on motorways M1, M3, M5 and M7. Drivers should be aware that there is a zero tolerance of blood alcohol level while driving in Hungary. Parking is available at an open air parking area at the congress venue, the fee can pay t. Parking in the city centre is subject to fees.

Local transportation in Budapest

Public transport in the city is well organized. Tickets must be purchased in advance at metro stations or tobacco shops. During the XXIII IFATCC Congres, single tickets or **Budapest Cards** (free public transport, free sightseeing tour and other great discounts) will be available at the Registration Desk of the conference.

Whenever you change vehicle, validate. One-day, three-day and weekly travel cards allowing free travel on all means of transportation within the administrative boundary of Budapest can be bought at each metro station for 1650 HUF, 4150 HUF and 4950 HUF, respectively. EU citizens over 65 years are allowed to travel for free on the vehicles of the public transport.

Taxis

We advise if you to take a taxi, <http://fotaxi.eu/?Language=en#main-menu> whose fares are defined and limited by zones. Efficient and simple taxi ordering procedure characterizes this taxi company. The price is appr. 20-25 Eur form Airport to Pest or Buda side. Please avoid private taxis and order your car on phone whenever possible. The average waiting time is about 10 minutes. It is customary to give a tip of 10% over the amount of the bill at restaurants and in taxis. During the conference do not hesitate to call a taxi through the Hungarian Chemical Society at the Registration Desk.

Currency, exchange, credit cards

The official currency in Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF). Exchange facilities are offered to participants at the airport, in hotels, at the exchange desk of the banks at around the daily rate indicated by the Hungarian National Bank. American Express, Visa, Diners, Eurocard, Master Card and JCB Card are accepted in hotels, first class restaurants and city stores, but you should ask or look for the logo before ordering a service. Money can be withdrawn from ATMs.

Shopping hours

The usual shopping hours in Budapest are from 10:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m., in big shopping centers around the city up to 21:00 p.m. For further information please contact the Registration Desk.

Meals, lunch, refreshments

Coffee/Tea during the coffee breaks and lunch will be available free for the **Registered Full Participants** within the conference area. **Vegetarian meal** will be also served for those who indicate this need to Ms. Beatrix Schenker (info@ifatcc2013-budapest.hu before 30 April 2013).

Insurance

The Organizing Committee can not assume responsibility for injuries or losses occurring to persons or personal belongings during the conference. Participants are therefore advised to travel with a valid insurance package.

Electricity supply

In Hungary, electricity is supplied at 230 V, 50 Hz. The 2-pin connecting plug is different from that used in some other countries, e.g. the USA, the UK and Japan.

Smoking

Smoking is NOT permitted inside the Congress area or at the venues for the social functions. Smokers are required to smoke outdoors in the designated area.

Weather

In consequence of Hungary's continental climate, the beginning of May can be considered spring. The average temperature is 18-25 °C during the day and 10-18 °C at night. The humidity is not so high, but rainy days may be expected.