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ATLAS Week 2017 9 - 13 October 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia

1 Welcome

Welcome to the ATLAS Week in Bratislava, 9–13 October 2017. On behalf of the organizers from the *Institute of Experimental Physics, SAS Košice* and *Faculty of Mathematics*, *Physics and Informatics, Comenius University Bratislava* we wish you a pleasant stay in Slovakia and productive collaboration week.

This bulletin contains introductory practical information about Bratislava, including personal suggestions which places to see and visit. More detailed info could be found on the Bratislava Tourist Board web page.

2 Scientific Program

The agenda of the ATLAS Week (AW) 2017 can be found on indico under ATLAS Meetings

-> ATLAS Collaboration Weeks

-> ATLAS Week (Bratislava)

or directly: https://indico.cern.ch/event/558932/

3 Organization

Members of the local organizing committee are S. Tokár, D. Bruncko, P. Stríženec, I. Sýkora and T. Ženiš.

Please contact aw2017@dnp.fmph.uniba.sk for any questions. In urgent cases, feel free to call $+421\,910\,933250$ (S. Tokár) or $+41\,754\,115366$ (P. Stríženec).

The home page for the ATLAS Week 2017 in Bratislava can be reached here:

http://aw2017.dnp.fmph.uniba.sk/

4 Place

The AW 2017 will be held in *Crowne Plaza Hotel*, located close to the Old Town, see location on Google maps.

5 Local Transportation

Bratislava has a very good network of public transport (trams and buses). Detailed information on the public city transport (in Slovak: MHD for "mestská hromadná doprava", an analogue to TPG in Geneva) in Bratislava is at:

http://imhd.sk/ba/public-transport

Tickets for public transport need to be bought <u>before you enter</u> the bus, price is 0.7 €for 15-minute ticket and 0.9 €for 30-minute ticket. Tickets could be obtained in an orange ticket vendor machine located on most of the stops. Most of them accept euro-coins only, few newer ones (at the airport, train and intercity bus stations) also accept payment by credit or debit cards. During working hours tickets are available also in newspaper kiosks. You need to validate the ticket when you enter the bus (ticket time starts from the moment of validation).

The conference site has an excellent location in the city center and many attractions including the Old Town are within walking distance.

If you plan to use a taxi, we recommend to use either a mobile application (Uber, Hopin, Liftago taxi, Taxify) or to call a taxi cab by phone (recommended taxi telephone numbers are +421 2 16222, +421 2 16300, +421 2 16777, +421 2 18158, +421 903 646179). Taking a taxi on stands (Airport, train station, intercity bus station, or anywhere else) is not recommended in general, and if you really need to take taxi urgently feel free to negotiate your total fare with the driver in advance, being aware of an intense competition among taxi companies. Regular hotel taxi is available and convenient, possibly with inflated rates.

Taxi prices should be from $0.60-1.00 \in \text{per km}$ (when ordered by telephone) to $1-1.5 \in \text{per km}$ (when hailed in the street or a taxi stand), plus there is a universal $1.70-3.20 \in \text{starting fee}$.

6 Accommodation access

For the recommended hotels, we propose:

• Crown Plaza, Austria Trend
If arriving from the Vienna Airport by bus, exit at the stop "Most SNP" (Most SNP is a bridge over Danube, the stop is right under the bridge) and then take a

tram number 4 going in the direction of "Zlaté Piesky" along the Danube River promenade. Many, if not all, carriages use English voice recordings announcing the next stop.. The third stop "Poštová-Martinus" is a three minute walk from Crown Plaza Hotel which you can see on your left side in the direction of travel. You have to walk around the building since the main guest entrance is from the opposite side. See the tram departure schedule. There are also taxi available at the "Most SNP" stop.

After exiting the airport bus other possibility is to leave bridge Most SNP on foot and enjoy a 20 minute walk through the Old Town.

If arriving from the Bratislava Airport, take bus number 61 (running every 20 min, travel time to the city center is 25-30 min.), shown in the exact timetable. Change the bus at stop "Trnavské mýto" to trams number 2 or 4 or 8 or 9 (need to use the underpass between the bus and the tram stop) direction "Centrum", or at next stop "Račianské mýto" to trams number 3 or 5 direction "Centrum". In both cases leave the tram at "Poštová-Martinus" stop.

If arriving from the Bratislava Main Train Station, you can use public bus, take bus number 83 (direction "Vyšehradskà") or number 93 (direction "Technopol") and exit at the stop "Hodžovo námestie". It should take app. 5 minutes. The hotel is located 150 m from the bus stop on the opposite site of the road, you can use underground passage to get there.

• Tatra

Instructions are similar to the instructions to Crown Plaza Hotel, up to tram stop "Poštová-Martinus". Approaching Crowne Plaza Hotel from its right side one needs to enter the underpass. Exit the underpass on your right. Tatra Hotel is located along the busy road in front of you about one hundred more metres in the direction away from Crowne Plaza Hotel.

• Ibis

If arriving from the Vienna Airport by bus, we recommend to exit at stop "Bratislava-Einsteinova" and then take a bus number 80 to "Zochova" (second stop). From the Zochova stop walk few metres back and take stairs up to a tram stop. Walk further up towards the castle along the tram line, using the overpass above the busy road. Keep straight and arrive at Zámocká Street and Hotel Ibis in less than ten minutes after leaving the bus stop.

If arriving from the Bratislava Airport, after the bus number 61 (explained above), use the tram number 9 (from "Trnavské mýto") or number 5 (from "Račianske mýto") to the "Kapucínska" stop. The hotel is 150 metres further down the tram line.

7 Social life

The Old Town is a historical picturesque district within walking distance from the conference site. There are many restaurants, musei, galleries, churches and palaces, including the Bratislava Mayor office. It can be approached through a medieval complex Michael's Tower (in Slovak, Michalská veža) built as a series of two gates at right angle to each other for defense purposes against the enemy cannons. The district is car free and has more approaches from the Danube side.

The restaurants in the Old Town are fine, but very tourist oriented, which means slightly inflated prices and "local specialties" are made to be closer to "average tourist taste" rather than to a real local taste.

There are numerous restaurants and pubs of different types on the Obchodná Street behind Crowne Plaza Hotel. For a good beer, we could recommend:

Mestiansky pivovar

located on the side street ("Drevená") of hotel Crowne Plaza.

Zámocký pivovar

located in front of Ibis Hotel.

• Fabrika pub

located not far from the Crowne Plaza Hotel, short walk alongside the presidential castle garden, on Štefánikova Street.

• Slovak pub

located on Obchodná Street. It is also restaurant with specialties made by real local receipts. It is very popular among students.

Dunajský pivovar

located on the boat in the other side of Danube. From Crowne Plaza one can use the tram number 1 or 3 and leave the tram at stop "Sad Janka Král'a", the first stop after crossing the bridge over Danube.

8 Computing

All conference rooms will be equipped with WLAN. There is no PC pool - please bring your own laptop if you need computer access!