

General Information

Registration and Fees

The registration fee entitles delegates to the list of participants, delegate packet, attendance at all sessions, coffee breaks, lunches, and special events, unless an additional fee is noted.

Registration fees should accompany the registration form. Fees are accepted by MasterCard or Visa. Credit card charges will be processed in the U.S. dollar equivalent of the Euro (€) and will appear on your credit card statement at the conversion rate of the day the charges were processed. Official receipts for on-site registration will be issued by mail after the conference. Checks or money orders made payable to IAIA in Euros are also accepted.

IAIA refunds registration fees upon written request received before 26 July 2005. A €50 processing fee is retained. After 26 July no refunds are issued for cancellations or no-shows. Substitutions for paid registrants may be made in writing without financial penalty. Refunds are issued after the conference.

Lunches

Lunches will be served in the Eurest dining hall at the University campus (building #11 on the campus map). The dining hall will be open for the conference participants daily from 11:45 to 14:00. A selection of a minimum of three main dishes (including vegetarian) will be offered. The meal includes one bottled drink (soft drink or beer) and tea/coffee. Any additional beverages must be purchased.

Lunch vouchers, valid for September 28, 29, and 30, are included in the registration fee and will be distributed upon check-in at the registration desk.

DEVCO Day Participants, September 26: Sponsors are limiting this lunch to 100 people. Lunch tickets will be distributed during check-in at the registration desk for the first 100 pre-registered delegates. Delegates who registered after the 100-person maximum are responsible for purchasing their own lunches.

Additional food and beverage facilities: a restaurant (open 10:30–23:00) and self-service café (07:00–18:00) are located in the Eures building. A buffet is available in the college dormitory JIH (15:00–01:00), and Vienna and JAS hotel restaurants are located within 5–10 minutes' walk. People are expected to pay in cash at all these facilities.

Coffee Breaks

Coffee will be served in general areas outside the session rooms.

Conference Party

The conference party takes place at 19:30 on Wednesday, 28 September, at the Monastery restaurant and brewery Strahov.

The conference party is free for registered delegates. The fee for accompanying persons is 30 Euros; please pay at the IAIA registration desk.

The party menu consists of typical Czech meals, including spit-roasted piglets and a variety of salads. Two drinks (beer or wine or soft drinks) and a cup of coffee or tea per person are available to all delegates and paid guests. Additional beverages may be purchased.

About the Monastery

The rustically-styled Monastery is part of the Prague castle area and is located on a hill which overlooks the Prague Castle, the Vltava River, and the historic centre of Prague.

The restaurant seats 500 guests, with a further 150 places available on the summer terrace. A very good beer has always been served in the Monastery restaurant. The first mention of a brewery dates from the turn of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. During the 15th century Hussites Wars, the Monastery was burned down and the brewery was destroyed. Brewing privileges were only renewed in 1515 by the Czech King Vladislav. In 1629 the brewery was entirely closed down by a resolution issued by an Abbot Kaspar of Qeustenberk. The last full reconstruction was completed in the middle of 2001. The brewery has been restored and a restaurant has been set up with its own dark 14° "St. Norbert" beer, named after the founder of the Premonstratensian order. The wine served by the restaurant also comes from the Moravian Premonstratensian cellars and bears the name of the founder of the order – St. Norbert.

How to get to the Monastery by public transport:

Address of the Strahov Monastery: Strahovské nádvoří 302, Praha 1.

The Monastery is within walking distance of the hotel Pyramida (2 minutes). If you are travelling from central Prague, take tram 22 at the stop Národní třída and continue in the direction of the stop Pohorelec. From here the restaurant is just a few steps away—please follow the signs ("IAIA-SEA PARTY, STRAHOV").

You can take trams no. 22 or 23 to get to Pohorelec from other parts of Prague, too.

From the conference venue, take bus number 147 to Dejvická metro station.

General Information

Business Services

The conference facility provides twenty computers with Internet access at reasonable rates. The facility is open during conference hours. Professional photocopying services are also available at the conference site; however, interested parties must contact Ivana Kasparova (kasparova@kostelec.czu.cz) in advance to book a time to make the copies.

Participants List

A list of pre-registered participants is provided in the delegate packet.

Presentation Equipment

All conference rooms are equipped with computers and IBM-compatible PowerPoint facilities. Participants should prepare presentations in Windows 2000/PowerPoint versions to ensure compatible animation schemes.

Presenters should plan to arrive at their sessions early to load their presentations.

Accommodation, Local Transfers and Sightseeing in Prague and the Czech Republic

PragInt Travel Agency is coordinating logistical arrangements for the conference.

Accommodations at selected hotels are available at specially reduced prices for conference delegates. Information on hotels, hotel reservations, transportation, sightseeing, excursions, car rentals and more is available through PragInt. PragInt has compiled a list of attractive sites and trips.

See the PragInt desk at the conference facility for information or for tourism services, or contact PragInt at PragInt Travel Agency, s.r.o.; Prokopova 9; 130 00 Praha 3; Czech Republic. Phone: + 420 221 416 491. Fax: + 420 224 224 246. E-mail contact: sea2005@pragint.cz; www.pragint.cz.

Conference Venue

The IAIA-SEA Prague 2005 conference takes place in the conference center on the Czech University of Agriculture (CUA) campus. Plenary sessions, some concurrent sessions and meetings, the registration desk, and the conference secretariat are located in the Congress Hall and the Study and Information Center (SIC); other sessions take place in nearby buildings.

The university campus is located in Prague-Suchbát, at the Northwest edge of Prague. Address of the CUA: Ceska zemedelska univerzita (Czech University of Agriculture), Kamýcka 129, 160 00 Praha 6 – Suchbát.

Transportation within Prague

Arriving at Prague

Prague's Ruzyne Airport is located 15 km west of the city centre. There is a bank for money exchange (daily 7:00 - 23:00; if you arrive at night, you are advised to change money before you pass through customs), car-rental office and public phones, bar, shops, etc. You can make your way from the airport to our campus by city bus, airport shuttle or taxi.

CSA (Czech airlines) operates from 7:30 to 19:30 an airport shuttle bus from the Airport to Dejvická metro station (which serves also a transportation hub to the conference) and to Namesti Republiky (this stop is the very center of the Prague city). The shuttle costs approximately Kc 60,-.

Even less expensive transport to the Prague city and the conference is offered by bus no. 119, which goes every 15-30 minutes from the airport to the Dejvická metro station (transportation hub to the conference). The bus ticket costs Kc 20,-. The travel time between the airport and Dejvicka is about 30 minutes.

Official airport taxis are plentiful and line up in front of the arrival terminal. If you travel from the Prague Airport directly to the conference venue, advise taxi driver to go directly (i.e., not via Dejvicka) – this whole trip will take 20-25 minutes. Expect to pay about Kc 400,- to Kc 500,- for the 20 minute ride to the Dejvická and up to Kc 800 for ride to the center of Prague.

Travelling to the Conference Venue

The conference venue is located in Suchbátka (the outskirts of Prague 6 district) which can easily be reached within 15-20 minutes by public transport from Dejvická station. Bus no. 107 or bus no. 147 can take you from Dejvicka to a stop called "Česka zemědělská univerzita" (The Czech Agriculture University – CUA). Then you will cross the main street and go to the Conference Center located within the University campus (follow the signs).

City Transport in Prague

Public Transport

The Metro network consists of 3 lines (A, B, C) and IAIA SEA 05 participants are most likely to use mainly A (the green line) which connects the city center with station Dejvicka which the central hub for public transport to the conference venue. All metro lines operate daily from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. Intervals between trains are 2-3 minutes (workday rush hours) and 4-10 minutes (off-peak hours).

Trams and buses operate daily from 4:30 a.m. to 24:00 a.m. and their schedules are located at individual stops.

The Funicular onto Petřín Hill (nearby the Prague Castle Hill) operates daily from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. with traffic intervals from 10 to 15 minutes.

Tickets and Fares

Passengers have to obtain their tickets before boarding the trams, buses or entering the metro system. The ticket is valid only if marked in the validation appliance.

Single tickets that enable transfer between any means of public transport cost Kc 20,- and can be used 75 minutes from validation. These tickets can be bought at most metro stations, hotels, news stands, travel bureaus, department stores, etc. Single tickets can also be bought from the slot machines located at metro stations or near some stops of surface transport.

Short-term tickets include 24-hour ticket (Kc 80,-), 72-hour ticket (Kc 220,-), 7-day/168-hour ticket (Kc 280,-) and 15-day/360-hour ticket (Kc 320,-). These tickets are valid for all the city transport facilities and allow transfers. On such a ticket, owner's name and the date of birth have to be filled in. The ticket is valid from the moment of its marking. These tickets can be bought in the Information Centres of the Prague Information Service (PIS).

Taxi

Taxis can be found in front of hotels (more expensive) and at all the important places. The prices for taxi services must be stated at a noticeable place of the car. Approximate prices in 2005:

- Ride in the district of the capital city of Prague
Kc 23,- — 25,- / 1 km
- Boarding fee Kc 25,- — 35,-
- Waiting Kc 4,- — 5,- / 1 minute

The best cheapest and the best quality service is usually ensured by ordering a taxi from one of the following nonstop taxi dispatching offices:

AAA Taxi (phone 140 14)
Citytaxi (phone 257 257 257)
Halotaxi (phone 244 114 411)
Profitaxi (phone 844 700 800)

You can also easily book a taxi through the conference travel agent PragInt.