

COST Action IC1401 meeting in Krakow

September 21-22, 2017

The MEMOCIS workshop is organized by Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland.

Kraków is the second largest and one of the oldest cities in Poland. Situated on the Vistula River, the city dates back to the 7th century.

Kraków has traditionally been one of the leading centres of Polish academic, cultural, and artistic life and is one of Poland's most important economic hubs. It was the capital of the Kingdom of Poland from 1038 to 1569. The city has grown from a Stone Age settlement to Poland's second most important city. It began as a hamlet on Wawel Hill and was already being reported as a busy trading centre of Slavonic Europe in 965. With the establishment of new universities and cultural venues throughout the 20th century, Kraków reaffirmed its role as a major national academic and artistic centre. The city has a population of approximately 760,000, with approximately 8 million additional people living within a 100 km (62 mi) radius of its main square. In 1978, UNESCO included the entire Old Town and Kraków's Historic Centre in the World Heritage List. Cited as one of Europe's most beautiful cities, its extensive cultural heritage across the epochs of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture includes the Wawel Cathedral and the Royal Castle on the banks of the Vistula river, the St. Mary's Basilica and the largest medieval market square in Europe, the Rynek Główny. Kraków is home to Jagiellonian University founded in 1364, one of the oldest universities in the world and traditionally Poland's most reputable institution of higher education.

Workshop site

The Workshop will be held on September 21-22 in the building of the Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science at the new Campus of the 600th Anniversary of the Jagiellonian University Revival. The building is located at 11 Łojasiewicza Street, Kraków, Poland.

Wi-Fi connectivity (through the eduroam service) is available in the building.

The conference site can be reached by trams 52, 18, 23 and 11 and by bus 194. You should get off at bus/tram stops NORZYMBERSKA or RUCZAJ.

Travel

You can reach Kraków by:

- direct flight
- international train or bus

- flight to Warsaw
- car

Direct flight to Kraków

There is an international airport in Balice in Kraków. Balice has direct connections to many European destinations including Amsterdam, Berlin, Bologna, Birmingham, Bristol, Brussels, Budapest, Cologne/Bonn, Dortmund, Dublin, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Glasgow, Hamburg, Liverpool, London (4 airports), Manchester, Milan, Munich, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rome, Stuttgart, Vienna and Zurich (see current timetable).

<http://www.krakowairport.pl/en/>

The Balice airport is located about 11 km from the city centre. You can reach it by:

- Train: Tickets (8 PLN each) may be purchased on board or from ticket machines in terminal T1 or on board of train. It takes about 17 min to reach Kraków Główny Railway Station.

More information at the airport's website.

- A taxi, which costs approximately 100 PLN
- Public bus number 292 or 208. Tickets (4 PLN each) are available in trafika kiosks at the airport or from ticket machine on the 292 stop; remember to validate (punch) each ticket after boarding the bus. It takes about 35-40 minutes to get to the city centre. The bus stop is located directly at the roundabout, in front of the passenger terminal.

Accommodation

Krakow is very lively and offers many attractions. This is why we advise you to pick an accommodation near the city centre/old town (red oval on the map below). Please, see booking.com - there are many options and also wide price range. Please, book as soon as possible as September is still a very busy tourist season!

The New Campus of the Jagiellonian University is located slightly outside the centre (15-20 minutes tram ride).

