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Information Pack

For 2017, the *Romanian Society for Phenomenology* (http://www.phenomenology.ro) has decided that the Annual Conference will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Transylvania, Romania.

The most important urban center of Transylvania, Cluj-Napoca is situated in the North-Western part of Romania. It is the residence of the Cluj county and the spiritual and economic capital of Transylvania, being a strong academic and medical center, a diversity and multiculturalism pole. For more information about the city, please visit the following web sites: http://wikitravel.org/en/Cluj-Napoca, www.visitcluj.napoca.ro/en or www.primariaclujnapoca.ro/en.

The venue of the congress will be provided by the Babeş-Bolyai University (http://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/), Cluj-Napoca. All scientific activities will take place inside the main building of the University, situated on No. 1 Kogalniceanu Street, and / or other nearby facilities, all at walking distances from one another. The venue is situated right in the city center of Cluj-Napoca.

Cluj-Napoca can be reached in several ways:

•By air: Cluj-Napoca has an international airport which runs direct flights, both regular and charter, from several cities in Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Spain, United Kingdom, France, Greece etc. For further information about these flights please contact a ticketing agency or visit www.airportcluj.ro. You can also arrive in Cluj-Napoca via other cities in Romania, like Bucharest. There are busses (http://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en), trains (http://www.mersultrenurilorcfr.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en) and planes which make these connections.

There is a taxi stand inside the airport. There are about 5 major cab companies: Diesel, Terra & Fan, Pro Rapid, Nova, Pritax, etc. Their cars are all equipped with taximeters and have about the same prices, posted in a visible place outside and inside. A taxi ride from the airport to the center of the city is around 6 euros.

•**By bus**: There are bus companies running regular direct transport to Cluj-Napoca from several European cities (more information on www.atlassib.ro or www.eurolines.ro).

- •By train: Several international trains arrive daily to Cluj-Napoca. For those who prefer to travel by train, there are good connections for these trains in Budapest. You will find more information at http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de.
- •By car: For those traveling by car, you need to know that after passing the Romanian border, you will have to buy a RoVigneta. You can buy it from any gas station, and there is a short term RoVigneta which costs around 3 Euros for 7 days.

You cannot pay directly in Euro, so you will have to change some money if you want to pay cash, but if you have a card like Visa, Mastercard or any other card that works anywhere in Europe, you can use it with no problem, almost at any shop, any gas station, coffee shop and so on. Usually, right near the Romanian border there are PETROM or OMV gas stations. You can purchase the RoVigneta from there.

When arriving in Cluj-Napoca you will need to make your way to the hotel/apartment. The airport and the railway station are located relatively close to the city. You can use either taxis or public transport for getting to the city center.

A few maps of **public transportation** here: http://harti.tramclub.org/ClujE.html. A bus ticket costs 4 lei (less than 1 Euro and you can use one ticket for two journeys/buses). If you have to change the bus, you have to use another half of the ticket. You can buy bus tickets from the small ticket kiosks set up in almost any bus station. More information here: http://ctpcj.ro/index.php/en/.

By **taxi**, the journey time (apart from peak hours) is around 15-20 minutes from the airport to the city center and around 10 minutes from the railway station to the city center.

You should take only taxis which have the following brands: Diesel, Nova, Pritax, Pro Rapid, Terra & Fan. Usually you can find the taxis right in front of the airport/railway station. If you have to call, mind the prefix +40 before the telephone number. The taxi fare is around 2, 25 Ron/km during the day and around 3 Ron/km during the night. Total fare from the airport to the city center is around 20-25 lei/ron (4,50 Euros – 5,63 Euros), and from the railway station to the center the ride should cost around 10 lei (around 2, 25 Euros). Also, if you need a taxi from the hotel, you can always ask at the reception, they will make a call for you.

You will have to choose the **accommodation** by your own. We highly recommend using www.booking.com, as they usually have better offers than the ones on the official sites.

Here are some other options for the accommodation:

http://residence-noemina.clujnapoca-hotels.com

http://clujapartments.ro/s/en/

http://www.zenboutiquehostel.ro/home.php

http://www.retro.ro

http://www.hotelbeyfin.com/site/

http://www.hoteltransilvaniacluj.ro/en/

http://loletlolahotel.ro

http://www.cityhotels.ro

http://vilasiago.ro/home.php

For **breakfast and dinner** there is a large number of restaurants:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g298474-

<u>Cluj Napoca Cluj County Northwest Romania Transylvania.html</u>. Especially for breakfast, we recommend the pasty bistros called Panemar. You can order pizza from Pizza Treponti (http://www.treponti.ro/pizza/), Stele Pizza (http://www.facebook.com/stelepizza#!/photo.php?fbid=176422665706686&set=pu.153610291321257&type=1&theater), Pizza Hut

(https://www.pizzahutdelivery.ro/locatii/cluj-napoca) or Piazzetta (http://www.lapiazzettacluj.ro/).

You can find recommendations for bars, pubs and lounges here:

http://www.likealocalguide.com/cluj-napoca/bars as well as here

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g298474-Activities-c20-

Cluj Napoca Cluj County Northwest Romania Transylvania.html.

We recommend: Cafe Bulgakov (http://cafebulgakov.ro/?lang=ro), Insomnia Cafe

 $(\underline{https://www.facebook.com/insomniacafecluj/}), At elier Cafe (\underline{http://www.atelier-cafe.ro/}), Hard$

Club (https://ro-ro.facebook.com/hardclubclujprofile/), Fabrica de Bere Ursus - a bar in a former brewery (https://www.facebook.com/fabricadebereursus).

Teahouses and coffee shops: Samsara Tea House (https://samsara.ro/en/), Drumul ceaiului (https://samsara.ro/en/), Drumul ceaiului (https://samsara.ro/en/)), Drumul ceaiului (https://samsara.ro/en/)))

For the sweet tooth: Francesca (http://francesca2012.wordpress.com/), Friandise (http://www.cofetariafriandise.ro/).

The **standard time** in Romania is the East European Time (GMT + 2 hours).

Romania's **official currency** is LEU (pl. LEI); 1 LEU has 100 BANI. The international symbol is RON, but the currency is still referred to as LEI. For an updated currency rate visit http://www.bnr.ro/Exchange-rates-1224.aspx (the official site of the National Bank of Romania).

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