



General Information:

Attendance Certificate: All participants will receive an attendance certificate which will be included in the conference documents.

Badges: You will receive a personalized badge when collecting your registration documents. During the Conference this badge must be clearly visible at all times and grants access to the scientific sessions.

Official language: The official language of the congress is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Banks: Official opening hours of banks in Spain are from 8.30 to 14.00 from Monday to Friday, closed in the afternoon. It is possible to change foreign currency into Euros in the main city hotels.

Climate: Barcelona enjoys a Mediterranean climate with mild, sunny winters, warm summers and relatively low rainfall. The average temperatures in July are 20/23°C minimum and 28/30°C maximum. Our sunny summer days are ideal for strolling along the shop lined promenades or sitting out on a restaurant or café terrace.

Credit Cards, Currency and Exchange: all major international credit cards are accepted. Foreign currency and traveler's checks can be exchanged in Spain at banks and foreign exchange offices. Cash-point machines accepting major international credit card and charge cards are available at most banks. The Spanish currency is the Euro.

Electrical power: A 2-pin round adapter is necessary for electrical appliances. The electric current used is 220 volts/50hz.

Entering Spain: Visitors from other European Union member countries may enter Spain using either a passport or their national identity document. Visitors from other countries must have a valid passport and a visa if required. Inquiries regarding visas can be directed to Spanish diplomatic representatives abroad. On request, the Conference Secretariat will be pleased to send letter of invitation to individual scientists. Invitations of this kind are intended to assist potential delegates to raise their travel funds or obtain visas. They do not imply any commitment or responsibility on behalf of the Conference to provide financial support.

Insurance: Delegates are advised to arrange health and accident insurance prior to travelling to the Conference. The Conference Organisers will not assume any responsibility for accidents, losses or damages, as well as for delays or modifications in the programme, caused by unforeseen circumstances. No claims for indemnification from the organisers shall arise for contractors or participants in case of cancellation, for any reason, of the entire Conference.



Public Transport and Car Rental: Barcelona has a good, comprehensive public transport network, with special ten-trip and one, two or three-day tickets valid on bus, metro and local trains. Taxis are abundant. Free parking is very limited in the city centre and car parks are expensive, so car rental is only recommended to use outside the city.

Shopping: Normal trading hours are Monday to Saturday from 9.00 to 13.00 and 16.30 to 20.00; however, in the city centre of Barcelona and shopping malls, many shops stay open all day from 10.00 to 21.00.

Tipping: Service is generally included in restaurant bills. Tips, however, are given to show appreciation of a good meal or special service.

Tourist information: For additional information you may check:
www.bcn.es/turisme/english/turisme/welcome.htm

VAT: There is a variable value added tax (VAT) of 7% to 16% applied to most items and services, but most prices you see will include it. When it is not included, this should be clearly indicated.