



Dear ISME-XI Participants!

Geological Survey of Finland (GTK), Posiva Oy and Aalto University School of Science and Technology are members of the Local Organizing Committee of ISME-XI to be held on 7 and 8 September 2010. We would like to provide you with the following information on the local conditions and arrangements:

Airport transportations

You can conveniently get from the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Hotel Sokos Tapiola Garden (address: **Tapionaukio 3, Espoo**) by Airport Taxi (see rates of Area 1 at http://www.airporttaxi.fi/hinnasto_en.html). You will easily find the Airport Taxi desk near the main exit at the Airport. No pre-booking is needed for transportations from the airport. For the return journey, you can book the Airport Taxi at http://www.airporttaxi.fi/index_airporttaxi_en.html to take you to the Airport. The booking for the return journey needs to be done at least 24 hours before the transportation.

Conference venue and arranged morning transportations for 16 foreign guests

The ISME-XI conference will be held at Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) (**address: Betonimiehenkuja 4, Espoo**). Courtesy of GTK, a minibus with 16 passenger seats has been ordered to drive once from Hotel Sokos Tapiola Garden to GTK, starting at 8:15 on 7 and 8 September. This transportation has enough capacity for our foreign guests who have made the final hotel booking in time. The distance between Hotel Sokos Tapiola Garden and the conference venue is 1.6 km (see maps in the last page).

Registration and registration fee

Registration will take place at GTK lobby on 6 September from 15:00 to 17:00. The registration fee 280 € should preferably be paid beforehand by bank transfer according to instructions at http://www.isme-detec.org/ISME/ISME_registration_fee.pdf. No credit cards will be accepted at the registration desk on 6 September. You will also receive conference abstracts and badges at the registration desk. The Ice-Breaker Party will start at 17:00 at the GTK restaurant next to the lobby. In the meantime, you can visit the adjoining Geo Exhibition and view the ISME conference posters in front of the Sederholm auditorium.

Sederholm auditorium

The technical sessions will take place at Sederholm auditorium, equipped with appropriate sound reproduction. The speakers are encouraged to arrive in good time to have their presentations uploaded to the auditorium laptop.



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**Poster session**

The posters can be hung up already on 6 September in the frames that will be placed in front of Sederholm auditorium. A short and sharp introduction to posters is scheduled on 7 September from 11:40 to 12:00 and the posters will be more thoroughly explained by authors from 13:00 to 13:30 after lunch.

Internet connections at GTK

A dozen internet connections will be arranged for the laptops of the guests in the Graniitti meeting room next to the Sederholm auditorium on 7 and 8 September. To access the Internet, you will have to change the LAN settings of your laptops – instructions will be available in Graniitti.

Conference lunches and refreshments

Lunches are served at the GTK restaurant on both conference days. The lunches include salad, three alternatives for main course (meat / fish or chicken / soup), bread and coffee for dessert. Coffee/tea and snacks will be served in front of the Sederholm auditorium at 15:00 on 7 September and 10:30 & 13:50 on 8 September. The catering above is covered by the registration fee.

Conference dinner

The hosted conference dinner will take place at 20:00 pm on 7 September at Restaurant Panimo on the Suomenlinna island, the historical maritime fortress, which is one of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites. The participants will be transported by bus from GTK to Helsinki Kauppatori harbour where a public ferry leaves at 19:00. About 30-minute guided walk in the surroundings of the maritime fortress will be included (weather permitting) before the dinner. The return ferry will leave at 22:00 and the bus will take you to Hotel Sokos Tapiola Garden. All this is covered by the registration fee. **Please note that likely temperature in the evening is 10–15 °C so you should take appropriate clothing and proper shoes with you, when leaving the hotel in the morning of 7 September.**

I kindly welcome you all to participate in the ISME-XI Conference at GTK, Finland!

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee

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