

Information Package

Annual Event 2009

Venue: Hotel Eden Roc, Sant Feliu de Guixols (Spain)

Date: 5-7 October 2009

The conference will take place in Sant Feliu de Guixols, a small picturesque town on the Spanish Costa Brava, 120 km North of Barcelona and 30 km South East of Girona.



Arrival

Shuttle bus services have been organised from and to Barcelona and Girona airport, according to your arrival and departure data.

Shuttle buses are the easiest and most cost effective way to get participants to the venue. For most participants we managed to arrange shuttle buses, we will let you know in case you will have to arrange alternatives.

The shuttle buses will work according to the list with names we provide the shuttle bus company. As these shuttle buses are 'personalised' and run by an independent company we URGENTLY need you to confirm the information asked for in the e-mail, so that we can ensure the operation runs smoothly with the minimum amount of waiting time at the airport

In case there is a change in your travel plan en-route (delay, missed flight, illness, you have alternative travel plans, etc) and you will not make your shuttle, you **must** contact Marieke (tel: +353 85 1667185).

If you cannot get hold of Marieke on her mobile you can contact the hotel and ask to speak to her: 00 34 972 32 01 00

We will do our best to arrange an alternative solution to help you get to the venue.

From Girona airport

Girona airport is located near the A7 motorway, 10 km away from Girona city centre.

- By shuttle bus

Please send a reply e-mail to Marieke @ marieke@aquatt.ie, providing us with the requested information (phone number & arrival and departure information, see e-mail). After your confirmation, an e-mail with further information will be send to you before Friday October 2.

- By public transport (Only in case you arrive at times there is no shuttlebus service arranged, or as an alternative option)

The flights of Ryanair have a linking bus to Girona centre (the journey takes about 20 minutes) which starts at around 05.00 in the morning.

From Girona station to Sant Feliu:

The TEISA Company buses leave for Sant Feliu approximately every hour (on Sunday every 2 hours), just outside Girona station. Arrival in Sant Feliu de Guixols is at the Monastery Square where you can take a taxi or walk (20 minutes) to the hotel. The bus trip from Girona to San Feliu is about an hour.

TEISA: <http://www.teisa-bus.com/default.asp?c=1>

(Origen: choose Girona. Desti: choose Sant Feliu de Guixols. Select date you are travelling on. Click on "Cercar horaris").

From Barcelona airport

- **By shuttle bus**

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From the airport, take the train to Arc de Triomph/Estacio Nord. From Barcelona Estacio Nord (Ali-bei street 80), the SARFA bus company travels to Sant Feliu de Guixols, to the "Carrer Llibertat" - "Carretera de Girona" junction. The buses are scheduled about every hour and cost EUR 12 one way. The trip takes about 2 hours. It is about a 20 minute walk from the bus station in Sant Feliu to the hotel. You can also take a taxi from the bus station to the hotel (price is about EUR 5).

SARFA: <http://www.sarfa.com/>

(Look for "Servicio interurbano – Buscador de origen-destino". Then next screen (Buscador de trayectos): origen = Barcelona. Parada origen = Barcelona Estacio del Nord. Parada destino = Sant Feliu Guixols Estacio. Select the date you are travelling on).

By road

Sant Feliu de Guixols can be reached on motorway A7. This motorway should be left at exit 9 if travelling from Barcelona and at exit 7 if travelling from France.

ACESA Catalan highways: <http://www.autopistas.com>

Taxis

Taxi fares from Barcelona to the venue, and vice versa, are NOT considered as allowable travel costs, and will not be reimbursed.

Taxi fares from Girona , and vice versa, may be reimbursed when necessary but participants should let us know if they are taking this option rather than the shuttle bus.

Venue information (hotel & meeting venue are the same)

Hotel Eden Roc

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Just 1 km from Sant Feliu de Guixols, Hotel Eden Roc is located in an unrivalled and peaceful peninsula, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Meeting venue and hotel are at the same location. The hotel has an established conference centre (e.g. meetings of the European Science Foundation (ESF) are held on a regular basis).

The hotel has outdoor and indoor swimming pools, sauna, Jacuzzi, small fitness centre, billiard and it is also possible to hire bicycles. Other possibilities are windsurfing, snorkeling, scuba-diving and skin-diving.

For brief consultations, internet is accessible from the lobby of the hotel and from the computer in the conference room. For extensive work or research via internet, conferees are kindly requested to bring their own laptop along. Wireless access is available from the entrance hall and the bar area of the hotel as well as in the conference room.

Rates are 88 euro (single) and 144 euro (double) daily including all meals. The hotel accepts the following credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Mastercard and Visa. It is also possible to cash travellers' cheques and exchange currency at the hotel.

Participants will need to pay for their own accommodation and will be reimbursed after the event.

Annual meeting

Registration

On Monday morning October 5th, between 9.30 – 14.00hrs, participants should register with the AQUA-TNET Secretariat, sign the attendance list and collect their name badges.

Lunch & Coffee Breaks

During the event lunch & coffee breaks will be provided in the Conference Centre.

Dinner

On Monday and Tuesday night there will be a group dinner in the hotel.

Welcome drink

Monday evening October 5th there will be a welcome drink in the Conference Centre

Contact Persons

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Miscellaneous

Reimbursement

Subsistence and Travel costs will be covered for eligible participants (members of an AQUA-TNET Institution). Reimbursement will be made after the meeting following submission and approval of receipts sent to the overall network coordinator, Ghent University.

Participants should keep proof of all their expenses, including boarding passes, to get their expenses reimbursed. For rules and procedures regarding claiming your expenses for this meeting, we refer to the document “AQUA-TNET2 – Reimbursement of T&S_rules and procedures” that has been sent to you previously. Further explanations will also be given during the meeting.

Dissemination Forum

If you have any information you would like to distribute e.g. flyers, leaflets, posters, etc; please bring them along with you as there will be a dissemination table available at the Event where you will be able to leave your material.

Facts for the traveller

Electricity supply	220v 50Hz AC
Time GMT/UTC	plus one hour
Weights & measures	metric
Currency	Euro (EUR)

Calling Spain

The international dialling code to Spain is 34. Since 1998, a 9 has been inserted before the area code, which has to be dialled when calling from abroad as well as when calling within Spain. For example: +34 972 320 100 when telephoning from abroad; 972 320 100 when calling from within Spain.

Local information

The shops in Sant Feliu de Guixols are open daily, including Sundays from 09.00 to 13.00 and from 17.00 to 21.30 hours. Some shops are closed on Mondays. There is an open air market in the town, which dates back to the XVth Century, held every Sunday morning in the Plaça de Espanya and Passeig de Mar. The shops are also located around this quarter. Several banks as well as cash dispensers are to be found in town.

Places of interest in the area:

- the Cap Roig botanical garden, overlooking the sea
- the Faro San Sebastian with its panoramic view of the whole Costa Brava and the medieval village of Pals
- Girona, the capital of the province, which was founded 3000 years ago by the Iberians, with its Cathedral, Arabian baths and old quarter

- the medieval town of Besalu
- the panoramic route to Tossa de Mar and the fortified town Vila Vella
- at Figueres is the well known Dali museum, designed by the artist himself before his death, and located in the ancient municipal theatre which was restored in 1966. Multitudes of objects, paintings, decorations make this place the “gigantic surrealist object” Dali described it as, and not a museum. Also in the museum are paintings by other artists: Pitxot, Duchamp, Fortuny.

Salvador Dali museum: <http://www.salvador-dali.org/>

An introduction to Barcelona: <http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/>

A guide of Catalonia & the Costa Brava: <http://www.publintur.es/>