Dear colleagues, participants and friends

First HOPE WG4 meeting will be held in Zagreb from 18th to 20th of June 2015.

VENUE

Your arrival in Zagreb will most likely take place via the local airport named Pleso (IATA code ZAG). This location will also present you with an opportunity to make currency exchange because Croatia's official currency Kuna (kn) is predominantly used in everyday market transactions (1€=7.5 kn). Accommodation and Thursday activities will be organized in Hotel Dubrovnik located on the main square (the Square of Ban Josip Jelačić) in city. The Conference Price for a participant (even if not registered) per night (in Hotel Dubrovnik) amounts to 90€, plus another 20€ for additional person in a double bedroom.

Now, let me give you a few useful instructions on how to get there (please refer to the map attached below). Hotel Dubrovnik is located in the very centre of Zagreb and is easily accessible from different parts of the city. The Hotel is approximately 0.5 km from Zagreb's Main Railway Station, 1 km from the Main Bus Station and 18 km from the Airport Pleso. Zagreb is well connected by public transport; both trams and buses. A ticket in one direction costs 10 kn and its best to buy tickets at a news stand. A daily ticket costs 30 kn, and it is also possible to buy tickets that last several days. The tram station located at the Square of Ban Josip Jelačić is within seconds walk from the Hotel. Furthermore, there are several taxi companies in Zagreb who offer fairly reasonable prices for their services and you can also order a cab from the lobby of Hotel Dubrovnik which offers a very affordable method for group departures in the direction of Zagreb International Airport.

So, if you are coming to Zagreb by...

...plane

The most comfortable, the most expensive and also the most unexciting way to get from the Airport to the Hotel Dubrovnik is by cab. The price usually ranges from 150 to 200 kn (20-30€). You can take a Croatia Airlines bus as well, which leaves the Airport after each flight's landing, and carries its passengers to the Main Bus Station in mere half an hour, for just 30 kn. If you opt for this method you can then take the tram no. 6 in the direction of Črnomerec. The ride to the Square of Ban Josip Jelačić takes approximately ten minutes. You can find more information on this subject on the website of Zagreb International Airport.

...bus

Getting to the Hotel from the main Bus Station is possible by tram no. 6 in the direction of Črnomerec. The ride to the Square of Ban Josip Jelačić takes approximately ten minutes. You can find the schedule on arrivals and departures of domestic and international buses on the website of the Main Bus Station.

...train

You can get from Zagreb's Main Railway Station to Hotel Dubrovnik easily with the tram no. 6 in the direction of Črnomerec, or the tram no. 13 in the direction of Žitnjak. Hotel Dubrovnik is two stops away from the Station. Croatian Railways (Putnički prijevoz HŽ) website can provide you with more information about schedules on domestic and international travel.

...car

If you are travelling by car, Hotel Dubrovnik has 24-hour secure parking in the street Praška Ulica 7, approximately 100 m from the Hotel. The price of a parking space amounts to 100 kn on a working day and 80 kn during the weekend. For conference purposes 3 parking spaces will be at our disposal. Whatever the direction you arrived from, just follow the traffic tables marked "Zagreb Center". Using a GPS device can be tricky in this case because entrance to the parking is in a pedestrian zone and therefore you have to take follow a tram track to access it (refer to the picture). If you will arrive by car do not hesitate to send me an e-mail for more detailed instructions.

All Thursday (18.06) events are planned at Hotel Dubrovnik: morning MAW meeting, the welcome afternoon session, and dinner.

FRIDAY activities

All Friday activities (morning plenary sessions and afternoon group sessions) will be organized at the University of Zagreb, Zvonimirova 8; a building dedicated to international activities. This building is located only two tram stops from Hotel Dubrovnik and a guided walk/tram/car tour will be organized on Friday morning from the lobby of Hotel Dubrovnik. A detailed program for all Friday sessions will be available to you in a separate document.

SATURDAY activities

Morning activities will be organized at the Physics Department Building of the Faculty of Science, Bijenička 32. Place is just three bus stops from the hotel, and again, a guided tour will be organized in the morning the hotel lobby. After lunch a guided tour through Zagreb will be organized in cooperation with the Student Section of Croatia Physics Society. Several options will be available: a short 1-2 hour escort for people who have arranged an afternoon flight, middle range tour, complete with a museum visit for a people who have arranged a night flight, and finally a half a day of activities arranged for people who have decided to stay in Zagreb until the Saturday night. If you have any suggestions, or would like to see something specific in the city, please refer the information to us and we will make proper adjustments in our plans.





