

COST ES1404 Meeting in Leuven (Belgium) 28/04/2016: Practical information

1) Location

Van Den Heuvelinstituut (VHI) room 03.68
Dekenstraat 2, Leuven

<https://goo.gl/maps/WSaCmTsiV5R2> (map included at the end of the document)

2) How to get to the venue?

- *From Brussels National Airport to Leuven*

There is a train station underneath the airport (Brussel National Airport) having a direct line to Leuven (20 min). However, due to the recent terrorist attacks this station is now still closed. It is not known how long this station will stay closed, but I hope it will be back open by the 28th. For the moment buses drive people for free to the station Zaventem, from which there is also a direct train to Leuven (taking 25 min):

Bus 282 direction Mechelen Brusselpoort (two per hour: xx.13h and xx.43h) to Zaventem station

In Zaventem station take the train direction Leuven (two per hour: xx.25h and xx.56h)

Taxis from Brussels Airport to Leuven will cost approximately 40€.

- *From Brussels-North, -Central, -South railway station to Leuven*

Leuven and Brussels are well connected by train and trains go by frequency of 15 mins (duration: 15-25 min). All trains in these directions have a stop in Leuven: Eupen, Genk, Landen, Luik-Guillemins.

- *From Leuven railway station to the venue*

The venue location is located at approximately 1 km from the main station in Leuven (10 min walk). A map is included at the end of the document indicating the venue and the railway station.

- *From your hotel to the venue*

Leuven has a very small city center. From one side of the city to the other is maximal 2 km and all important locations are on walking distance

3) Hotels (all located at < 1 km from the venue within the city center)

- Begijnhof Congresshotel, Groot Begijnhof 15 (www.bchotel.be), +- €155 per night
- Hotel Binnenhof, Maria Theresiastraat 65 (www.hotelbinnenhof.be), +- €122 per night
- Mercure Leuven Center, Alfons Smetsplein 7 (www.mercure.com), +- €158 per night
- Hotel New Damshire, Schapenstraat 1 (www.hotelnewdamshire.be), +- €122 per night
- La Royale, Martelarenplein 6 (www.laroyale.be), +- €77 per night
- Martin's Klooster, Predikherenstraat 22 (www.martinshotels.com), +- €140 per night
- IBIS Leuven Centrum, Brusselsestraat 52 (www.ibishotel.com), +- €112 per night

4) Information about Leuven

The University of Leuven is among the oldest universities in Western Europe, and today it is the largest university in Belgium. The university buildings are located throughout the city and a lot of

them are located in medieval buildings. Leuven is considered a real 'student' city, having as many students as permanent inhabitants, giving a vibrant atmosphere. This also results in the presence of multiple bars and restaurants.

5) BNCAR symposium in Brussels

Friday the 29th of April a symposium called 'Unlocking a continent: research activities at the Belgian Princess Elisabeth Station, Antarctica 2008-2015', will be held in Brussels. The purpose of the workshop is to give an overview of current Antarctic scientific activities of Belgium, with a particular focus on results from the period 2008-2016 in the vicinity of the Princess Elisabeth Station, Antarctica. The symposium will consist of oral and poster presentations on Antarctic research activities in the wide range of fields of geophysics, glaciology, biology, meteorology, climatology...

More information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bncgg-bncar-antarctica-symposium-tickets-20884873218>

If you would like to attend, let us know on Thursday.

