

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ADVANCED MICRO- AND MESOPOROUS MATERIALS
6-9 September 2007, Varna, Bulgaria**
<http://micro2007.innoslab.com/>

CONFERENCE GUIDE

LOCATION

Festival and Congress Center, Varna

Blvd. Slivnica 2



The Festival and Congress Center in Varna is located on the Black Sea shore, next to the Maritime Park in the very center of the city. It is a multifunctional venue for festivals, conferences, symposia, cinema and theatre performances, concerts, etc. Extended on an area of 4000 sq. m., the Center offers 11 halls with capacity from 50 to 1000 seats, as well as restaurants, and cafe-bars. The symposium sessions will take place in the *Europe hall* (Hall 2) with 250 seats.

HOTELS

All hotels are located in the central part of Varna.

Cherno More Hotel

Phones: + 35952/ 612 235; 612 236; 612 237.

Web-site: <http://www-en.chernomorebg.com/>

Cable internet is available in some of the rooms.

Golden Tulip Hotel (previous name *Business hotel Varna*)

Phone: + 35952/ 683 000.

Web-site: <http://www.goldentulipvarna.com/>

Cable internet is available in the rooms, wireless internet is available in the lounge of the hotel.

Panorama Hotel

Phone: + 35952/ 687 300.

Web-site: <http://www.panoramabg.com/>

Cable internet is available in the rooms, wireless internet is available in the lounge of the hotel.

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PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations

For oral presentations will be provided beamer with laptop with MS PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat. Plenary, keynote and oral presentations (including discussions) are scheduled for 40, 30, and 20 min., respectively. The short oral presentation (5 min.) will be complemented by posters.

Poster presentations

The size of the posters should be about 1.20/0.90 m (portrait).

Publication of the materials

The authors of the contributions accepted for presentation at the symposium are invited to submit their papers in full text (in English) for publication in a book with Proceedings of the Symposium. The submitted manuscripts will be accepted for publication after a peer review. Technical information about the full text paper requirements will be provided on the conference web site (<http://micro2007.innoslab.com/>).

The text of the manuscripts is limited to 8 pages. Note the new deadline for submission: September 30, 2007. The manuscripts should be submitted electronically as MS Word file in doc format to the following e-mail address: micro2007@innoslab.com

For additional information concerning the Proceedings, please, contact Prof. Konstantin Hadjiivanov: kih@svr.igic.bas.bg

TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Public transport: from Varna airport to city center: bus 409. Map of the public transport in Varna is attached where the bus stations in Varna and Golden Sands are pointed.

Taxi: There are various taxi companies in Varna. Standard prices are 0.59-0.69 lv. per km (the price could be checked at the side window of the taxi). Please, note that some of the taxi companies have much higher prices and check in advance the price per km. Some recommended companies: *Astra* 688888; *Varna* 555555; *Lyki* 300 000; *Lasia* 500 000; *Pontea* 335 335; *Moment* 696 666; *Stil* 682 222; *Maksa* 30 30 30; *Vento* 640 000. Varna area code is +359 52.

REGISTRATION

The registration desk of the symposium will be arranged

September 6th: in the lounge of Chernomore hotel, 17.00 - 20.00 h.

September 7th: in the Festival and congress center (in the coffee-break area), 9.00 – 12.00 h. and 17.00 – 20.00 h.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

The welcome party will take place in the Restaurant of Chernomore hotel on Thursday, September 6th, 20.00 – 22.00.

The official Conference dinner will be on Saturday, September 8th, from 20.30.

An excursion is planned for the afternoon on Saturday, September 8th.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Weather forecast for Varna (6.09-10.09)

Temperature: 23-27°C (day), 11-16°C (night)

Water temperature: 24°C

Insurance

The organizing committee of the conference does not provide insurance and do not take any responsibility for accidents or illnesses that might occur during the conferences or in the course of travel to or from the meeting place. It is therefore the responsibility of participants to check their health insurance requirements.

Extra Expenses

All additional expenses, e.g. drinks from the hotel, telephone calls, tours, etc. are at participants' own expenses.

Currency exchange

The most suitable exchange rates are provided by the bank branches, ca. 1.945 – 1.950 lv. for 1.00 Euro. The bank working hours are between 9.00 and 16.00 in weekdays, but there are several bank offices in the center of Varna working this 18.00 in the weekdays and between 10.00 and 14.00 in Saturday. Currency could be also changed in the hotel or change bureaus but usually at unfavorable exchange rates. We strongly recommend you to change currencies in bank branches and to avoid any exchange at the street.

Places of interest

Information about the city of Varna can be found at <http://www.varna-travel.com/>.



The Varna Archaeological Museum (<http://www.amvarna.com/>) is one of the largest museums in Bulgaria. It exhibits from the prehistoric, Thracian, Ancient Greek and Ancient Roman periods of the region's history, as well as from the times of the medieval Bulgarian and Byzantine Empires, the Ottoman rule and the Bulgarian National Revival. The Varna Archaeological Museum's arguably most famous exhibit is the **Gold of Varna**, the oldest gold treasure in the world, excavated in 1972 and dating to 4600-4200 BC. The museum is situated very close to Festival and congress center (ca. 10 min. walk).

The museum also manages two archaeological objects: the large **Roman baths** in the city and the nearby medieval **Aladzha Monastery**.