Spin-2017 : General & Tourist Information

Conference Registration and Welcome:
The Welcome Reception and Registration will be held in Caffe’ Pedrocchi (piazzetta Pedrocchi, see also the map) on Sunday, 10th September 2017, from 18:00 to 21:00.

Conference room
The lectures will take place in the Orto Botanico – Università di Padova (Botanical Garden, via Orto Botanico http://www.ortobotanicopd.it/en, see also the map).

The participants to the SPIN-2017 are allowed to enter through the Orto Botanico Ticket Office, by showing the Conference Badge. The Conference room is in the Conference Centre of the Orto Botanico, a short walk away from the ticket office.
At the entrance of the Conference Centre a Desk will be opened throughout the Spin-2017, to provide assistance to the participants.

Information for Speakers
Speakers are invited to bring their presentation (Windows or Mac, powerpoint or PDF) in the Conference room at least 15 minutes before the beginning of the session, to be uploaded in the conference computer. We prefer not to use the Speakers’ own laptops, in order to limit the switching time and to avoid possible connection difficulties.

Posters
The poster will be set up in the salon next to conference room from Monday morning, and they can stay posted until the end of the conference. Two poster sessions are included in the program: Monday 16:00- 17:00 and Tuesday 16:00 – 17:00. The poster will be affixed at the numbered boards using the Poster Number indicated in this Book and using hanging tools that will be provided at the Conference Desk.

Internet access
A wireless internet connection is available for the Conference Participants in all the conference building. Details on how to connect to the network will be given at the Conference Desk

Meals and Coffee breaks
Coffee breaks and meals will be served to the attendees in the hall beside the Lecture room. Vegetarian meals are included in the menus.
Social events
Besides the Reception at the Caffè Pedrocchi on Sunday night, on Wednesday afternoon, four differentiated guided tours through the city main historical places are organized. The participants are requested to choose one of them at the desk during the Registration Welcome or on Monday 11th. A maximum of 25 persons are possible for each tour. On Wednesday evening a Conference Banquest will take place at the “Ristorante Vecchia Padova”, via Cesare Battisti 37, in the city centre.

PADDOVA: tourist information
Almost 1.5 million tourists visit Padova every year to marvel at its art and fine heritage of architecture and museums, like the Scrovegni Chapel with frescoes by Giotto, bronzes by Donatello in St Anthony’s basilica, the Palazzo della Ragione and the Caffè Pedrocchi. Its squares, porticoes and old cobbled streets tell the story of a wealthy, beautiful mediaeval city, renowned for its art and culture. In terms of location, it affords the ideal base from which to reach Venice and the northern Adriatic beach resorts, the Dolomites, Lake Garda, Verona and the spa towns of Abano and Montegrotto Terme.

For additional information:  http://www.welcomepadova.it

Public Transportation
City buses, tram and buses to Abano, Montegrotto and Torreglia are run by FS BusItalia, tickets can be bought at edicole (newsagents) and tabaccherie (tobacconists); For Padova the ticket is ‘Biglietto Urbano' costs 1.30 Euro and it is valid both on the tram and on the urban buses for 75’ (you can perform multiple trips). You can also buy the ticket on the buses at the price of 2 Euro for both urban and extra-urban destinations. The tram line is particularly convenient being rather fast, and it offers detailed indication on the stops. Tickets can also be bought with a small overprice (1.80 Euro per urban ticket) via smartphone through the DropTicket app, which can be downloaded for free from Google
Play Store. Once the app is loaded, let it geolocate your smartphone in Padova, and you will soon be able to buy the ticket paying with the credit associated to your SIM card. Hotspots of the free Padova WiFi are located close to the tram stops. The tramline is particularly convenient being rather fast, and it offers detailed indication on the stops. The stops closest to the Orto Botanico are “Santo” and “Prato della Valle”.

For Caffe’ Pedrocchi and Vecchia Padova Restaurant, the closest stop is “Ponti Romani”.

A special double-decker bus, run by City Sightseeing Padova (http://www.padova.city-sightseeing.it/) offers a multi-lingual tour service to see the most beautiful monuments of Padova. Tickets are valid 24 hours and can be used at every stop of the two lines. The bus has wheelchair access (phone 049 8704933).