

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Passport & Visa

A valid passport / identity card is required for entry into the Czech Republic. A visa may be required for some countries, so please contact your local Embassy.

Electricity

The Czech Republic uses 230 V / 50 Hz system. Sockets have the European standard and plugs are threeprong grounded.

Currency & Money

The currency of the Czech Republic is Czech Crown / Ceska Koruna (CZK). Czech coinage consists of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Crown pieces. Banknotes come in 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000.

Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept international credit cards. ATM machines are easily available throughout the city. Exchange offices are mostly in the city centre.

Time Zone

The Czech Republic is on Central European Time (CET), i.e. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) plus 1 hour. From April to October is summer time, i.e. GMT + 2 hours.

Weather in Prague

Prague has a typically European continental climate with cold winters and warm (sometimes wet) summers. September weather in Prague is usually warm with temperatures around 20 - 25° C/70° - 80° F and somewhat humid.

Language

In the Czech Republic, the official language is Czech, but in the capital, most service providers speak English. The language of the conference is English.

Airport

Václav Havel Airport Prague airport handles flights of most European carriers and some overseas flights. It is located 30-45 minutes by car from the centre of Prague. There is a good connection between the airport and the city centre by public transport buses and taxis. You can find here more information on how to get from the airport to the city centre.

You can purchase bus tickets at ticket machines in the arrival halls, visitor centres or at the Prague City Transport kiosks.

Getting around in Prague

The public transport infrastructure in Prague consists of an intensely used integrated transport system of 3 metro lines, trams, and buses. Prague public transport is cheap, efficient and safe. The Prague Metro operates daily 05:00-24:00. Metro lines operate a service every 2-3 minutes during peak hours, and 4-9

minutes after 19:00. Daytime trams operate daily 04:30-24:00. The most popular trams run every 4 minutes. Other trams run every 8-10 minutes during the week, and every 8-15 minutes at weekends.

Tickets & Passes

The Prague public transport system uses two types of single-trip tickets*:

- 30-minutes ticket: 24 CZK (Adults: 24 CZK, Children 6-15 years old: 12 CZK, Children under 6: free)
- 90-minutes ticket: 32 CZK (Adults: 32 CZK, Children 6-15 years: 16 CZK, Children under 6: free)

Both tickets can be used on any type of public transportation and allow transfers between lines (subway to subway, tram to tram, etc.) and transfers between different types of transport (subway to tram, tram to bus, etc.) for up to 30/90 minutes from validation.

*If necessary, you can buy a 90-minute ticket directly from the driver for 40 CZK.

Tickets are sold through yellow ticket vending machines (also in English), at ticket offices located at some metro stations, at a Tabák/Trafika, at some news-stands, and at tourist information centres.

Short-term (tourist) passes:

- 24-hour pass: 110 CZK (children 6-15 years: 55 CZK)
- 3-day pass (72 hours): 310 CZK

Overview of fares

	90 min	30 min	24 hrs	72 hrs
Adult	32 CZK	24 CZK	110 CZK	310 CZK
Child (6-15 y)	16 CZK	12 CZK	55 CZK	n.a.

Validation & Inspection of the tickets

A ticket must be validated in the stamping machine at the entrance to the metro station and on the tram/bus to mark the start of the validation period. In case you have the ticket, but it has not been validated, you can get a fine of 800 CZK in Prague public transport. Ticket inspections are quite often.

Taxi

When taking a taxi, make sure the taxi is equipped with a permanently installed yellow roof lamp with the TAXI sign in black letters. The registration number, company name and a price list including the base rate, rate per kilometre and one-minute-waiting rate must be displayed on both front doors of the cab. These prices must correspond with the prices set on the meter in the cab. Customers are recommended to order a taxi with non-stop dispatching offices where the information on fares is available in advance.

Please use one of the recommended companies (operators speak English):

• <u>AAA Taxi</u> (+420 14 0 14) or PROFI Taxi (+420 14 0 15) or <u>TICK TACK Taxi</u> (+420 14 222).

Boarding charge: approx. 30-40 CZK/1 drive. Journeys within the city: approx. 26-28 CZK/1 kilometre Waiting time: approx. 4–6 CZK/1 minute.

Shopping

Most shops in Prague are open from 9:00 to 18:00, Monday until Saturday. Shops in the city centre are usually open from 9:00 – 20:00, Monday until Sunday.

Food & Beverage

In the city centre, you can easily find restaurants with either international or local cuisine. Tipping in the Czech Republic is commonly expected. Foreign visitors are often expected to tip around 10%.

During the opening hours of the conference, lunches and coffee breaks are covered by the registration fee.

Smoking policy

Laws restricting smoking are in effect in the Czech Republic. Smoking is prohibited in public areas (public transport platforms – bus and tram stops, train stations; on public transport; in cultural facilities; in healthcare facilities and in all dining establishments).

Security

Although Prague is a safe city, please be aware of your belongings on streets and on public transport.

Important Telephone Numbers

112	General Emergency
155	Ambulance
158 150	Police Fire Department

Insurance

The organizers can accept no liability for personal injuries or for loss or damage to property belonging to the participants, either during or as a result of the event. Participants are advised to take out proper travel and health insurance before departing from their home country.

Venue

Biotechnology and Biomedicine Centre of the Academy of Sciences and Charles University (BIOCEV) Prumyslova 595 252 50 Vestec Czech Republic https://www.biocev.eu/en

How to get there

You can reach the BIOCEV campus by public transport from the subway line C (red):

Option 1

1) Metro C (red) - get off at "Opatov" station

2) Take bus No. 326 to the stop "Vestec, BIOCEV"

Ticket price: 18 CZK (direct suburban bus, ticket can be purchased on board)

3) Follow the sidewalk to the right and enter the BIOCEV campus gate



Option 2

1) Metro C (red) – get off at "Budejovicka" station

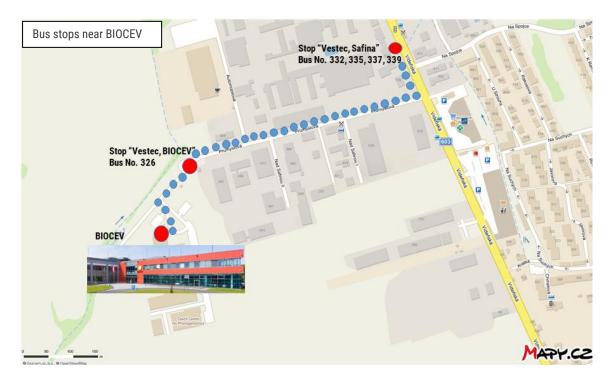
2) Take bus No. 332 / 335 / 337 / 339 to the stop "Vestec, Safina"

Ticket price: 24 CZK (direct suburban bus, ticket can be purchased on board)

3) Go 100 m forward and then turn right to "Prumyslova" street

4) Go approx. 300 m and enter the BIOCEV campus (on the left side)





Registration

The Registration desk is located on first floor of the BIOCEV building in front of the Auditorium. All documents including the registration package will be handed out to registered participants during the following opening hours.

Registration desk opening hours 12 September 2019: 12:30 - 18:45

13 September 2019: 8:30 - 15:00

Scientific Programme

The final version of the programme is available at: <u>https://www.ccp-conference.cz/programme/</u>

Oral presentations

Speakers are kindly requested to upload a copy of their presentation a minimum 15 minutes before the start of their session to a presentation computer located in front of the auditorium. Please, bring a copy of your presentation on USB stick or a portable hard-drive.

The computers used for projection are:

- PC with Windows 10, PowerPoint 2016
- Mac mini with MacOS 10.13.6 High Sierra, Keynote v9.1

Note that in order to keep with the conference schedule it is possible to use your own laptop for the projection only in exceptional cases and this has to be announced to the conference secretariat in advance.

Poster presentations

The optimal size of a poster presentation is A0 (height 1189 mm x width 841 mm). There will be tapes available at each poster holder to fix the poster. The posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference.

Each poster board will be numbered. Presenters should attach their posters to the board number corresponding to the number assigned to their poster as listed in the Final Programme.

Poster mounting: Thursday 12 September 12:30 – 13:00 Poster removal: Friday 13 September 14:30 – 15:00

We kindly ask you to be present at your poster during the poster sessions:

Thursday 12 September 2019 (14:15 – 15:15) & Friday 13 September 2019 (13:15 – 14:30)

Social event during the conference

- Informal dinner
- Date: Thursday 12 September 2019, time: 19:30 22:00
- Place: Pocernicky pivovar, Nar. hrdinu 3, 190 12 Praha Dolni Pocernice
- Participation in the informal dinner is at extra charge: 650 CZK (capacity fully booked)
- Organized departure by bus:
 - BIOCEV (main entrance): departure at 18:45 (please be present 5 min ahead)
 - Pocernicky pivovar: departure 22:15 (stops Budejovicka metro station / Occidental Hotel / BIOCEV)

Internet access

Open wireless network is available throughout the symposium venue (no password is required).

Network SSID: BIOCEV_GUEST

EDUROAM is also available.