

Advancing marine conservation in the European and contiguous seas (MarCons)

COST Action CA15121

2nd MC Meeting and the 1st WG meetings for WGs 1 – 5

Zagreb, Croatia, 13 – 14 October 2016

Local organisers: Croatian Natural History Museum and Blue World Institute

VENUE

The meeting venue is in the “Hotel Dubrovnik”, Ljudevita Gaja 1, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia. The hotel is located on the main square in the City Centre of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Participants are invited to book their stay in Hotel Dubrovnik - <https://hotel-dubrovnik.hr/>.

Within the hotel, there will be five conference rooms dedicated to MarCons meeting.

Location of the venue can be found on this link <https://goo.gl/maps/iy2tGJgPWzp>

Requests for information on conference accommodation special prices and room reservations at this hotel should be sent to Mr. Mladen Klemen, mklemen@hotel-dubrovnik.hr, please mention the MARCONS meeting in your message.

ABOUT ZAGREB

Zagreb is the capital of Croatia, located between southern slopes of Medvednica Mountain and the banks of the Sava River. Its geographic location gives easy access to the Pannonian plain, Central Europe and the Adriatic coast. City has two main parts of interest to visitors - the historical Gornji grad (Upper Town) and Kaptol district with the Catholic cathedral and 19th century Donji grad (Lower Town). The city is safe and well worth visiting, with its numerous historical monuments and medieval architecture, Zagreb has more museums per capita than anywhere else in the world!

Zagreb has around 800.000 citizens, with metropolitan area slightly above 1.2 million. Average temperature in October is 10 C (6-16 C).

Zagreb is a safe town. Crime rates are low and pickpockets are not common.

Additional info

An original and authentic souvenirs from a visit to Zagreb are **a tie**, an accessory named after Croatian horsemen wearing characteristic scarves around their necks, **the fountain pen** (actually designed in Zagreb by Eduard Slavoljub Penkala, patented in 1907), the aromatic biscuit „**paprenjak**“, the „**licitar heart**“ and red „**Šestine umbrellas**“.

The surrounding areas of Zagreb are particularly attractive, with Nature park Medvednica Mountain just above the city, rich vineyards producing interesting (and to the world unknown) regional wines, Medieval and Baroque castles (the greatest concentration of castles after the Loire valley) and many health spas.

For more information on Zagreb and surroundings check <http://www.infozagreb.hr>

CURRENCY

Croatia is an EU country but is not part of the monetary union. Hence, local currency - Croatian Kuna, is used. Exchange rate is approximately 7,5 Kuna for 1 Euro. Although most services can be paid with credit and debit cards, we would suggest to get some Kunas on the ATMs on the airport or on the exchange in the bank near airport exit. In case you will use tram and/or bus, you will have to pay in local currency!

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE FROM THE AIRPORT

By bus to Zagreb city centre - airport shuttle bus

Zagreb airport is small and easy to orientate. Once you get out of secured part of the airport, exit will be in front of you (slightly to the right). When you step out you should be able to see the bus terminal with buses named "Pleso prijevoz" or "Croatia airlines". *(If you are arriving with domestic flight, the bus will be at the far right (north) end of the airport)* The bus will take you directly to the center of Zagreb

In general, bus timing corresponds with arrival and departure of flights, but here is the timetable

From Zagreb airport to Zagreb city terminal on the central bus station (Autobusni kolodvor, Držićeva bb), every day: 7.00 – 8.00 – 8.30 – 9.00 – 9.30 – 10.30 – 11.30 – 12.00 – 12.30 – 13.00 – 13.30 – 14.00 – 14.30 – 15.00 – 15.30 – 16.00 – 16.30 – 17.00 – 17.30 – 18.00 – 18.30 – 19.00 – 19.30 – 20.00

From Zagreb city terminal on the central bus station (Autobusni kolodvor, Držićeva bb) to Zagreb airport, every day:

5.00 – 5.30 – 6.00 – 6.30 – 7.00 – 7.30 – 8.00 – 8.30 – 9.00 – 10.00 – 10.30 – 11.00 – 11.30 – 12.00 – 12.30 – 13.00 – 13.30 – 14.00 – 14.30 – 15.00 – 15.30 – 16.00 – 16.30 – 17.00 – 17.30 – 18.00 – 18.30 – 19.00 – 19.30 – 20.00

One way tickets are 30 Kuna (4 Euro). You can buy your bus tickets on-line (latest 24 hours before your ride) at <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/>

Once you reach the city terminal you should either take taxi (they will be right in front of the station) or **you can take the tram**

If you chose to continue **by tram** (if you arrive before 23.00), cross the street in front of the bus station and take **tram line number 6** going direction "**Crnomerec**". Get off on the fifth station, on the main square of Zagreb "**Trg Bana Jelacica**".

Once on the main square if you booked Hotel Dubrovnik, it will be directly in front of you facing south (next to the large glass skyscraper). Cross the tram rails and go straight between the skyscraper and the hotel, entrance will be some 30 meters on your left.

Tickets for tram can be purchased at newspaper stands or on-board the tram (single ticket is 10 kuna/1,5 eur), but you will have to pay in local currency! Ticket must be validated on entry. After validation it can be used for 90 minutes in one direction.

By taxi – from the airport to hotel Dubrovnik

Taxis are not too expensive (aprox 1,5 eur start + 0,6 eur per km) and are available at taxi stands or can be ordered by phone.

Taxi Cammeo - +385 1 1212; Eko Taxi +385 1 1414; Radio taxi +385 1 1717. You can also use their smartphone app or order Uber (available in Zagreb)

In general, your taxi from the airport to the hotel should cost approximately 25 euro

VISAS

Croatia is a member state of the EU hence all the rules apply. If you have any queries regarding whether or not you require a visa in order to travel to Croatia, please consult this site <http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/>

RESTAURANTS

The venue is located in the centre of the pedestrian area so everything is within walking distance. There are numerous restaurants and bars surrounding the hotel – those used by locals serving pre-prepared meals for less than 10 € and those offering different national and international menus. Please consult concierge if you require any extra details.