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Delegates Handbook

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Introduction

As Host Country of the XLII Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM XLII), the Czech Republic would like to give a warm welcome to the Representatives of the Consultative and Non-Consultative Parties, Observers, Antarctic Treaty System bodies and Experts who participate in this meeting in Prague.

This handbook contains detailed information on the arrangements of the Meeting and useful information about your stay in Prague, including the meeting schedule, venues and facilities, logistic services, etc. It is recommended to read the Handbook in advance to help you organize your stay. More information is available at the ATCM XLII website: www.atcm42-prague.cz.





Karlštejn Castle

Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is a landlocked country in Central Europe bordered by Germany to the West, Austria to the South, Slovakia to the East and Poland to the North-East. The Czech Republic covers an area of 78 866 km², has 10.6 million inhabitants and its capital and largest city is Prague with 1.3 million residents. It is a parliamentary Republic, with the President as Head of State and Prime Minister as Head of Government. The Parliament is bicameral, with the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. The Czech Republic is a member of international intergovernmental organizations such as

the European Union (EU), NATO, the OECD, the United Nations, the OSCE, and the Council of Europe.

The Czech Republic boasts 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. All of them are in the cultural category. The country is also known for its various museums, spa towns, castles and chateaus, cathedrals and churches. The two leading sports in the Czech Republic are ice hockey and football (soccer).

The Czech Republic has a temperate continental climate, with warm summers and cold, cloudy and snowy winters. The temperature difference between summer and winter is relatively high, due to its geographical position.

The Czech landscape is exceedingly varied. Bohemia, to the West, consists of a basin drained by the Elbe (Labe) and Vltava Rivers, surrounded by mostly low mountains, such as the Krkonoše. The highest point in the country, Sněžka (1603 m), is located here. There are four national parks. The oldest is Krkonoš National Park and the others are Šumava National Park, Podyjí National Park and Bohemian Switzerland.

Prague

Prague is the capital and largest city in the Czech Republic. Situated in the North-West of the country on the Vltava River, the city is home to about 1.3 million people.

Prague is the country's top tourist destination, traditional



seat of the kings of Bohemia and later of Czechoslovak and Czech presidents. The city was developed from a settlement around Prague Castle (founded in the second half of the 9th century), described in the journal of Abraham ben Jacob, a Jewish-Arab travelling merchant, as early as 965. It was originally divided into several autonomous "towns", including the Old Town (known before 1280 as Caput Regni – Capital of the Kingdom), Lesser Quarter, New Town and Hradčany.

A dominant feature of the Prague skyline is Saint Vitus Cathedral on the grounds of Prague Castle, the last resting place of Saint Wenceslas and other Bohemian rulers and the repository of Bohemian crown jewels (www.hrad.cz). One of the most popular sights is the Charles Bridge (its foundation stone was laid on 9 July 1357 at 5:31 a.m., chosen as an auspicious moment by astrologers).

The Old Town Hall with its much-admired astronomical clock is located on the Old Town Square, the original central marketplace. The main city square is the Wenceslas Square with its well-known landmark, the equestrian statue of Saint Wenceslas. Prague's historical centre was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1992.

Other sights include the Jan Žižka monument on Vítkov Hill (one of Europe's largest equestrian statues); the Petřín Lookout Tower on the Petřín Hill (a steel structure resembling the Paris Eiffel Tower, accessible by

a funicular); the Municipal House (a beautifully renovated Art Nouveau building where the independence of Czechoslovakia was declared in 1918, today serving as a multifunctional venue with a concert hall, gallery, cafe, restaurant and lounges, www.obecnidum.cz); the Old Town's Jewish cemetery and synagogue associated with the legend of Rabbi Loew and his Golem (www.jewishmuseum.cz); the National Museum (the country's largest museum, located on Wenceslas Square – www.nm.cz); the National Technical Museum (a very popular museum with some unique collections – www.ntm.cz). Prague is home to Charles University (a symbol of Czech learning, the third oldest university in Europe founded in 1348 – www.cuni.cz) and to several other schools offering university education. Along with numerous theatres, the city is home to a plenty of galleries, cinemas and other historical exhibits.



Infant Jesus of Prague



Daily Events and Schedule*

Time	Events	Place
Sunday 30 June		
13:00-18:30	Registration	Registration Desk
Monday 1 July		
08:00-18:00	Registration	Registration Desk
09:00-12:30	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
14:00-18:00	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
18:00-19:00	HoD Meeting	Congress Hall I
19:00-21:00	HoD Reception (Invitation only)	Bohemia Top Restaurant
Tuesday 2 July		
09:00-12:00	Opening Plenary	Top Congress Hall
12:00-13:00	SCAR lecture	Top Congress Hall
14:00-18:00	Working Group 1	Top Congress Hall
	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
18:30-21:00	Welcome Reception	Japanese Garden
Wednesday 3 July		
09:00-12:00	Working Group 1	Top Congress Hall
	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
14:00-18:30	Working Group 2	Top Congress Hall
	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
18:30-21:00	CEP Reception (Invitation only)	Norwegian Residence

Thursday 4 July		
09:00-12:30	Working Group 2 - IHO Seminar	Top Congress Hall
	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
14:00-18:00	Working Group 1	Top Congress Hall
	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
18:00-19:00	HoD Meeting	Congress Hall I
19:00-22:00	HoD+1 River Cruise (Invitation only)	Vltava River
Friday 5 July		
09:00-12:30	Working Group 2 - Aviation Safety	Top Congress Hall
	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
14:00-18:00	Working Group 2	Top Congress Hall
	CEP XXII	Congress Hall Praha
Saturday 6 July		
	Optional weekend events (guided tours)	Prague City Centre
Sunday 7 July		
	Optional weekend events (guided tours)	Prague City Centre



Time	Events	Place
Monday 8 July		
09:00-12:30	Plenary - CEP report (Ag. Item 5)	Top Congress Hall
14:00-18:00	Working Group 1	Top Congress Hall
	Working Group 2	Congress Hall Praha
Tuesday 9 July		
09:00-12:30	Working Group 1	Top Congress Hall
	Working Group 2	Congress Hall Praha
12:30-14:00	ASOC luncheon	Japanese Garden
14:00-18:00	Working Group 1	Top Congress Hall
	Working Group 2	Congress Hall Praha
Wednesday 10 July		
09:00-12:30	Working Group 1	Top Congress Hall
14:00-18:00	Working Group 2	Top Congress Hall
18:00-18:30	HoD Meeting	Congress Hall I
Thursday 4 July		
09:00-12:30	Plenary (Final Report Adoption)	Top Congress Hall
14:00-18:00	Plenary (if required)	Top Congress Hall

*Please note that this is a provisional schedule that may be modified during the meeting. Check public screens daily for updated information.

Venue

ATCM XLII and CEP XXII will be held in the Top Hotel Prague, located at Blažimská 1781/4, Praha 4 – Chodov. To get there, use the metro line C towards "Háje", and get off at the station "Chodov". After leaving the escalators, turn right and then follow direction Bohdalec, Vršovice. See Photo 1. Then take the first exit on the left (direction Městský archiv). See Photo 2.



Photo 1



Photo 2

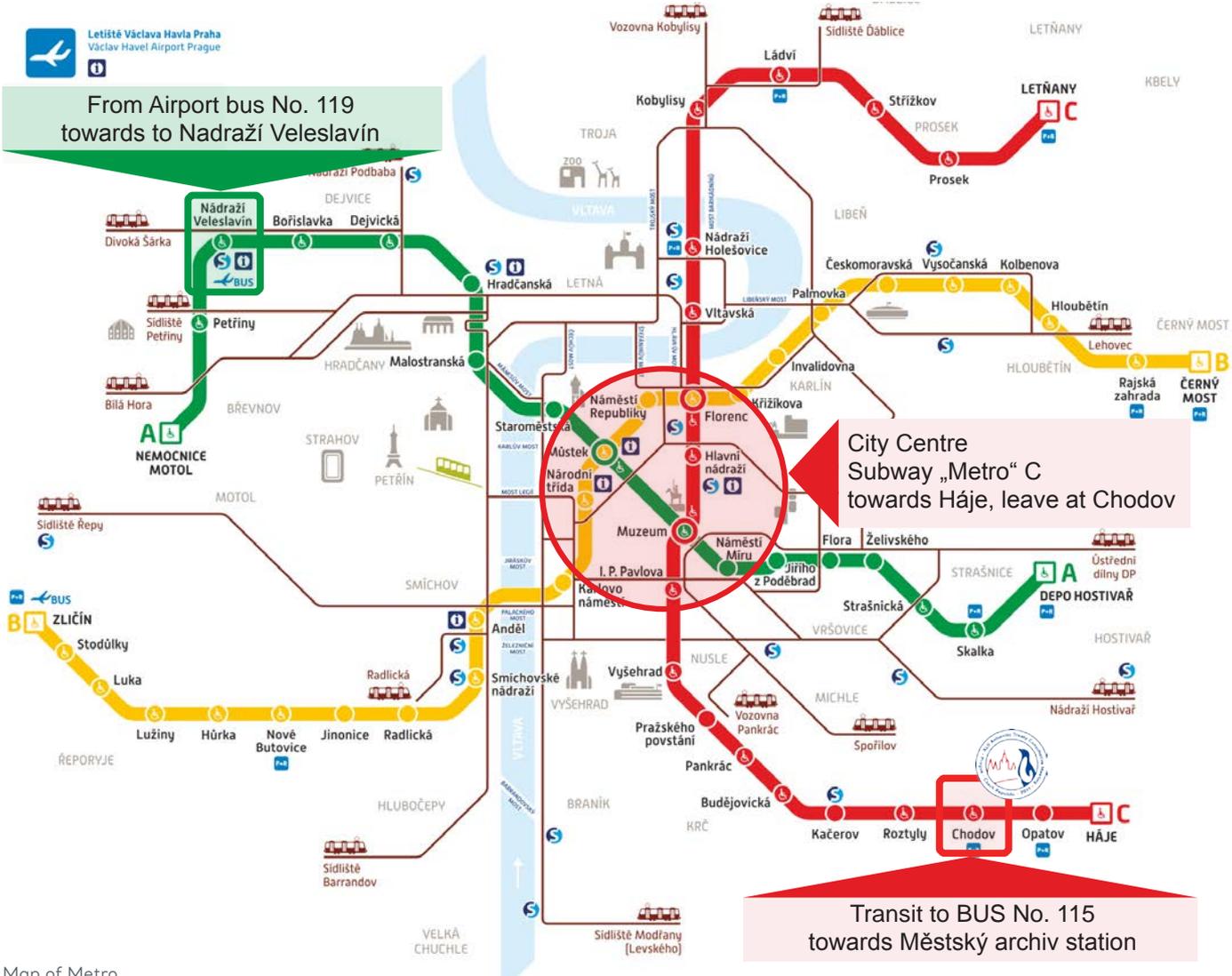
Then take bus number 115 to the Top Hotel, and get off at the stop "Městský archiv". The bus stop is directly in front of the Top Hotel. The metro leaves on weekdays every 2 minutes in peak/rush hours. Bus 115 leaves every 15 minutes in peak/rush hours.

Attention!

SUBWAY DISRUPTION from 29 June until 6 July 2019: metro line C ends at the station "Pražského povstání" from where it is necessary to take bus "X-C" to the "Chodov" station and then to take bus 115 to the station "Městský archiv".



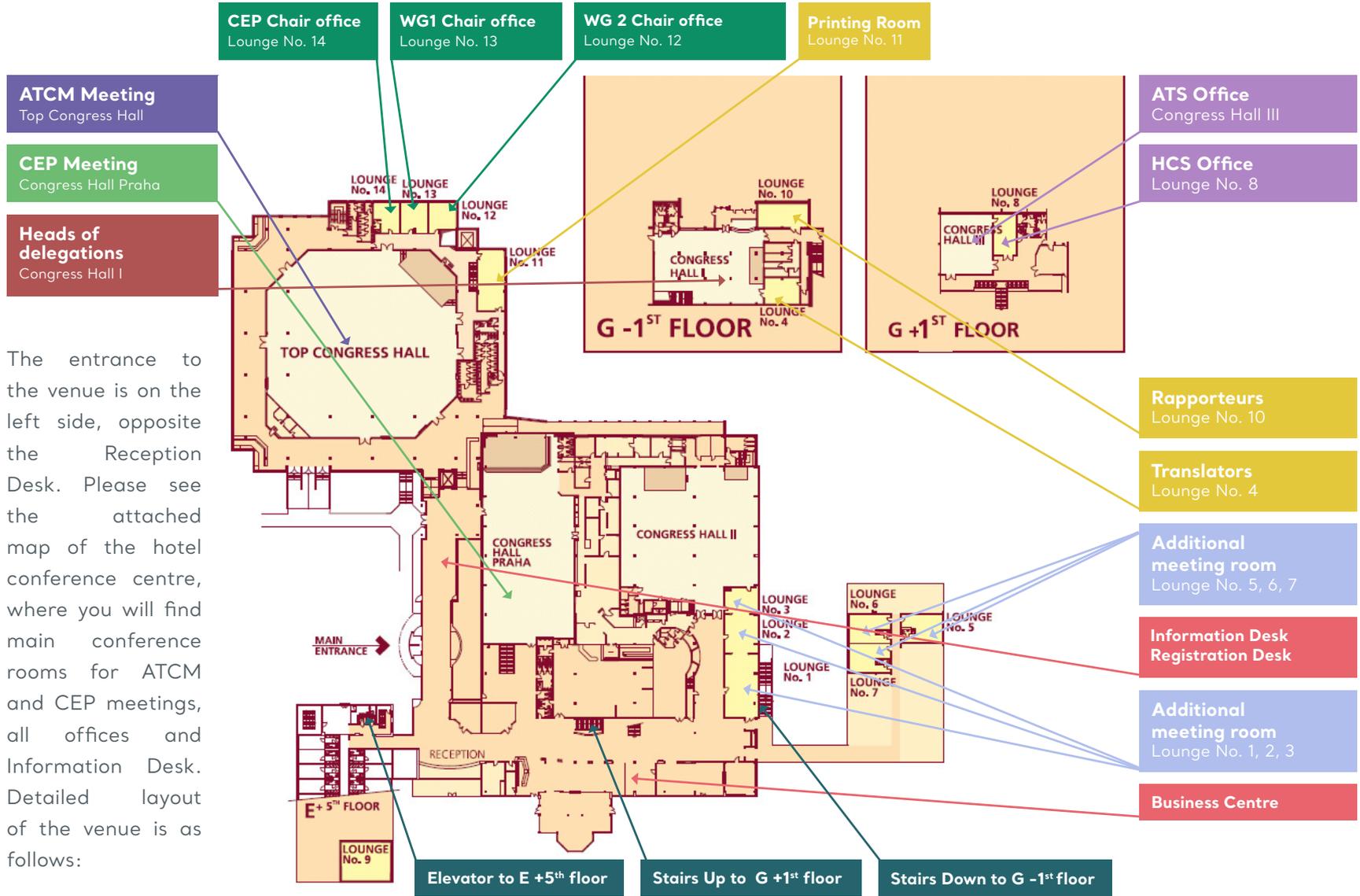
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towards to Nadraží Veleslavín

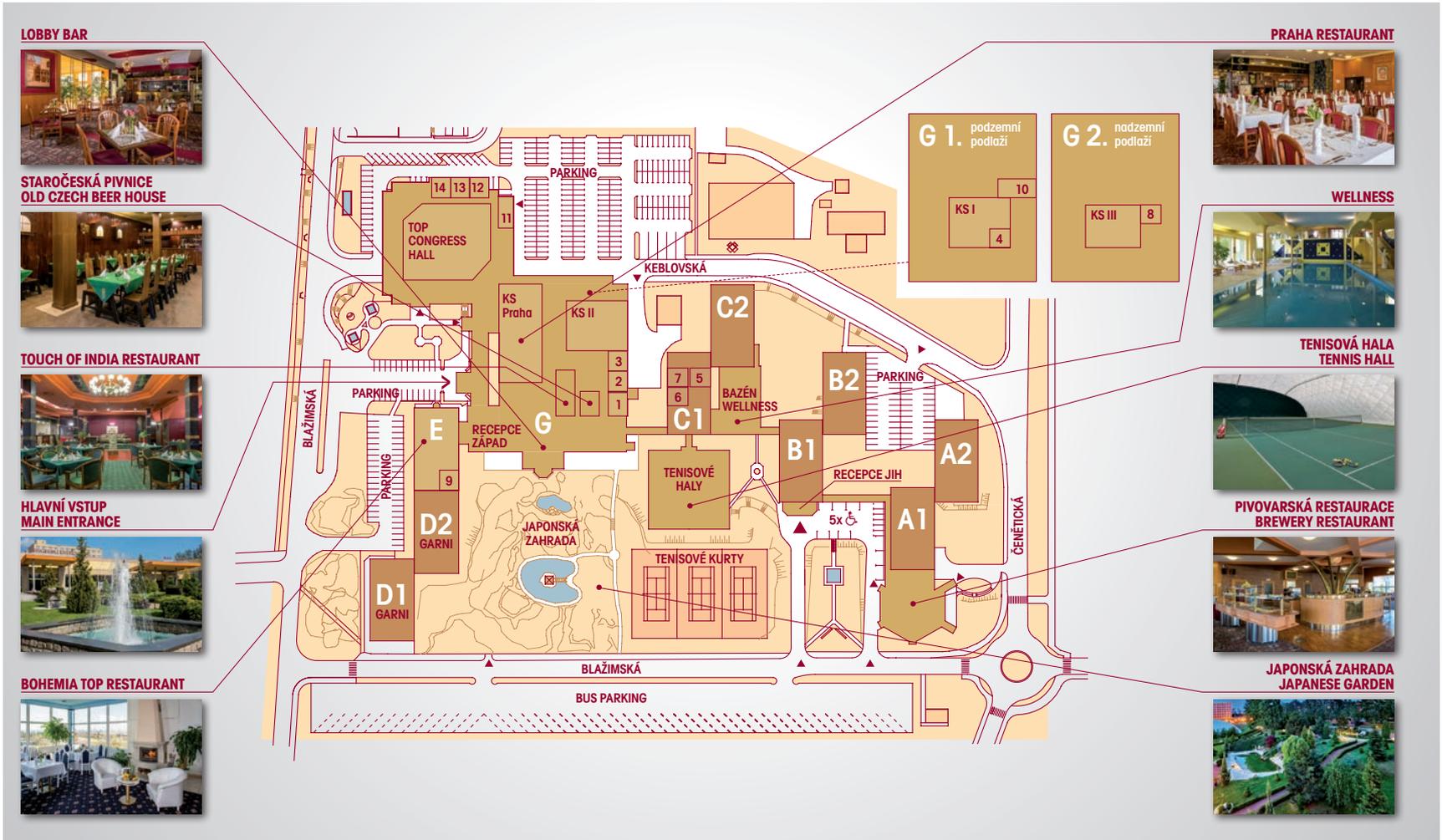


Map of Metro



The entrance to the venue is on the left side, opposite the Reception Desk. Please see the attached map of the hotel conference centre, where you will find main conference rooms for ATCM and CEP meetings, all offices and Information Desk. Detailed layout of the venue is as follows:





Detailed layout of the venue



Accreditation/ Registration

Upon arrival at the conference venue, the delegates are kindly requested to contact the Registration/Information Desk to pick up their badges and welcome packages after showing their passports. The Registration Desk will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, 30 June, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 1 July. The Registration /Information Desk will be open throughout the event.

Please note that delegates without badges will not be permitted to enter the venue, nor attend the reception and other social events.



Top Hotel Main Lobby

Facilities and Services

Registration/Information Desk

The Registration/Information Desk will be open during registration hours, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day throughout the event.

Catering & Coffee Breaks

Coffee breaks will be provided during intervals between sessions twice a day at the lobby of Top Congress Hall (10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.).

Business Centre

The Business Centre is located close to the hotel Reception. It is an area where delegates can comfortably browse the Internet, send e-mails and print documents. There are 5 working computer stations connected to the Internet as well as 3 printers available throughout the event.

Additional meeting rooms

There are six additional meeting rooms which will be available for bilateral and other meetings. These rooms can accommodate from 6 to 24 persons. Most of them are equipped with projectors. Delegates can contact The Host Country Secretariat (HCS) to book the rooms in advance.



Network

Free Wifi is available at the meeting venue. Delegates can connect to the Internet simply by logging in to the wireless network.

Name: ATCMXLII Password: Prague2019

Working Language and Interpretation

The official languages of the meeting are English, French, Russian and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation of the four languages will be provided in Meeting room 1 (Top Congress Hall) and Meeting room 2 (Congress Hall Praha).



Japanese Garden in Top Hotel

Accommodation

There are six hotels with special prices arranged for delegates.

These hotels are: TOP HOTEL PRAGUE 4*, OCCIDENTAL PRAGUE WILSON 5*, AMBASSADOR 5*, IRIS HOTEL EDEN 4*, OCCIDENTAL PRAGUE 4*, HOTEL GLOBUS 3*. Detailed information is available on <https://atcm42-prague.cz/information-for-delegates>.



Wenceslas Square



Transportation

Airport travel information

Taxi

The Prague Airport is about 30km from the Top Hotel, where the meeting will be held. A taxi from Prague Airport to the Top Hotel should cost around 900 CZK (USD 40, EUR 35 approximately).

Public transport

From the airport, take bus number 119 to stop "Nádraží Veleslavín" (9 stops), then change to metro line A to the station "Museum" and here change to metro line C towards "Háje", and get off at the station "Chodov". After leaving the escalators, turn right and then follow direction Bohdalec, Vršovice. Then take the first exit on the left (direction Městský archiv). Then take bus number 115 to the Top Hotel, and get off at the stop "Městský archiv". The bus stop is directly in front of the Top Hotel.

Prague transportation

Metro

The Prague Metro network consists of 3 lines designated by letters and differentiated in colour:

Green colour - line A ("Depo Hostivař" station - "Nemocnice Motol" station)

Yellow colour - line B ("Černý Most" station - "Zličín" station)

Red colour - line C ("Letňany" station - "Háje" station)

Changing stations are "Muzeum" (lines A and C), "Můstek" (lines A and B), "Florenc" (lines B and C).

The metro operates daily from 5:00 a.m. to midnight.

The time interval between train departures is approximately 2-3 minutes during the workday rush hours and 4-10 minutes during off-peak hours.

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For official public transport information including time schedules, visit www.dpp.cz/en/.



Trams

Daytime operation is from 4:30 a.m. to midnight. Night operation is provided by tram numbers 91 to 99 at 30 minute intervals. The central interchange station for night lines is "Lazarská". Tram schedules are located at each individual stops.

Buses

The daytime and night operation of buses is similar to tram operation. Night service is provided by bus numbers 901 to 915. Bus schedules are located at each individual stops.

Taxi

There are lots of dependable and well regulated radio-taxi companies in Prague with English speaking operators. Some companies offer an application for smart phones, which can identify your location using GPS and show the approximate price, etc.

Local taxi rates at maximum (by the law): drop charge is 40 CZK plus 28 CZK per kilometer, and 6 CZK per one minute of waiting time. The ride from airport to Top Hotel will cost 900 CZK (40 USD, 35 EUR approximately). The taxi services from dispatcher may be cheaper and of better quality in comparison with taxis from the street. All drivers accept payment with euro (it is always better to pay in local currency).

Tourism

Old Town Hall with Astronomical Clock (Staroměstská radnice s orlojem)

The Old Town hall was established in 1338 as the seat of the Old Town administration. The oldest part of the complex consists of a beautiful Gothic tower with a bay chapel and a unique astronomical clock – known as the Orloj – where, every hour between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., the twelve apostles appear. The guided tour includes the historical halls, the tower and the underground areas.



Old Town Square with Astronomical Clock



Prague castle (Pražský hrad)

Prague Castle has been an important symbol of the Czech state for more than a thousand years. It was founded in the 9th century and became the seat of Czech rulers and later presidents. The castle, one of the largest complexes in the world, is made up of historical palaces, offices, churches and fortification buildings, gardens and picturesque spots. The panoramic view of Prague Castle is one of the most spectacular in the world. Definitely worth seeing: The Golden Lane, which is part of Prague Castle.

St. Vitus Cathedral (Katedrála Sv. Víta)

St. Vitus Cathedral is the largest and the most important religious building in Prague. Apart from religious services,



Prague Caslte with St. Vitus Catedral



coronations of Czech kings and queens also took place here. The cathedral is the burial place of several patron saints, sovereigns, noblemen and archbishops.

Charles Bridge (Karlův most)

Prague's oldest bridge was built to replace the Judith Bridge that had been badly damaged by floods in 1342. The building of the Stone or Prague Bridge, called the Charles Bridge since 1870, started in 1357 by Charles IV and was completed in 1402. The bridge is built of sandstone blocks, flanked at each end by fortified towers (Lesser Town Bridge Towers, Old Town Bridge Towers). From 1683 to 1928, 30 statues of saints were carved to decorate the bridge, the most famous of which is the statue of Saint John of Nepomuk.



Charles Bridge



Petřín lookout tower

Petřín Lookout Tower, one of the most prominent landmarks of Prague, was built as part of the Jubilee Exhibition in 1891 as a loose copy inspired by the Eiffel Tower (at a ratio of 1:5). It is 63.5 metres high, and 299 steps lead to its peak, which is at the same altitude as the real Eiffel Tower. The view from its top not only overlooks the whole city, but on a clear day you can see large parts of Bohemia.

Vyšehrad

According to ancient legends, Vyšehrad is the oldest seat of the Czech princes; in fact, the local settlement was established in the mid-10th century. Situated on a rocky promontory above the Vltava River, it offers



Vyšehrad

stunning views of the city, and the park area holds hidden architectural treasures including the rare Romanesque Rotunda of Saint Martin, the neo-Gothic Church of Saints Peter and Paul, the Slavín national cemetery, and the underground vaults housing some of the original Baroque statues from the Charles Bridge.

Infant Jesus of Prague (Pražské Jezulátko)

The Infant Jesus of Prague or Child Jesus of Prague (Czech: Pražské Jezulátko; Spanish: Niño Jesús de Praga) is a 16th-century Roman Catholic wax-coated wooden statue of child Jesus holding a globus cruciger, located in the Discalced Carmelite Church of Our Lady Victorious in Malá Strana. Religious legends claim that the statue once belonged to Saint Teresa of Ávila. In 1628 the statue was donated to the Carmelite friars by Princess Polyxena of Lobkowitz.

Gardens and museums

Gardens: Royal Garden, Terrace of the Riding School, Garden on the Bastion, The South Gardens, Saint Wenceslas vineyard and Villa Richter, Empire Greenhouse. Museums: National Museum, National Technical Museum, National Gallery.



Practical information

Currency and Tipping

The official currency of the Czech Republic is Czech crown (Koruna česká).

Exchange Rate: 1 USD = app. 22,- CZK

Exchange Rate: 1 EUR = app. 25,- CZK

Typically, foreign currency may be exchanged at airports, hotels or exchange offices. Opening hours of banks are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., operating from Monday to Friday. Exchange offices operate from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The exchange should be without exchange fee.



Czech coins

Money can be withdrawn from ATMs, in service 24/7. Tipping is voluntary, although it is customary to tip approximately 10% of the total price in cafes, bars and restaurants.



Czech banknotes

Time zone

Prague time zone is UTC/GMT +1.

Climate

The climate of the Czech Republic is mild but variable locally and throughout the year. The air temperature in Prague in July might be 23-35 °C during the day and the night 10-25 °C.



Communication and Network

Country calling code is +420.

Emergency calls (always toll-free):

General emergency: 112

Ambulance: 155

Police: 158

Fire fighters: 150

Most hotels, restaurants, large shopping malls are covered by wireless internet network.

Electricity

In the Czech Republic, the voltage is 230 volts (230V) and the frequency is 50 Hz. The Czech Republic uses plug type E, which has two round pins and a hole for the socket's male earthing pin.



Health and water supply

There is no mandatory vaccination requirement for those entering the Czech Republic.

The tap water is drinkable.

Patients covered by the health insurance receive health care depending on their insurance policy. Patients covered by international healthcare agreements receive urgent and necessary care free of charge (outpatients will pay for medications and materials; hospital care is free of charge including medications and materials). Other patients may be required to pay in cash. EU citizens should carry the European Health Insurance Card.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in public areas (public transport platforms – bus and tram stops, train stations; on public transport; in cultural facilities; in healthcare facilities). Tobacco products may not be sold to persons under the age of 18.

Opening hours of shops

Business hours for shopping malls are from Monday to Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Banking hours run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on weekdays only. Most restaurants are open from early morning until late.



