

International Meteor Conference 2005

September 15–18, Oostmalle, Belgium

The IMC 2005 Committee

The first time

For the first time since the foundation of IMO, the International Meteor Conference will be held in Belgium, on September 15–18, 2005. Oostmalle is a Belgian village located 30 km northeast of the beautiful city of Antwerp, second largest city of Belgium, fourth largest port in the world, and the world capital of diamonds. Urania, the Public Observatory of Antwerp, has maintained regular contacts with IMO since 1988. Actually, Urania is IMO's official seat, and its meteor section is very proud to organize this IMC.

Go Belgian

The conference center 'Provinciaal Vormingscentrum' lies in a green area, and offers accommodation for 100 people or more (rooms for 1 to 6 persons). There is one big lecture hall and some smaller well-equipped rooms with Internet access. The evenings can be spent in the two cosy bars we have at our disposal. Beer lovers can taste a selection of the finest Belgian beers there.

The weather

The temperature is typically around 15–20 degrees Celsius (60-70 degrees Fahrenheit) in September.

Currency

The official currency in Belgium is the Euro. Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks and exchange offices.

The excursion

A traditional part of the program is the excursion, which will lead us to the nice and small characteristic city of Lier, famous for its beguinage and the 'Zimmertoren'. Even Albert Einstein was impressed by this old tower in which Louis Zimmer built a whole range of high-quality astronomical clocks in the 1930s.

Participation fee

If you wish to register, please fill out the registration form on the next page or register online at the IMC 2005 website (see below). The participation fee for the IMC 2005 is €120 for people who register before July 1st and €130 for those who register later. This fee includes lodging, meals, excursion and the Proceedings. Either a prepayment of €60 or the total amount should be sent to IMO treasurer Ina Rendtel (details inside back cover and IMC 2005 website).

Visas and invitations

We will gladly send official invitations to people who need these to get a visa, provided that they inform us about this in due time. You can find out on the IMC website whether visa are required for citizens of your country.

Radio meteor school 2005

We proudly present the 'Radio Meteor School 2005', a five-day tutorial (Oostmalle, September 10 till 14) in which Prof. Dr. Oleg Belkovich, Russian eminence grise in meteor astronomy, will lecture on the physical and mathematical theory of radio meteor observations. We stress the fact that this is not an easy course, and it will be helpful only to devoted radio observers highly skilled in mathematics and willing to get the utmost data out of their observations. For these people, it is very worthwhile to arrive in Belgium five days before the IMC to participate in the Radio Meteor School. The additional price will be around €150, and should only be paid upon arrival. However, you must register for this school before July 1st. Contact the organizers in order to register.

Contact information

For more information, check the IMC 2005 website at <http://www.imo.net/imc2005> or contact the organizers by e-mail at imc2005@imo.net. You can also write to us: IMC 2005 — Jan Verbert, Public Observatory Urania, Jozef Mattheessensstraat 60, B-2540 Hove, Belgium.

International Meteor Conference Oostmalle, Belgium, September 15–18, 2005 Registration form

Each individual participant should fill out a form and return it to IMC 2005 — Jan Verbert, Public Observatory Urania, Jozef Mattheessensstraat 60, B-2540 Hove, Belgium, as soon as possible. Your registration will be guaranteed only after Ina Rendtel has received the minimum pre-payment of €60. If you wish to participate, but cannot yet decide, simply return this form with the proper option checked to stay on the mailing list for further circulars.

Name: _____ Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

- I wish to register for the IMC 2005 from September 15 to 18.
- I intend to participate, cannot yet register, but wish to stay on the mailing list.
- I intend to travel by _____, together with _____
- I need travel information from _____ to Oostmalle.
- I wish to stay in Belgium before and/or after the IMC and would like additional information.
- Vegetarian.

T-shirt: Size (S-M-L-XL): _____ Gender: _____

For participants wishing to contribute to the program:

Lecture: _____ Duration: _____ minutes

Workshop or discussion: _____

Poster presentation: _____ Space: _____ m²

Required equipment: _____

Comments:

Either the entire fee of €120 or a pre-payment of €60 should be sent to IMO treasurer Ina Rendtel. Follow the payment instructions inside the back cover or on the IMC 2005 website <http://www.imo.net/imc2005>. Participants making a pre-payment only have to pay the remaining €60 in cash upon arrival in Oostmalle. The registration fee increases to €130 for participants registering after July 1st.

The following payment options are available.

- **International bank transfer** payments should be made to Ina Rendtel, Mehlbeerenweg 5, D-14469 Potsdam, Germany, BIC bank code: PBNKDEFF, IBAN code: DE86 1001 0010 0547 2341 07. When paying, always state BIC bank code and IBAN code together. Always contact your local bank to verify charges for international transfers.
- **German postal giro** Pay in euros to the German postal giro account 547234-107 of Ina Rendtel, Postbank Berlin. Bank code 100 100 10. The bank code and 'Postbank Berlin' should be mentioned together with account number.