

30th International Meteor Conference
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Newsletter No. 3

Dear IMC 2011 participant,

Only few days remain till the start of the IMC 2011 in Sibiu, Romania. **Therefore, this is the last newsletter you will receive!**

Please, find some practical information below. **Print it and take it with you!**

1. Arrival-departure

We hope that all the participants informed the organizers (sarm.ro@gmail.com, imc2011@sarm.ro) of their arrival/departure time in/from Sibiu. We will provide the transfer from/to your arrival/departure place in Sibiu (airport, railway and bus station). Our LOC members will wait for you. Look for the IMC logo in their hand, on the cars and on their t-shirts!

Responsible for your transfer to/from hotel is Andrei Matache, phone: [+40 729 04 11 33](tel:+40729041133) (or 0729 04 11 33 inside Romania).

Here is a useful map to locate your arrival/departure points in Sibiu:
www.imo.net/imc2011/Transport%20map.jpg.

If you arrive in Bucharest, you can travel from Bucharest to Sibiu by train or by bus.
A timetable on IMC 2011 website: www.imo.net/imc2011/getting.php.

A direct link for the train is:

<http://www.infofer.ro/R3.asp?cboDeLa=10017&cboPinaLa=20658&cboVia=0&cboData=9%2F13%2F2011&PleStart=00%3A00&PleEnd=23%3A59&SosStart=00%3A00&SosEnd=23%3A59&cboSort=2&txtTrnImpSos=&txtTrnImpPle=&cboNrMaxConex=0&cboAbatere=150&txtNrInreg=10&Submit=Search&lng=2>.

and a direct link for the bus is: <http://www.autogari.ro/Transport/Bucuresti-Sibiu/643-520.aspx?zi=2011-09-15>.

Also, you can rent a car for a good price (pick-up in Bucharest, drop-off in Sibiu). Some websites:

http://www.inchirieri-de-masini.com/index_en.php?language=english ;
<http://www.rentacar-topcars.ro> ;
<http://www.inchirieri-masini-bucuresti.ro> .

2. Balance of the registration fee

Participants who did not pay the full registration fee in advance need to pay the balance on-site in Sibiu at their earliest convenience to the IMO Treasurer, Marc Gyssens, who will be available from Thursday in the late afternoon onwards. Payment must be made cash in Euros (EUR) or Lei (RON) at the rate of 1 EUR = 4.4 RON (exchange rate subject to change without notice).

3. Extra nights

The reduced price for accommodation of IMC participants during the conference is also applicable to extra nights before or after the conference, **provided this is arranged via the IMC local organizers**. Therefore, double check that you informed the local organizers about your intention to arrive earlier or stay later.

Prices per extra night and per person:

- *Continental Forum Hotel*: 30 EUR/double occupation, 50 EUR/single (breakfast included).
- *Lara Hotel*: 15 EUR/double or triple occupation (no breakfast, can be provided at a restaurant located at the same place for 4 EUR. This restaurant also provides lunch and dinner for 6-7 EUR).

The payment for extra night must be made to the local organizers. The responsible LOC member is Mădălina Stancu. The payment must be made cash in Euros (EUR) or Lei (RON) at the rate of 1 EUR = 4.4 RON (exchange rate subject to change without notice).

For participants arriving by car, parking is free in front of the Continental Forum Hotel and at the Lara Hotel. Please, make sure that you have informed us of your travel plans so that we can make the necessary arrangements!

4. Schedule

The program of IMC 2011 is online: <http://www.imo.net/imc2011/schedule.php>. Please, check the lectures and posters to see if your contribution is included.

We ask participants to have their presentations transferred to the conference laptop the day before the start of the respective session and test them to make sure that they perform properly. Responsible for IT is LOC member Florin Stancu (niflostancu@gmail.com).

If you already have an article version of your presentation for inclusion in the proceedings, please take it with you to Sibiu!

Departure time from the Continental Forum Hotel to the Welcome Reception will be 18:05. Try to be in time in front of the hotel! If you arrive later, please contact Andrei Matache ([+40 729 04 11 33](tel:+40729041133))! An organizer will wait at the hotel till 18:20.

We remind participants that the conference fee includes full board (including meals).

Notice that the lunch on Friday is planned on the terrace of the lecture room in the ASTRA Library, so that returning to your hotel room to fetch something may prove to be impractical.

5. Workshops

Several participants will attend one or both workshops organized prior to the IMC. All participants were informed about the conditions of participation and the schedule. The program of these workshops and the list of the participants can be found here:

<http://www.imo.net/imc2011/workshop.php> .

6. IMO membership and IMO publications

During the entire conference, you will be able to either become a member of the International Meteor Organization (IMO) or else to renew your membership, for one or more years. Information on IMO membership can be found here:

<http://www.imo.net/imo/member> .

Selected IMO publications will also be offered for sale. In addition, you can also order publications not available on-site.

Responsible for IMO membership and IMO publications is IMO Treasurer Marc Gyssens. You will find him at the IMO desk in or near the conference room. There, you can also settle the balance of your IMC registration fee (see item 2).

During the conference, we accept cash payments in Euros (EUR) or Lei (RON) at the rate of 1 EUR = 4.4 RON (exchange rate subject to change without notice).

7. Weather

The weather outlook in Sibiu for the conference days looks promising. However, warmer clothing is also necessary for the trip to Bâlea Lake, as this is situated in a mountain area at over 2000 m altitude!

A 10-days weather forecast for Sibiu can be found here:

<http://www.weather.com/weather/tenday/ROXX0014>.

8. Tourist tips

People who arrive earlier or stay later are invited to visit two important sights:

- the Brukenthal National Museum: <http://www.turism.sibiu.ro/en/brukenthal.htm>;
and
- the Complex of ASTRA Museums:
<http://www.turism.sibiu.ro/en/astra.htm> ;
<http://www.muzeulastra.ro> .

Important touristic information can be found here:

<http://imo.net/imc2011/tourist.php> ;

http://www.turism.sibiu.ro/index_en.php .

9. Contact information:

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Transfer to hotel from airport, railway and bus station (available from September 13):

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See you soon in Sibiu!

Valentin Grigore