

# Practical Information for Participants

## HOW TO GET TO MONTECATINI TERME

- ARRIVAL ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

**Florence and Pisa airports.** A hostess wearing a European University Institute badge, will be waiting for you immediately outside the customs and baggage pickup area and will direct you either to the shuttle bus organized by us or to the Lazzi company bus service which runs approximately every hour between Florence airport and Montecatini Terme (there is no Lazzi service in Pisa). This is valid also for very late arrivals.

**Please note that our shuttle bus will run non-stop between the airports and Montecatini Terme. This means that there will be a bus at the airport approximately every two hours. We have tried to schedule the departures according to the arrivals which have been given to us, but keep in mind that you might have to wait at the airport if the shuttle bus is in transit to/from Montecatini. The bus ride from Pisa or Florence takes approximately 45 minutes.**

**By Train from other major airports in Italy.** If you are landing in Rome, Milan, or other major airports in Italy, you should take a train to Florence. From there, there are trains every hour to Montecatini Centro. If you want to consult the schedule, please check the web site [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it). The approximate price for a Florence-Montecatini ticket is Euro 7.

All hotels are within reasonable walking distance from the station. Alternatively you can take a taxi.

- ARRIVAL ON A DIFFERENT DATE

**Florence Airport.** The Lazzi company bus service runs from just outside the airport to Montecatini Central Bus Station. This bus stops at Florence Airport every 30 minutes after the hour, from 6.00 to 20.30. Please note that the departure time is indicative because the bus leaves from downtown Florence.

The bus stop is located right outside the airport area, along the highway, marked with a Lazzi yellow sign. When you get out of the arrival hall, walk 150 meters to the exit of the airport area. The bus stop is about 50 meters to your left.

Don't confuse this bus stop with the one inside the airport area, which goes to downtown Florence! For further info check the bus schedule [www.lazzi.it](http://www.lazzi.it)

**Pisa Airport.** From Pisa airport take the train to Pisa Central Station and from there the one to Montecatini Centro. Please check the train schedule [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it).

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## REGISTRATION

**Participants** should register at the Conference desk at the Hotel Vittoria (address below) on Wednesday, 25 March, from 10 o'clock on.

## CONFERENCE VENUES

### GRAND HOTEL VITTORIA

Viale Baccelli 2  
51016 - Montecatini Terme (PT)  
Tel: +39 0572 913388  
Fax: +39 0572 913250

Activities: ***Registration Desk, Keynote Speech, Workshop Sessions, Accommodation, lunches and dinner, coffee breaks***

### GRAND HOTEL CROCE DI MALTA

Viale IV Novembre 18  
51016 - Montecatini Terme  
Tel: +39 0572 9201  
Fax: + 39 0572 767516

Activities: ***Workshop Sessions, Accommodation, coffee breaks***

### GRAND HOTEL TAMERICI E PRINCIPE

Viale IV Novembre 2b  
51016 - Montecatini Terme  
Tel: +39 0572 71041

Activities: ***Workshop Sessions, Accommodation, coffee breaks***

## MEETING ROOM EQUIPMENT

Meeting rooms are equipped with data projectors and laptops.

## PAPERS / CD ROM

All participants will receive a CD-rom containing all the papers presented at the Meeting since the first edition and a folder with information regarding the meeting and related events.

**Please note that no papers will be distributed in hard copy.** However, a photocopying service will be offered at the cost of 20 cents a page. Copies need to be ordered in the morning for evening delivery. Please check with conference desk.

**We strongly encourage you to bring along a printed version of the papers presented in your workshop.**

## REIMBURSEMENTS

Reimbursements will be made during registration, all day Wednesday.

## CATERING

Coffee and tea will be **available at each of the three meeting venues** at the following times:

- Thursday and Friday: 10.30 – 11.30 and 15.30 – 16.30
- Saturday: 10.30 – 11.30

The following meals are provided by the Mediterranean Programme:

- Wednesday 25 March: Cocktail & Dinner at Hotel Vittoria
- Thursday 26 March: Buffet Lunch at Hotel Vittoria
- Friday 27 March: Buffet Lunch at Hotel Vittoria & Buffet Dinner and party at Le Panteraie
- Saturday 28 March: Buffet Lunch at Hotel Vittoria

N.B. Meals do not contain pork and will have a vast choice for vegetarians.

## BEAUTY TREATMENTS

All participants are entitled to a 15% discount on beauty treatment offered by the Hotel Vittoria Beauty Farm. Please enquire at the registration desk.

## WHO IS WHO

- Imco Brouwer and Aleksandra Djajic Horvath - Scientific Coordinators of the Meeting
- Monique Cavallari - RSCAS Conference Centre
- Angela Conte - RSCAS Conference Centre
- Elisabetta Spagnoli - RSCAS Conference Centre
- Laura Jurisevic - RSCAS Seminar and Conference Materials
- Valerio Pappalardo - RSCAS Webmaster