

Invitation - 1st Announcement

COST E55 - Modelling the Performance of Timber Structures

6th Workshop and 8th MC Meeting

1st joint Workshop together with COST TU0601 'Robustness of Structures'

University of Ljubljana

Slovenia

21.- 22. September 2009

Local Organiser:

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21.-22. September 2009

Programme (preliminary version June 2009)

Monday, September 21st 2009

08.30 Registration, Coffee

09.00 Opening and Workshop overview

09.30 Presentation of 'Fact sheets'.

Fact sheets are short documents, typically 4- pages long, that provide a condensed overview of a particular area with the ten most important references. This overview should identify the problem being considered and outline the current solutions/approaches used. Fact sheets are prepared by the participants of COST E55 and COST TU0601 about the most important topics identified during the course of the two COST actions.

17.00 Closure

17.30 Steering group meeting

20.00 Dinner

Tuesday, September 22nd 2009

8.30-11.00 General discussion on two/three identified topics for all (COST E55 / TU0601)

11.30-12.30 Parallel Working Group meetings for each Action (E55)

12.30-13.30 Lunch (perhaps sandwich during meeting)

13.30-15.00 Joint Working Group meetings for each Action (E55)

15.30-17.00 Management Committee meetings (E55)

17.00 Closure

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The participation in this workshop is open to all members of COST Action E55 as well as to the interested research community of the Action's signatory countries. Please register not later than **August 15th, 2009** by online registration under

http://www.cost-e55.ethz.ch/online_registration.html

after prior agreement with the MC members of your country. Please mention also the parallel session you intend to participate.

The planned meeting in Ljubljana is meant to be a real workshop with intensive discussion and developments during the 'Fact Sheets Session' on Monday. For the preparation of the parallel sessions on Tuesday it is a requirement to prepare and coordinate with your 'parallel session discussion group' prior to the meeting.

The parallel sessions are addressing the following topics:

- Moisture Induced Stresses (Coordinated by Staffan Svensson)
- Ductility (coordinated by André Jorissen)
- Robustness (coordinated by John D. Sørensen)

More detailed information about the venue is attached to this document.

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PREMIER

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BEST WESTERN PREMIER

HOTEL SLON

Reservation:

For the period from September 20 to September 22, 2009 the following rooms are reserved:

40 single rooms: 86.40 € per person per night

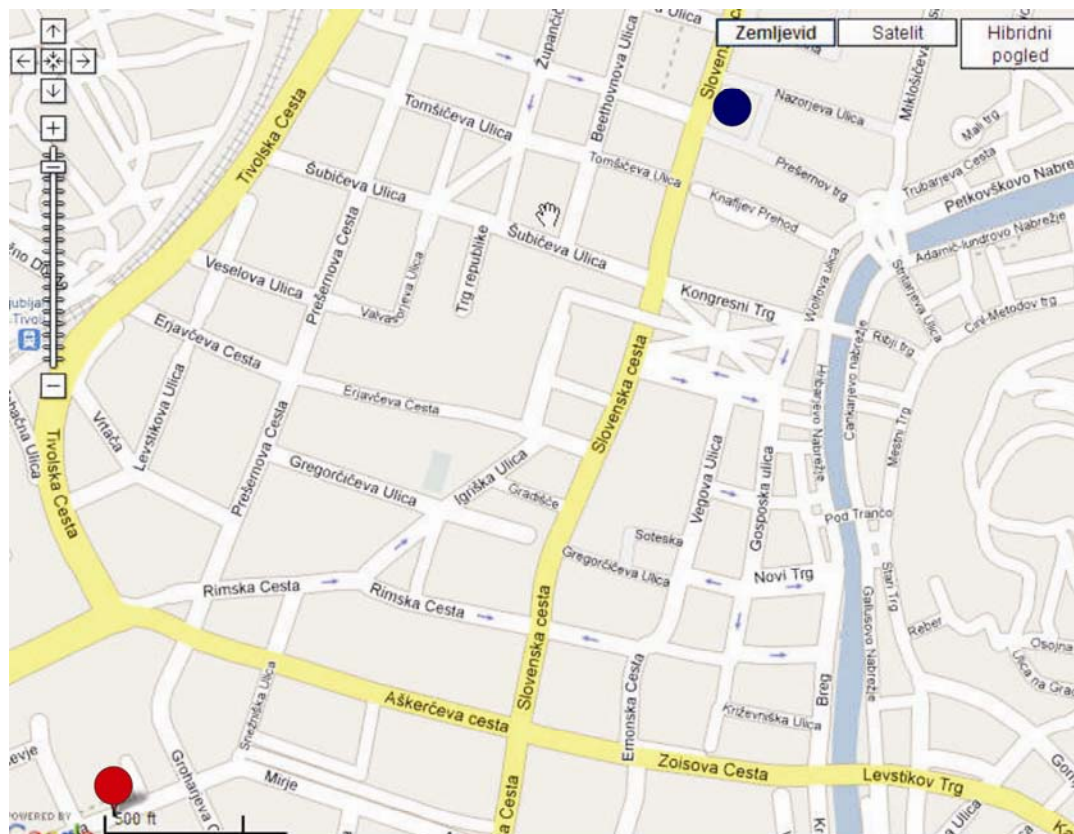
40 double rooms: 107.20 € per person per night (one person per room)

68.00 € per person per night (two persons per room)


The prices shown above are reduced for COST meetings.

The reservation should be made no later than July 1, 2009.

The Hotel is relatively close to the University (10 – 15 minutes walking).



 Hotel Slon

 University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering

The meetings will be held at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, Jamova 2.

The hotel:

The Best Western Premier Hotel Slon is situated in the very heart of Ljubljana city centre. There are only a few steps to the old city core, the Ljubljana castle and all the main city sights.



Hotel exterior



Suite



Valet parking

This modern 4-star hotel offers 171 comfortable and well-appointed rooms, of which the doubles, deluxe rooms and suites are newly renovated and among other feature modern decoration and LCD screens with DVD players. In March 2009 the hotel will introduce its own bed concept with extra comfortable mattress and duvet, luxurious bed linens and an extensive pillow menu.

For all guests we provide following complimentary services:

- *Wireless WiFi internet connection in all hotel rooms and public area*
- *use of our roof top relax zone with Finish sauna and fitness corner (multifunctional weight - training machine, jogging trail and bike)*

For hotel guests we provide possibility of parking in the nearby garage attended by our friendly staff. Preliminary reservation is required and the cost is 18 EUR per day.

Reservation of shuttle transfer (Ljubljana Airport / hotel and vice-versa) can be done with room reservation and the payment is settled at reception desk.

Check in time: 12:00 pm (early check in upon request)

Check out time: 12:00 pm (late check out upon request)

Reception desk is available 24 hours including wake up call service.

The hotel is also famous for its excellent cuisine. In the attractive atmosphere of the Restaurant & Lounge Slon, overlooking the busy streets of Ljubljana, our guests will be served modern Mediterranean as well as other international dishes and a vast choice of top quality wines.

In the three Hotel Restaurants we prepare working breakfasts, business lunches and gala dinners, receptions and parties.

Suggestions for activities:

There are plenty of things to do in Ljubljana and hotel Slon is a great starting point for exploring the city on foot. Here are some ideas that have been proven a success with our guests:

- Ljubljana Tourist Board offers tailored sightseeing tours (www.visitljubljana.si)
- Teambuilding sightseeing tours of the city that always work are offered by Lifetrek (www.spiritown.com) and Liberty Incentives (www.liberty-incentive.net)
- Our best partners are Liberty and Koren Sports. **Liberty Incentives** offer great incentive programs, among other in the famous Postojna Cave, traditionally themed evenings, and many other interesting activities. **Koren Sports** (www.koren-sports.si) are specialized in active programs featuring cycling, hiking, and igloo village in the winter (highly recommended!), adventure sports...
- These two companies will be happy to book venues for your event that are specific in character and guarantee a successful event. A possibility is clubbing in the near-by As Pub or Global Club, a gala dinner at the City Museum, a concert in the Philharmonic hall or open-air theatre Križanke in the summer.

A TOUR OF THE CITY

A relaxed walking tour of the old town will take you across the market place where local produce can be tasted, to the cable car to the castle hill. There a magnificent view of the city and the near-by Alps can be enjoyed, followed by a tasty aperitif. The descent on foot will bring you to the oldest streets of the city and to the best restaurants. A good dinner can be upgraded by a visit to the lively river bank, which is full of the hottest and trendiest bars.

UNDERGROUND ADVENTURE

This is a solution that will please your guests and at the same time satisfy your curiosity by safely following footsteps of first explorers to show you the halls of the Postojna Cave world that have until recently been closed to the public. In caving overalls and with a miner's carbide lamp on your head, accompanied by experienced guides, you will set out into dark and mysterious tunnels and galleries, where you will try to solve sets of assignments and exercises intended for your entertainment, motivation and cooperation or simply to break the ice.



Ljubljana

Extended stay:

From Ljubljana there is only 1 hour drive to the magnificent Alpine resort Bled in the north or the lively coastal towns of Piran and Portorož in the south.

Bled is a charming and inviting place, surrounded by high mountains, green forests and clear blue lake. Travellers in search of diversity and beauty, of relaxation and inspiration, tranquillity and the challenges of sport will find here a multitude of opportunities. Walking and jogging trails around the lake, traditional boats, ringing the island's wishing bell, the castle treasures, the nearby ski pistes, mountain trails, golf courses, hunting, fishing, the casino, congress facilities – all these are but fragments of Bled's attraction, which is truly worth experiencing.



Bled



Postojna cave



Piran

The old seaport of **Piran** lies at the end of the Piran peninsula. The town has preserved the medieval layout with narrow streets and compact houses, which rise in steps from the coastal lowland into the hills and give the whole area a typical Mediterranean look. A stroll on the Riviera and lunch in a typical fish restaurant is a must.

For additional information do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to welcoming you at our hotel soon.
