

Saturday, 22 April 2023

Dear conference presenter / attendee,

An update on conference details

Conference registration remains open until 12 May and the conference programme is *approaching* completion (but the *limit* is not yet reached). A final list of papers and details will be sent to you in mid-May but we thought that you would appreciate an update on conference matters at this point in time. Here, we report on academic and hospitality matters.

Academic matters

Plenary speakers

We are delighted to be able to say that five disciplines will be represented in the five plenary talks: Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering and Physics. Drafts of all plenary talks will be available on the conference website by mid-May. The plenary speakers are:

- Carrie Diaz Eaton – Bates University (Biology)
- Marcy Towns – Purdue University (Chemistry)
- Rainer Voßkamp – Kassel University (Economics)
- Brian Faulkner – University of Milwaukee (Engineering)
- Suzanne White Brahmia – University of Washington (Physics)

Research papers

Thirty papers have been accepted for presentation at the conference. These papers will be available on the conference website by mid-May.

Conference programme

Here is a provisional outline of the conference programme:

MONDAY 5	TUESDAY 6	WEDNESDAY 7	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 9
Opening	Plenary 2	Plenary 4	Paper presentations	Discussion group
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Paper presentations	Paper presentations	Paper presentations	Discussion group	Journal Special Issues, Future Collaborations
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Plenary 1	Plenary 3	Plenary 5	Paper presentations	Discussion Group Reports Closing
Break	Break	Break	Break	
Brainstorm session	Brainstorm session	Discussion group	Brainstorm session	
	Excursion		Conference dinner	

Hospitality matters

The recommended conference hotel is [Zander K](#). This hotel is situated close to the train station. Most of the conference will be held at [Studentsenteret](#) which is situated close to the beautiful [Nygårdsparken](#) park. Studentsenteret is about 1km from the Zander K hotel. Here are links to maps where hotel Zander K and the conference venue are marked.

Zander K. Hotel: <https://goo.gl/maps/A5a6fKLAsvRCVLHF8>

Studentsenteret: <https://goo.gl/maps/utaNdyhLQqxewYjP8>

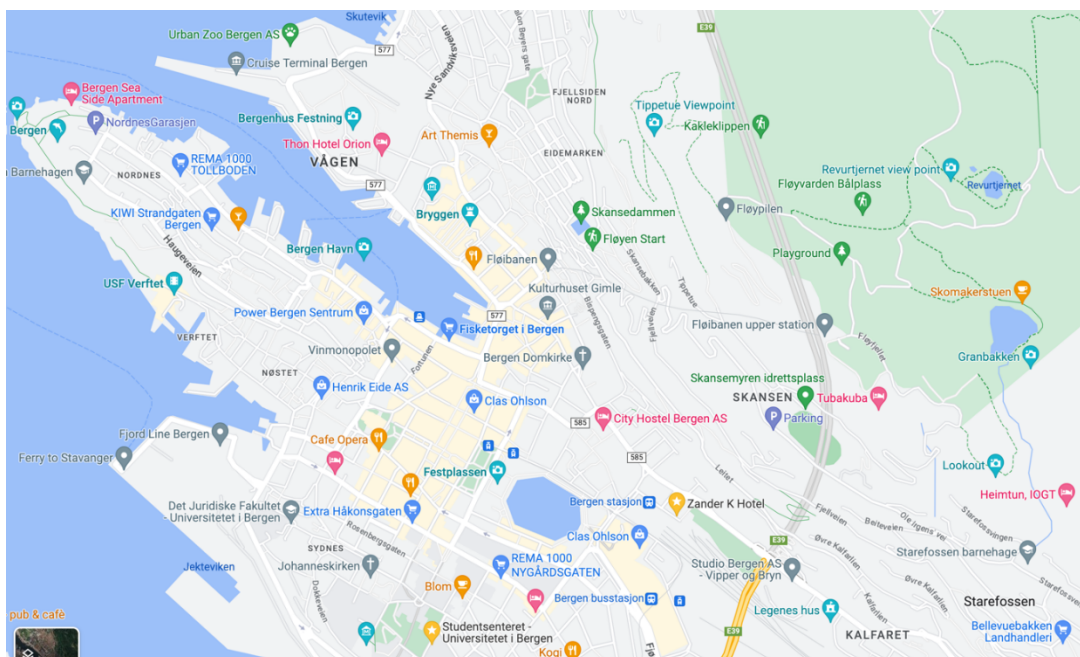
If you need assistance with finding accommodation, then contact Elisabeth Rasmussen, elisabeth.rasmussen@uia.no.

Bergen airport is connected by bus and light rail to the city centre. For information see:

<https://avinor.no/en/airport/bergen-airport/to-and-from-the-airport/bus-and-taxi/light-rail>

On Tuesday evening, we will have a guided tour of “Bryggen i Bergen” which is the historic part of the city. After the guided tour, we will take the Funicular “Fløibanen” to the top of Mount Fløyen, a great viewpoint in Bergen. From the Mount Fløyen, we can see the city centre surrounded by a beautiful coastal landscape. We advise that you bring good walking shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather this time of the year. More information will be given closer to the conference, but we urge you to pay attention to the weather forecasts when preparing your trip.

There will be a conference dinner with live music on Thursday at 19.00 at the restaurant [Nøsteboden](#).



Bergen is a city that is surrounded by fjords and mountains, and you may be interested in hiking in the mountains in the afternoon, or in the weekend before or after the conference. The city centre is not huge and you can reach many of the points of interest by walking. The old [Bryggen](#) is on UNESCO's World Heritage list and strolling around there is wonderful. You can dine in restaurants both indoors and outdoors. Walking to Bryggen takes ten minutes from the conference hotel, and twenty minutes from the conference site. Or, you can take the tram for part of the way.

During the first part of the conference (until June 7) the annual internationally renowned (classical) music festival [Festspillene i Bergen](#) takes place, both in concert halls and in public venues around the city. Here is also a link to some of the best things to do while you are visiting Bergen: <https://blog.norwegianreward.com/en/travel/the-15-best-things-to-do-in-bergen/>.

We look forward to seeing you in Bergen in June!

Best wishes,

The Programme Committee and the Local Organising Committee