

Registration

The registration of the conference participants will start on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8, at 17:00, in the Lobby of the La Meridien Hotel. It will close on Sunday at 20:00 and reopen Monday morning at 08:00 .

Tourist Information.

A tourist information stand will be located next to the registration desk. It will be open at the times when the registration stand is open. For tour arrangements before the conference please send e-mail to inbarofan@issta.ca.il .

Meals

Full participant and accompanying person registration includes three lunches (on the 9th , 10th and 11th of January. Lunches will be served at the La Meridien Hotel.

Welcome Reception

All the participants are invited to a Welcome Reception which will take place on Monday at 20:00 in the La Meridien Hotel.

Festive Dinner

A festive dinner with an Israeli folk show will be take place on Tuesday at 20:30. in the La Meridien Hotel. The payment for the festive dinner is included in the full participant and accompanying person registration fee.

Communication

La Meridien Hotel Contact Details

Tel: +972 8 659 1234

Fax: +972 8 659 1235

Internet Access

In the La Meridien Hotel there are two computers (one in the lobby and one in the business lounge in the 16th floor) with Internet connection. There is wireless access in the lobby.

Currency & Exchange

The local currency is the Israeli Shekel (NIS). The current exchange rate 1 \$US is approximately 4.6 NIS. Currency can be exchanged at the Ben-Gurion Airport and at the hotels' reception desks.

An automatic teller machine where credit cards can be used for dispensing cash is located in a small shopping center about 10 minutes walk from the La Meridien Hotel.

Electrical Current

European type 2 pin sockets (with 220 volts AC at 50 cycles) can be used.

Climate

The temperatures in the Dead Sea area during January are typically 11 °C (52 °F) during the night and 20 °C (68 °C) during the day. Weather forecast for Israel is available at: <http://weather.yahoo.com/regional/ISXX.html> .

After Conference Tour

An after conference tour will take place in the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006. The after conference tour is free of charge to the conference participants and their families. Tour buses will depart from the La Meridian hotel at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 11. First we will visit Sde-Boker (<http://www.boker.org.il/english/>) and after that the Beer-Sheva campus of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (<http://cmsprod.bgu.ac.il/Eng/home/About/>). The buses will bring the participants to the Ben-Gurion Airport (approximate time of arrival 9:00 pm) and to the central (Arlozorov) train station in Tel-Aviv (approximate time of arrival 9:45 pm).

If you are interested to attend the after conference tour, please send your name and the number of persons in your party to: lironbz@bgu.ac.il.