



7th ESENIAS Workshop with Scientific Conference

Networking and regional cooperation towards Invasive Alien Species Prevention and Management in Europe

**28–30 March 2017
SOFIA, BULGARIA**

INFORMATION ABOUT CONFERENCE VENUE, TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION



CONFERENCE VENUES

28th March, 2017 - the Big conference hall in Central Administration of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) in the city center (Conference venue 1).

Address: 1 Fifteen November Street, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria.

29-30 March, 2017 – the Conference hall ‘Kiev’ of the Park Hotel Moskva (Conference venue 2).

Address: 25 Nezabravka Street, Sofia 1113, Bulgaria.



Map of Sofia with the Conference venues 1 (BAS) and 2 (Park Hotel Moskva).



Central Administration of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) (Venue 1)

Website: <http://bas.bg/bulgarian-academy-of-science>

Webcam: <https://nova.bg/camera/view/4/народно-събрание-софия/>



Park Hotel Moskva (Venue 2)

Website: <http://www.parkhotelmoskva.net/lang-en.htm>

Webcam: <http://free-webcam.bg.com/Sofia-50-street-webcam-live-online-camera-kamerite-na-jivo-vremeto-weather.html>

TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Public Transport in Sofia

Trams, trolleybuses and buses cover the whole city, including the outskirts. Tickets must be bought from kiosks prior to boarding and validated on the bus or tram. Look for the punching devices on the wall of the bus, insert the ticket and punch. Many trams and trolleybuses now have ticket machines at the front, where you can buy a ticket that does not need punching. The ticket is only valid for the journey on that particular tram/bus; if you change - you will need to punch a new ticket. One ticket costs 1.60 BGN (0.82 EURO).

Sofia has two underground (metro) lines, which intersect in the city center at Serdika metro station (lines 1 and 2 have a common link). Line 1 runs from Sofia Business Park to the West (Lyulin, Slivnitsa), while Line 2 runs from Sofia Airport to the North (Nadezhda, Obelya), via the city center. The two metro lines have 6 common stops before and 6 stops after Serdika metro station (see below the map of the metro stations Line 1 and Line 2). Changing trains from Line 1 (or Line 2) to Line 2 at Serdika Metro station, passengers can travel from the airport to Sofia Central Bus and Railway Stations within less than half an

hour. Tickets cost 1.60 BGN and can be bought from the ticket machines or the ticket office at the entrance of the stations.

Daily travel card is valid for all types of public transport and costs 4 Levs (2 Euro).



Sofia Airport is located only 10 km from the city center, in the eastern part of the capital. The journey from the airport to the city takes less than 30 minutes. Sofia Airport has two terminals, T1 and T2. Most of the scheduled flights operate out of Terminal 2 (the new one), Terminal 1 being used for charter flights and budget airlines, such as Easy Jet, Ryanair and Wizzair. Check carefully with your airline from which terminal it operates. The website of the airport has live flight information in English (<http://www.sofia-airport.bg/en/passengers/and-airport/public-transport>).



International trains provide a large number of routes to Sofia, arriving from places, such as Kiev, Vienna, Belgrade, Budapest, Bucharest and other cities, to the **Central Railway Station** in Sofia (<http://www.bdz.bg/en/>).



Sofia Central Bus Station is adjacent to the Central Railway Station (<http://tis.centralnaavtogara.bg>). Most buses arriving from or going to the countryside or abroad come here.

How to reach the Central Administration of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) (Conference Venue 1):

You can take **Underground (Metro) transport** from the Central Railway Station (or the Central Bus Station) to the Serdika Metro Station and walk on foot to the venue, or from Sofia

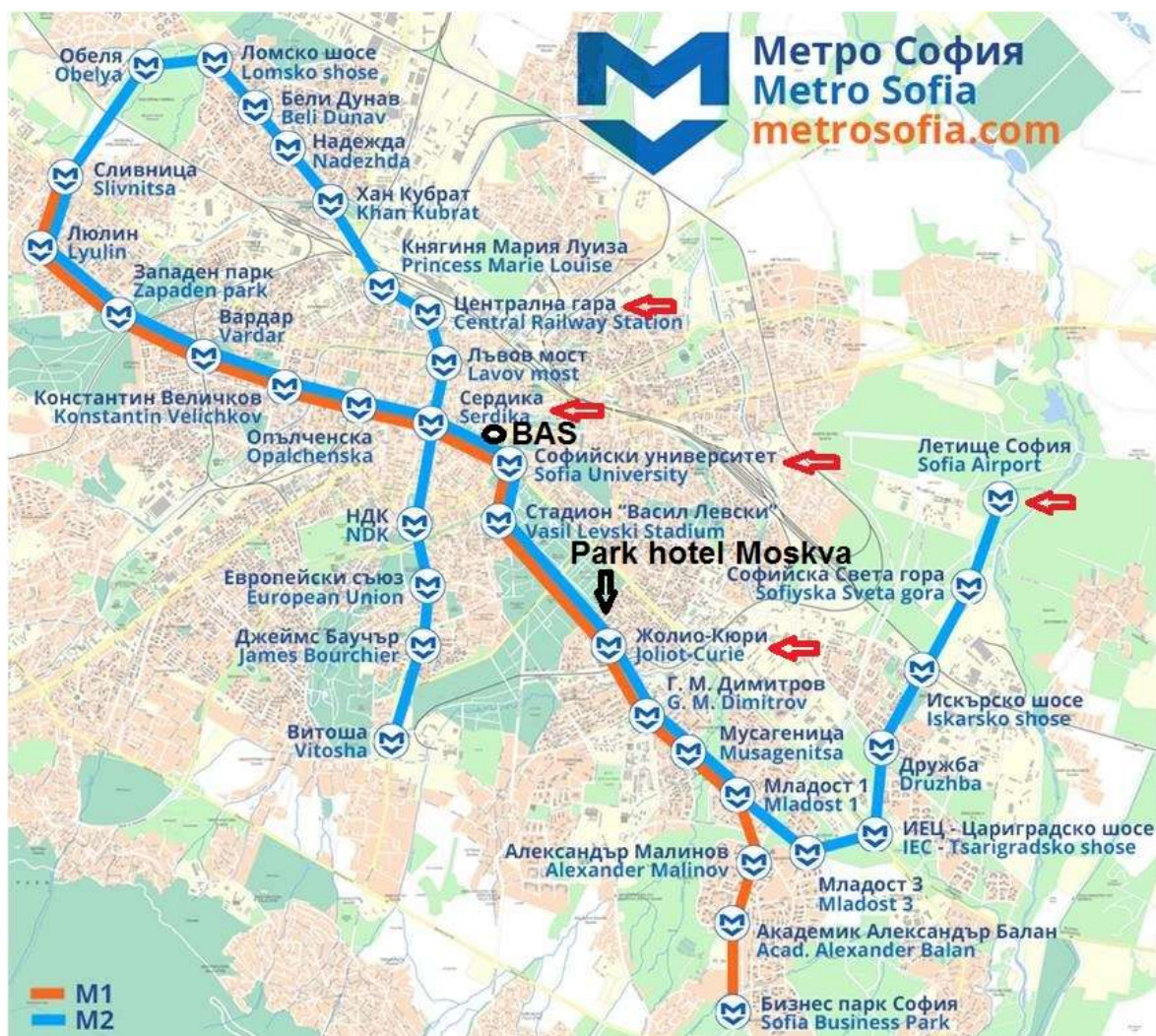
Airport Metro Station (or 'Joliot-Curie' Metro Station near Park Hotel Moskva) to Sofia University Metro Station, which is nearby the Conference venue 1.

Public Bus № 84 stops at both terminals of Sofia Airport and travels down Tsarigradsko Shosse Blvd. via the Sofia University (close to the Conference venue 1) to Gurko Str. in Sofia city center and vice versa.

How to reach the Park Hotel Moskva (Conference Venue 2):

Park Hotel Moskva is situated next to the National Park "Borisova Gradina", across the Russian Embassy. **The underground (Metro) Station 'Joliot-Curie'** is very close to the hotel and provides fast access (see the map of the Metro lines 1 and 2): 5-7 minutes to the city center (3 stops to the Serdika Metro station), 15 minutes to the Central Bus and Railway Stations (change for 2 stops with Metro line 2 at Serdika Metro station) and 20 minutes to the Sofia Airport (9 stops with the Metro line 2).

Public Bus № 413 stops close to the Park Hotel Moskva, the stop is 'Russian Embassy'. You can take the bus from the Central Railway station (or the Central Bus station).



Conference venues (BAS and Park Hotel Moskva, in black) on the map of the Underground (Metro) Line 1 and Line 2 (important stations are with red arrows)



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ACCOMMODATION



Park Hotel Moskva

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Fax: +359 2/963 0241

E-mail: marketing@parkhotelmoskva.net

Web: www.parkhotelmoskva.net

<http://www.parkhotelmoskva.net/en/accommodation/rooms-suites.htm>

The special offer for the participants in the conference is as follows:

Rooms	Guests	Bedrooms	Price per night/ BGN	Price per night/Euro
Single room	1	bedroom with king-size or 2 separate beds	61.00 лв. BB	31 € BB
Double room	2	bedroom with king-size or 2 separate beds	76.00 лв. BB	39 € BB
Junior Suite	1/2	living room and bedroom area with 2 separate beds	84.00 лв. BB	43 € BB
Junior Suite	3	bedroom with 3 separate beds	108.00 лв. BB	55 € BB
Panorama Suite	1/2	bedroom with king-size or 2 separate beds, spacious living room	101.00 лв. BB	52 € BB
Panorama Suite	3	bedroom with 3 separate beds	127.00 лв. BB	65 € BB

The price includes: accommodation, breakfast (buffet), City tax, insurance, 9% VAT.

Parking per day in BGN: vehicle - 6, minibus - 15, bus - 20.

For reservation, please contact directly the hotel on the following e-mail address: marketing@parkhotelmoskva.net, and specify that you are participant in the event on 29-30 March (7th ESENIAS workshop with conference), which will be held at the same hotel.

Hotels in the city around the Conference venue 2 (29-31 March 2017):

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Hotel Latinka 28A Latinka Str.

<http://www.hotel-latinka-sofia.com/index.html>

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BEST WESTERN Hotel EUROPE 1 Liditse Str.

<http://www.hotel-europe-bg.com/en/>

Hotels in the city center around the Conference venue 1 (28th March 2017):

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Sense Hotel Sofia 16 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.

www.sensehotel.com/

Radisson Blu Grand Hotel Sofia 4 Narodno Sabranie Square

www.radissonblu.com/hotel-sofia

Grand Hotel Sofia 1 Gurko Str., Sofia

www.grandhotelsofia.bg/

★★★★

Best Western City Hotel Sofia 6 Stara Planina Str.

www.sofiacityhotel.com/en/

★★★

Slavyanska Beseda 3 Slavyanska Str.

www.slavyanska.com/

Rila Hotel 6 Kaloyan Str.

www.hotelrila.bg/?lang=en

Arte Hotel 5 Dondukov Blvd.

www.artehotelbg.com/en/rooms-reservations/

★★

L'Opera Guest House 8 Paris Str.

www.hotel-lopera.eu/en/prices/

Hostels:



Nightingale Hostel 2A, Petko R. Slaveykov Square

<http://www.nightingale.hostel.com/>

Nightingale Hostel and Guesthouse 8 Budapeshta Str.

www.nightingaleguesthouse.com/

Crosspoint Sofia Hostel 6 Parensov Str.

www.crosspointhostel.com/

Book your stay in Sofia

For a full list of accommodation options and booking, also check the websites:

www.visitbulgaria.net/en/sofia/hotels/

www.besthoteldeals.supertravelz.com/Place/Sofia.htm

www.hostelworld.com/findabed.php/ChosenCity.Sofia/ChosenCountry.Bulgaria?source=googleadwordsnewdestinations&kid=407358&aid=2&gclid=COWxt-G0u7cCFWbJtAodDiEAIg

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Climate

Sofia has a humid continental climate. **Weather** in Sofia:

<http://weather.sinoptik.bg/sofia-bulgaria>

Street view map of Sofia and sightseeing:

www.maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=209621198402414811661.0004c2ce581b32d2c4eac