



NECESSARY INFORMATION

Registration Desk

Registration desk will be open during the below dates and times at the main foyer of the Congress Center, Istanbul Lutfi Kırdar Convention & Exhibition Center - ICEC.

August 13, 2011

Registration For Short Courses & Workshops Starting from 8.00am

Registration For GASS2011 from 3.00pm to 7.00pm

August 14 to 20,2011

From 8.00am to 7.00pm

Name Badges

All delegates will have to wear their name badges during the conference. Please note that delegates without a name badge will not be allowed to enter the conference venue or sessions.

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

Opening Ceremony will be organized on August 14, 2011 between 5.00pm and 7.00pm, at the Anadolu Auditorium of ICEC. After the ceremony the Welcome Reception will be organized at the gardens of the Harbiye Cultural Center & Military Museum which is located just near the ICEC.

All registered delegates and accompanying persons will be able to attend to these events. Please wear your name badges for entrance to the Welcome Reception.

Gala Dinner

Gala Dinner will be organized on August 17, 2011 between 7.30pm and 11.00pm at the poolside of the Hilton Hotel Istanbul. The venue is walking distance away from the Congress Center and Taksim Square. Gala dinner tickets will be sold at the registration desk during registration hours.

Address: Hilton Hotel Istanbul / Cumhuriyet Street, 34349, Harbiye

Airport – City Center Transfers

Delegates who already purchased airport transfers will be welcomed at the exit of the international arrivals with a board on which the URSI GASS 2011 logo and name of the delegate will be seen.

No complimentary transfers will be provided from and to the airport. You will have to make your own way to the hotel. The average price for taxi fare from the airport to the hotel to the city center is about 25.-Euros. HAVAS shuttle buses depart every half an hour from the airport to Taksim Square. One way HAVAS tickets are 5.-Euros per person.

Tour & Transfer Desk

There will be a Tours & Transfers Desk at the registration area where all delegates will be able to purchase departure transfers, change their current departure transfers and also purchase post-conference and daily city tours. This desk will be giving service from August 14, 2011, at 12.00pm until the end of the Congress.

Accompanying Persons Programme

Registered accompanying persons will be able to attend the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception and Closing Ceremony.



Certificate of Attendance

Delegates will be able to receive their certificate of attendance from the registration desk after 2.00pm on August 16, 2011.

Lunch

There will not be any free lunch organized by the URSI GASS 2011. However, cash bars and an A la Carte restaurant will be available in the conference venue for the service of attendees. There are also lots of different cuisine and restaurant options around the conference venue. Necessary information for reaching to places where various options for lunch can be obtained from the Registration Desk.

Wine & Dine

Some special events will be organized during the Congress. Delegates will be able to purchase these events from the Wine & Dine desk which will be located in the registration area.

August 15, Dinner at Kumkapi Neyzen / 50.-€

August 16, Dinner at Suada / 75.-€

August 18, Bosphorus Cruise / 65.-€

August 19, Dinner at 360 Istanbul / 100.-€

Delegates will have the chance to make private reservations for these restaurants and more alternatives from the Wine & Dine desk.

Internet Center

An internet center which you will be free to use it during the conference.

Slide Control Room / Speaker Ready Room

Delegates who will present their papers should submit their presentation files at least two hours before their presentation. The Slide Control Room will be on the first floor of the conference venue and the name of the room is "Fatih Room". It is advised to load the presentations to the Speaker Ready Room at least two hours before the session starts. If your presentation is early in the morning, it is advised to load the presentation the day before.

Currency & Banking

The national currency in Turkey is Turkish Liras (TL).

1.-EURO \cong 2,30 TL

1.-USD \cong 1,65 TL

Banks can exchange foreign currency and travelers' checks with your passport as proof of identity. Commissions are charged at between 1-3 % per transaction. Exchange rates change daily and can be checked in the press. Also Euro can be found and easily be changed in the exchange offices. Banks are usually open between 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:30 - 17:00 on weekdays. The big retail banks all have ATMs, some of them give cash advances against foreign credit cards.

Communication

If you have a GSM-standard phone capable of operating on the 900MHz and/or 1800MHz band(s), you may be able to use international roaming in Turkey for at least a few weeks. For longer use, you'll have to register your phone with the Turkish government

Electricity

The electric current is 220V AC with a frequency of 50 Hertz. European standard plugs Type C (European 2-pin) with two round pins are used. 110V AC is also found in some 5 star hotels.