

WELCOME TO THE EIGA SUMMER SESSION 2020



27TH MAY - 30TH MAY 2020

THE WESTIN, VALÈNCIA

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WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2020

- IGC-Meeting (afternoon, IGC-members only)

THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2020

- Arrival of participants
- IGC- and Board of Directors-Meetings (IGC- and Board-members only)
- Welcome Reception & Dinner

FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2020

- EIGA Annual General Meeting
- Accompanying Persons' Programme
- Awards Reception & Dinner

SATURDAY, 30 MAY 2020

- Individual Departures



HOTEL AND CONFERENCE VENUE



The Westin València

Amadeo de Saboya, 16 • València, 46010 Spain

The hotel, in Art Deco style, is ideally located in the city centre close to the historic centre (5 min.), the commercial area and the pretty Turia gardens, València's green lung created from the old riverbed. It is a 2,5 km walk through this park to the City of Arts and Sciences of València.

The hotel started life as the Industria Lanera València building built in 1917 for the thriving wool industry. The hotel offers 135 guest rooms, conference facilities, different restaurants (Rosmarino, El Jardí, Komori) and has a wellness SPA, fitness centre and indoor pool. Distance to airport: approx. 12 km (20 min.)



ABOUT SPAIN

Spain, country located in the extreme southwestern Europe. It occupies about 85% of the Iberian Peninsula, which it shares with its smaller neighbour Portugal. With an area of 505.990 km² it is the largest country in Southern Europe and second biggest in the EU. Spain's capital and largest city is Madrid ; other major urban areas include Barcelona, València, Sevilla, Málaga and Bilbao.



Interesting facts about Spain:

- Spain leads the way on eurozone GDP growth
- Spain's export figures are over 34% (2018) of the GDP and Spain is one of the leaders in the automotive sector
- in 2018 Spain has received 82,6 million of tourism visitors

- Spain has the most important net of high speed train in Europe and the best public health system
- the world's largest producer of olive oil
- more than 8000 km of beaches
- Spanish is the world's second most spoken language and 90% of its population has internet connection
- Spain has 44 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- traditionally each person has two surnames
- more than 1 million hectares is dedicated for wine
- historically Spain has had a great impact in Europe and across the world
- great cultural developments in arts, literature, music ...
- the official name of the country is the Kingdom of Spain (Reino de España)



ABOUT VALÈNCIA

The third-largest city of Spain after Madrid and Barcelona, situated on the east coast and the banks of the Turia river. València's port is the biggest on the Mediterranean western coast.

The old town (Barrio del Carmen) with winding streets contains buildings dating to Roman and Arabic times. Worthwhile a visit are the Cathedral, the gothic Basilica of the Virgin, the gothic Silk Exchange (La Lonja de la Seda) and the modernist Mercado Central.

The most remarkable area of the city is the futuristic Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias (City of Arts and Sciences), designed by the world-renowned (and city-born) architect Santiago Calatrava, with the opera house, a science museum, an IMAXcinema/planetarium, an oceanographic park (Europe's largest aquarium) and other structures such as a long covered walkway.

The Turia Gardens is one of the largest urban parks in Spain. It runs, crossed by 18 bridges, through the city along 9 km of green space, the perfect place for runners, cyclists, families and nature enthusiasts. Built on the former riverbed of the Turia, whose course was altered after the devastating flood on 14 October 1957.

The Albufera, a freshwater lagoon and estuary about 11 km south of



the city, is one of the largest lakes in Spain. Today it forms the main portion of the Albufera Nature Reserve.

Due to its long history, this is a city with numerous popular celebrations and traditions, such as Las Fallas, a local festival held in March and declared as cultural heritage by UNESCO.

València is also well known for its gastronomic culture. The Paella Valenciana, a simmered rice dish with meat (usually chicken or rabbit) was born in València, as well as the Orxata, a cold beverage made of the milk of the chufa (tiger nut).

València is a bilingual city: Valencian and Spanish are the two official languages.



By Air



València International Airport (VLC)

Regular daily flights to popular domestic and international destinations.

Situated 8 km west of the city centre

Travel time to the hotel: 20 min. (12 km)

Taxi ride to the hotel: approx. 25 EUR (one way) – taxi station opposite arrivals

Metro (stop Alameda – lines 3 and 5): approx. 5 EUR (one way) – station at ground floor of the regional flights terminal – journey takes around 30 min. (tickets: 4.90 EUR (3.90 EUR + 1 EUR for the card)



by courtesy of VCB (València Convention Bureau) – map dated April 2019



By Train

The city also has two main railway stations, the Estación del Norte, from which the local train network operates, and Joaquín Sorolla, offering AVE high-speed rail services to Madrid, Cuenca, Seville and Córdoba. ALVIA and EUROMED long-distance trains also depart from Joaquín Sorolla, providing connections to cities including Barcelona.



By Sea

València is home to one of the most important commercial ports in the Mediterranean. The port, which operates passenger services to both the Balearic Islands and Italy, is fast becoming a popular destination for cruise ships, which dock at Poniente Pier.



By Road

València is equipped with a modern motorway network making it easily accessible from any city on the mainland. These include the AP-7, which runs north to south along the Mediterranean coast connecting the city with Barcelona, and the A-3 running from València to Madrid.



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