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**XIII Workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and related detectors  
(RPC2016)**Ghent University, Belgium  
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This bulletin contains final practical information on the XIII workshop on Resistive Plate Chambers and related detectors (RPC2016) that will take place at Ghent University in Belgium, in the week of Feb. 22-26, 2016. Further information can also be found on the conference website.

**Venue**

RPC2016 will be held at *Het Pand* (<http://www.ugent.be/het-pand/en>), the culture and congress centre of Ghent University:

Het Pand  
Onderbergen 1  
9000 Gent  
Belgium  
Tel: +32 (0)9 264 83 05

This unique historical monument is a former Dominican Monastery, situated beside the river Leie in the historic centre of the city of Ghent. The conference centre is easily accessible by foot from most of the city hotels. A city map of Ghent, indicating Het Pand is included on the conference website.

**Travel***Arriving by plane:*

Ghent is located about 65km west of the international airport in Zaventem, *Brussels Airport*. From the airport, Ghent is easily reachable by train, leaving directly from the airport's own railway station, *Brussel-Nationale-Luchthaven*. Direct and indirect trains (through Brussels) are running regularly throughout the day; look for trains going to *Gent-Sint-Pieters*.

Going to Ghent by taxi from the airport is also possible but extremely expensive and therefore not recommended at all!

*Arriving by train:*

Frequent train connections to Ghent are available from any major city in Belgium. International fast train connections to Ghent (directly or via Brussels) are available from most major European cities. Participants arriving by train should exit at station *Gent-Sint-Pieters*.

*Arriving by car:*

Ghent is located on the intersection of two major European motorways: the E17 connects Northern Europe to the South, and the E40 runs from the North Sea right across to Eastern Europe. From the **E17**, take the "Gent Centrum" exit. On the **E40**, from the motorway intersection in Zwijnaarde, follow "Antwerpen" (E17) and then take the "Gent Centrum" exit.

### *Getting to your hotel or the conference centre:*

The conference centre and proposed hotels are located in the city centre of Ghent. The city centre is a pedestrian area.

Participants arriving by car can follow the *P-route* signs leading to the various car parks that give access to the city centre. Limited parking space could be available near your hotel, please verify when making your reservation. A car park (*Sint-Michiels*) is also located right in front of the conference center.

From the *Gent-Sint-Pieters* railway station the city centre is easily reachable by public transport; tram no.1 is most convenient as it goes every few minutes and will take you to e.g. *Korenmarkt*, which is one of the central locations in the city centre. Taxi services are also available from the front side of the railway station.

### **Registration and payment**

Registration for the workshop has officially closed. **Participants that still need to register are invited to contact the Local Organizing Committee as soon as possible.**

The workshop fee is €400,00 to be paid online through credit card or bank transfer, or in cash at the workshop. The fee includes:

- Welcome reception
- Lunches (Monday to Friday)
- Social events
- Workshop dinner
- Proceedings

The fee for accompanying persons is €125,00 and includes the welcome reception, social events and workshop dinner.

Note that the payment of the registration fee needs to be settled before the start of the workshop, i.e. latest during the on-site registration on Monday morning. To simplify the on-site registration we urge participants to use the online payment tool as much as possible. **On-site payments can be done in cash only; payments by credit card or other means will not be accepted on-site.**

### **Schedule of the workshop**

The final schedule of the workshop can be consulted on the conference website. The on-site registration is foreseen on Monday morning between 9:00-10:45am. The actual workshop program begins on Monday at 10:45am and ends on Friday at 2pm.

The workshop consists of plenary sessions only, including a dedicated poster session on Tuesday afternoon. Several keynote talks are included in the program.

### **Talks and poster contributions**

All speakers should upload their talks to the Indico page of the conference before the start of the session. Keynote talks are attributed 30+10min, while contributed talks have 15+5min. We kindly request all speakers to respect the allocated time.

The poster boards are 1x2m<sup>2</sup> (width x height), suitable for standard A0-sized posters in portrait orientation. Posters can be put on display from Monday morning up to Friday morning. Participants should print their poster beforehand; no poster printing service will be available during the workshop.

### **Internet/computing**

Wifi will be available for the participants in the conference centre during the entire week. Connections details will be provided at the start of the workshop.

Limited regular printing service will be available for participants via the conference secretariat.

### **Lunch**

All lunches (Monday to Friday) are included in the conference fee.

### **Social program**

All official social events are covered by the conference fee:

- For participants arriving on Sunday, a *pre-workshop pub crawl and city walk* will be organized in the evening. Meeting point for this event is at the entrance of *Het Pand*, at 7pm; a separate message on this will be sent out later on.
- A *welcome reception* will be held at the Ghent Opera House on Monday evening starting at 6pm.
- A *social excursion* is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. 2 options for the excursion are proposed; please verify/specify your preference for either tour via the online workshop registration tool.
- A *workshop dinner* is foreseen on Thursday evening at 7:30pm, in the Monasterium PoortAckere.
- A *special seminar on Belgian beer*, followed by a beer tasting event will be organized right after the poster session on Tuesday.

More details on the social events can be found on the conference website.

### **Young scientist contests**

A contest for young scientists (MSc/PhD students and postdocs with less than 3 years of experience past their PhD) will be organized. Prizes sponsored by the Belgian Physical Society are foreseen for best oral and best poster contributions. The winners of the prizes will be announced during the closing ceremony on Friday.

### **Proceedings**

The proceedings of the workshop will be published in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Instrumentation*. All participants with an invited or contributed oral contribution or poster will be invited to submit a paper. Details will follow during the workshop.

### **Weather**

The present weather forecast for the week of the conference mentions average temperatures around 8°C, frequent cloudy periods with sometimes rain and windy moments, very limited chance of frost, i.e. not too bad Belgian weather for the time of the year! Hence, next to a good mood, we advise participants to bring a set of warm clothes, including a rain coat or umbrella.

We look forward to seeing you all at the workshop!

**Conference website**

<http://rpc2016.ugent.be/>

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