



**3rd International Conference on Natural
Products Utilization:
From Plants to Pharmacy Shelf**
ICNPU-2017, 18-21 October 2017
Bansko, BULGARIA
Grand Hotel ****



LAST MINUTE INFORMATION

Dear ICNPU participants:

The Organizing Committee of ICNPU-2017 has an outstanding pleasure to welcome you to Bulgaria. This letter aims to contain final details – about the event – that you may find useful during your stay.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The ICNPU-2017 will take place in Hall "Grand" on Level -1 of the Grand Hotel Bansko (5 Glazne str., Bansko, phone: +359 0700 12 120).

The team of **Congress Management and Events - CME Ltd.** will be available throughout the event as an official agent and logistic partner, responsible for registration, hotel accommodation, transfers, on-site event management, social program and any additional information that you might need.

Emergency mobile: +359 896 700 956 (Mrs. Mira Bonova)

REGISTRATION DESK

The Registration Desk will be open as from 16:00 on October 17th at the Reception Area of the Grand Hotel Bansko. ICNPU-2017 participants are kindly requested to register promptly after arrival. On October 18th the registration will start at 08:00 and will remain open till the end of the conference. Upon registration, all delegates will receive their identification badges and conference materials.

All participants with a regular registration and registered accompanying persons have in their packages coffee breaks, get-together party, gala dinner and excursion included. **Please be kindly reminded that gala dinner is not included in the student registration package.** Tickets at a price of €30 are available on first come, first served basis (ca. 20 tickets only). Please ask the registration desk by October 19th at latest.

Badge Policy: Please kindly bear in mind that only your badge will ensure you an access to the conference hall, poster sessions and exhibition area.

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FOR PRESENTERS

All speakers are kindly requested to upload their presentations at least 3 hrs before the session in the conference hall. Connection of personal laptops to multimedia projector for the presentation's delivery is not recommended. All speakers are kindly requested to strictly respect the presentation time, so that their lecture fits to the respective time slot, as follows: keynote lecture – 40 min, plenary lecture – 30 min, invited lecture – 20 min, short lecture – 10 min. Five minutes for Q&A are provided to all lecture slots.

POSTER SESSION

The poster sessions will be held in the **Olymp Hotel** (1 Tzar Simeon str.; ca. 5 min walking distance from Grand Hotel Bansko) on October 18th and 19th. A map how to reach Olymp Hotel is available in all attendee bags. Shall you still need help to reach the Olymp Hotel, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

Adhesive materials will be available on spot to mount your poster. Each poster board will be assigned a number in accordance with the book of abstracts.

Posters can be mounted starting from 10:00 on Wednesday, October 18th and shall be removed after the end of the session. Posters for the second session can be mounted from 10:00 on Thursday, October 19th and takedown after the session. Display boards will be dismantled and removed by the vendor at the day after, so please kindly have your poster down by this time.

COFFEE BREAKS

Coffee breaks will be organized, according to the program, in the restaurant and lobby bar at Level 0 of the Grand Hotel Bansko.

LUNCHESES

Lunches on October 18th, 19th and 20th will be arranged at the restaurant of Grand Hotel Bansko for participants who have booked their accommodation (both hotels) through the official conference agent. Lunches will be available for 2 hours **from 12:30 to 14:30 h.**

For all other participants we would recommend several neighborhood restaurants:

Cat Ballou Bistro – 41 Tzar Simeon str., ca. 8 min walking distance;

Orlovo oko (Eagle eye) Restaurant – Nikola Vaptzarov Square, ca. 13 min walking distance ;

Banski Han Restaurant – 2 Vasil Kanchev str., ca. 6 min walking distance.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants who have booked a room through CME Ltd. will be accommodated in Grand Hotel Bansko (5 Glazne str.) and Olymp Hotel (1 Tzar Simeon str.).

All additional services, such as telephone calls, room service, etc. should be set-up at the hotel reception desks.

Please bear in mind that the check-out time is 12:00.

HOW TO REACH BANSKO

BY ORGANIZED TRANSFERS

Transfers Sofia Airport – Grand Hotel Bansko vice versa will be organized for all who have booked them in advance with CME Ltd. Seats in the shuttles will be limited to the number of requested transfers. On spot requests might, unfortunately, not be served.

Transfers on October 17th will be organized with 4 shuttle buses @ 11:00, 15:30, 18:30 23:30. The price of one transfer is €25 per person for one direction.

The **pick-up place** at the Sofia Airport is just in front of Arrivals Hall of **Terminal 2**. There will be a CME representative, available 30 minutes before the shuttle time, holding a sign with the name of the conference: **ICNPU-2017**.

The emergency mobile as above could be used for any last minute changes or unexpected delays.

Departure transfers (Grand Hotel Bansko – Sofia Airport) will be organized for all participants, who have booked them in advance or on-site through CME Ltd. Departure data should be confirmed with CME representatives upon registration. A departure schedule will be available at the Registration Desk. On-site bookings from Grand Hotel Bansko to Sofia Airport will be accepted until October 19th for the following shuttles: Saturday, October 21st at 08:00 and 16:00, and Sunday, October 22nd at 08:00.

BY BUS

Regular bus lines run from the Sofia central bus station to Bansko bus station.

TRAVEL BY ROAD

For detailed directions from your place of origin, please use the following GPS coordinates: 41.84353804513465 (Latitude), 23.487852215766907 (Longitude).

GET-TOGETHER PARTY

We would be happy to welcome you to the get-together party, that will be held in the restaurant of Grand Hotel Bansko on **Wednesday, October 18th @ 20:30**.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAMME

A Bansko City Tour will be arranged on October 19th from 14:00 till 17:00 for all registered accompanying persons.

CONFERENCE GALA DINNER

All regular participants and accompanying persons are invited to a Gala dinner which will be held on **October 20th @ 20:00 in Kukeri Restaurant (72 Tzar Simeon str.)**.

Buses will depart @ 19:45 from Grand Hotel Bansko.

EXCURSION

A trip to the town of Melnik will be organized on October 21st for all registered participants. The tour will start at 09:00 from Grand Hotel Bansko and will be over around 15:30.

Please re-confirm your attendance upon on-site registration. Warm clothes and comfortable shoes are eventually recommended.

PAYMENTS

Any outstanding balances for registration fee, accommodation and transfers should be settled at the Conference registration desk upon arrival. All major credit cards (Visa, Mastercard/Eurocard) and cash (both Euro and Bulgarian Lev) are accepted.

MONEY

The national currency is Bulgarian Lev (BGN). Bank notes of the following denominations are in circulation: 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100. The official exchange rate is: €1 equal to BGN1.95583.

There are foreign exchange offices and ATMs in Bansko. You can always change cash at the hotel, though the commission might be high. Please make sure you have enough of the national currency when you plan to visit local markets and shops.

ELECTRICITY

220 Volts, 50 Hz, 2 pins plug-in system

If we can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to ask us.

We wish you an enjoyable stay in Bansko!

Добре дошли в Банско!

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