

## GENERAL INFORMATION

ITU Kaleidoscope Academic Conference 2015

9-11 December, Barcelona, Spain

(as of 21 September 2015)

ITU Kaleidoscope 2015 “Trust in the Information Society” will be held at **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain**, 9-11 December, organized by the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) with the support of the K-2015 Steering and Host Committees.

Participants are requested to take note of the following practical information:

### 1. VENUE

**Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain,**

**Address:** Plaça Cívica, 08193 Bellaterra, (Cerdanyola del Vallès), SPAIN

**Website:** <http://www.uab.cat>

### 2. CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND REGISTRATION

Registration will start from 08:30 on Wednesday 9 December, at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

The opening session will commence at 09:30. All sessions scheduled will be indicated in the lobby.

### 3. ACCESS TO THE UNIVERSITAT AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA

The University is 20 km outside of Barcelona. The most convenient way of transport is the train. The Bellaterra campus of the UAB is covered by two rail services. The Vallès Metro service of the Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya which comprises lines S2 and S55, and the R7 and R8 Renfe lines. Line S2 in direction to Sabadell-Rambla will take you up to the Universitat Autònoma stop.

You may find the information on how to arrive to the University here: <http://www.uab.cat/web/getting-here-1273127180195.html>

### 4. HOTELS

1. The University has a hotel onsite: Hotel Campus <https://www.hotelcampusuab.com/en/home/>
2. Residència d'Investigadors offers accommodation for **85 people**, in single and double rooms. More information at + **34 934 438 610**, [investigadors@resa.es](mailto:investigadors@resa.es)
3. Hotel Amrey Sant Pau at Sant Antoni Maria Claret 17, has 40 rooms booked for ITU at this rate:
  - 65€/ single room
  - 75€/ double room
  - IVA 10% and breakfast are included

## Other hotels in Barcelona

### Hotels (\*\*\*\*)

- **Gran Hotel Barcino**, Jaume I, 6, Tel. (+34) 93 302 20 12
- **Hotel Colón**, Av. Catedral, 7, Tel. (+34) 93 301 14 04
- **Hotel Citadines**, Ramblas 122, Tel. (+34) 93 412 77 66
- **Hotel Gótico**, Jaume I, 14, Tel. (+34) 93 315 22 11

### Hotels (\*\*\*)

- **Hotel Splendid**, Muntaner 2, Tel. (+34) 93 451 21 42
- **Hotel Suizo**, Plaza del Angel 12,

## 5. VISA AND IMMIGRATION INFORMATION:

Participants requiring a visa should apply at a Spanish consulate or a diplomatic mission in their respective country, well in advance of their departure.

Participants are also advised to contact their local travel agents or carriers. You may find further information on visa requirements, including a list of countries requiring visas, [here](#).

Participants requiring supporting documents to their visa should contact [kaleidoscope@itu.int](mailto:kaleidoscope@itu.int).

## 6. SOCIAL EVENTS

Details will be provided in due course.

## 7. USEFUL INFORMATION

### 7.1. About Barcelona

Barcelona is the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia in Spain and Spain's second most populated city, with a population of 1.6 million within its administrative limits. It is the largest metropolis on the Mediterranean Sea, located on the coast between the mouths of the rivers Llobregat and Besòs, and bounded to the west by the Serra de Collserola mountain range, the tallest peak of which is 512 metres (1,680 ft) high.

There are two official languages in Catalonia: Catalan and Spanish, and there are more and more people in the region who understand and speak English. You're sure to get by.

City travel website: <http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/en/>

### 7.2. Weather

December is actually one of the coldest months of the year in Barcelona. Overall, the month is essentially characterized by gradually falling daily high temperatures. The average daytime temperatures in Barcelona are around 14°C (that is about 57°F) whilst the [average minimum temperatures](#) drop down to 6°C (that is about 42°F).

### 7.3. Time zone

Barcelona is located in Central European time zone, UTC / GMT +1.

#### **7.4. International code of Barcelona: +34 93**

#### **7.5. Electricity**

Voltage: 220-240 Volts (U.S./Canada are 110-120 Volts). Electrical sockets (outlets) in the Kingdom of Spain (Reino de España) are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in.

#### **7.6. Currency Exchange**

Currency in Spain is the Euro. Spanish auto banks will enable anyone with a visa-based card to withdraw cash from their home account. You can also withdraw cash using most switch cards.

Credit cards, including AMEX, are widely accepted in most of the high streets shops, restaurants and hotels. However many smaller restaurants and hostals still do not have credit card payment facilities.

Banks usually only open from Monday to Friday from between 08:00 and 08:30 to 13:30 or 14:00. They may open once a week during the afternoon during the winter period (October to April).

#### **8. LOCAL CONTACT POINT:**

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