PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

41TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

11–15 May 2020 Budapest, Hungary
Venue: Danubius Hotel Helia
    H-1133 Kárpát u. 62-64., Budapest, Hungary
Conference room: Helia (Floor C)
Also the venue of the Physical Working Group on endorsement of methods of analysis and sampling (10:00 on Saturday, May 9).
Delegates are advised to bring computers and, if they prefer to use, hard copies of the working documents, as due to protection of the environment, previously published documents will not be printed at the venue.
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Address: H-1024 Budapest, Keleti K. u. 24.
E-mail: hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu
Web: http://portal.nebih.gov.hu/

Codex related information may be accessed at:
http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/
http://portal.nebih.gov.hu/ccmas
http://elelmiszerlanc.kormany.hu/codex
Advance registration
The participants of the meeting should provide the information (names, official titles and addresses) through the online registration system by accessing the following link:

http://www.codexalimentarius.org/registration/en

Login and password for the online registration have been provided to all Codex Members and Observers. If the login and password have not been received, please contact codex@fao.org.

In case of technical difficulty the registration may also be sent to the Hungarian Codex Contact Point directly (hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu).
Registration on site

Registration facilities will be located at the conference room and will be opened on Monday, May 11 at 9:00.

Registration is also available at the day of the Physical working group on Saturday, May 9 at 9:00. Participants will receive their identification badges and all necessary organizational information at the time of registration. It will be required to carry your identification badge visible during the whole meeting.
Hungary is part of the group of Schengen Countries. Valid visa to any of those countries is automatically accepted in Hungary as well.

Participants who travel first time to Hungary and must have entry visa are advised to contact the Hungarian Embassy in their home country and enquire about the conditions and time required for obtaining visa, or download relevant information from:

https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/how-to-apply-for-visa
VISA REQUIREMENTS

Those participants who would need endorsement letter from the organizers for the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs should provide the necessary information (name, affiliation, passport number) to the technical Secretariat of the CCMAS (hu-codexc@nebih.gov.hu).

Please, consider that for VISA request only an original, signed and stamped endorsement letter can be accepted, therefore it can last for some days to e-mail the letters. **VISA process is suggested to start at least 6 weeks before the target date of entry to Hungary.**
The 41\textsuperscript{th} CCMAS meeting will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages during the session and also during the session of the working group on Saturday.
The organizers do not provide accommodation for participants. Participants should make their own arrangements, special conference rate is available at the venue of the session:

**Danubius Hotel Helia**
Address: H-1133, Kárpát utca 62-64., Budapest, Hungary
Phone: +36-1-889-5800
E-mail: info@danubiushotels.com
Website: http://www.danubiushotels.com/helia
Online registration for accommodation is available:

Special conference rate is available until 31 March 2020.

| Superior double room:          | EUR 148, - /night |

Prices include buffet breakfast, free WiFi, taxes (VAT and city tax), the use of the fitness gym, the hotel sauna and swimming pool.
Please note the special rate is available only until 31 March 2020. Any reservations requested after this date will be based on availability.

We encourage all delegates to secure a reservation as early as possible.
MEALS AND INSURANCE

Coffee, tea and sandwiches will be provided during the meeting.
A reception for registered participants and accompanying persons will be held at the Restaurant of the Hotel on Monday 11th May at 7.00 p.m.
The organizers are not responsible for accidents, losses and/or damages that may occur. Delegates are advised to obtain their own travel, medical, personal, accident and luggage insurance prior to departure.
TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY

Airport: Liszt Ferenc International Airport Budapest
The Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport (Terminal 2A and 2B) is located approximately 16 kilometers southeast of the city centre. All terminals are accessible by public transport, private car, shuttle bus as well as by taxi. For further information visit: www.bud.hu/english

1) Shuttle bus
The company miniBUD is the official airport shuttle service provider for Budapest Airport. They provide comfortable, fast and favorable transfer solutions for passengers wishing to travel from the airport to the districts of Budapest, and from the city to the airport. For further information please visit: https://www.minibud.hu/en
2) Taxi

Főtaxi, the taxi company transports passengers between the terminals and Budapest. International bank cards, credit cards are accepted for payment.

Reservations can be made in person at the Főtaxi booths located at the exits at Terminals 2A and 2B. At the taxi rank in front of the stands, taxis are parking continuously waiting for passengers.

From 1 July 2018 a modified Taxi Decree was introduced in Hungary regulating the price of the taxis at a fixed tariff of 300 HUF/Km (0.95 EUR/Km) in addition to the one-off basic fee of 700 HUF (2.20 EUR) and waiting fee. A ride to the city center should typically cost around 7200 HUF (26 EUR) depending on traffic conditions.
3) Public transport
The Airport is relatively well accessible by public transportation. Passengers are taken by a direct bus service (number 200E) from Terminal 2, to ‘Kőbánya-Kispest’ metro terminal. As of July 2017, a direct bus line connecting the airport with the city center was introduced: the front-door 100E takes passengers to ‘Deák tér’ (connection to Metro Lines 1, 2 and 3).

To access the venue, from ‘Kőbánya-Kispest’ metro terminal take metro replacement bus till ‘Nagyvárad tér’ metro station, then take Metro Line 3 till ‘Dózsa György út’. Get off and walk ahead on ‘Dráva utca’. The Hotel will be at the 4th corner on the left.

For further information regarding public transport in Budapest please visit: https://www.bkv.hu/en/?/en/
Reconstruction of Metro line 3

Due to reconstruction of Metro Line 3, replacement buses are operating between ‘Kőbánya-Kispest’ and ‘Nagyvárad tér’. Please follow the information displayed at the stations to find the bus stops.

More information can be found at the following link: http://bkk.hu/m3felujitas/
Climate
The average temperature in the beginning of May is 16-20°C during the day. May is one of the wettest months of the year.

Currency
The Forint is the only currency accepted in Hungary. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and stores. ATM machines are available at the airport as well as near the venue hotel. Currency exchange is available at the airport and in the city.
**Electrical Current**

Electricity in Hungary is 230 Volts and 50 Hertz. Plugs of type C/F are required.

**Language**

The official language in Hungary is Hungarian. English is widely spoken.

**Time zone**

Budapest is in the Central European Time zone (CET), which is GMT/UTC +01:00 hour.
Castle Hill

The spectacular Castle Hill is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The monumental Buda Castle, the impressive Fisherman’s Bastion and the beautiful Matthias Church is just a few of the magnificent buildings that can be found there.

The Castle Hill offers beautiful views over the Danube, the bridges and Pest.
Parliament

The beautiful Hungarian Parliament Building is located on the bank of Danube.

It’s the world third largest parliament building.

The Hungarian Crown Jewels have been displayed in the central hall of the building.
Heroes’ Square and City Park (Városliget)
The Heroes’ Square includes the statues of Hungarian rulers, the Millenium Monument and the memorial of The Unknown Soldiers. Behind the square begins one of the biggest park of Budapest, the City Park. The popular recreational site has a pretty lake, the famous Széchenyi Bath and Vajdahunyad Castle.
USEFUL INFORMATIONS

Important phone numbers
Country code for Hungary: +36
European Emergency number: 112

You can find more information about Hungary: https://hellohungary.com/en

Should you have any further question, please do not hesitate to contact the Hungarian Codex Contact Point (hu-codexcp@nebih.gov.hu).