



## 14<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Fungal Genetics

February 25-28, 2018, Haifa, Israel

Dear Colleague,

We look forward to welcoming you to **ECFG14 - The 14<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Fungal Genetics**, to be held on February 25-28, 2018, at the Technion, in Haifa, Israel.

Please find below information that will be of assistance to you upon your arrival in Israel:

### Conference Venues

**Technion-Israel Institute of Technology** (two locations)

**Sunday, February 25:**

#### Main Campus

Technion City, Haifa, Israel

If you arrive Sunday afternoon by taxi, ask to get off at the Churchill auditorium.

On Sunday morning (workshops), ask to get off at the Biology building (fountain near the parking area). If you are arriving on Sunday by car, please contact the organizers at [ecfg14@technion.ac.il](mailto:ecfg14@technion.ac.il) for a campus entrance and parking permit.

**Monday-Wednesday, February 26-28:**

#### The Ruth and Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine

1 Efron Street, Haifa, Israel

If you arrive by taxi, be sure to direct the driver to the Faculty of Medicine (Bat-Galim campus). If you arrive by car early in the morning, you can park at the Rambam Hospital underground parking (max 36.- NIS/day). Parking is also available at the Quiet Beach (Hof HaShaket) 5 min walk away.

#### Access to the Faculty of Medicine, Technion (February 26, 27 & 28)

Please note that for security reasons and in order to expedite the entry process to the building, make sure to wear your name tag or download the PDF "[Entry Permit to the Faculty](#)" and present it at the entrance.

**Transportation to/from the conference venues will be provided – see transportation schedule below.**

### ECFG Conference Hotels

Hotel	Address	Telephone
Crowne Plaza Hotel	111, Yefe Nof St., Haifa	+972-(0)4-8350835
Leonardo Plaza Hotel	10 David Elazar St., Haifa	+972-(0)4-8508888
Dan Panorama Hotel	107 Hanassi Blvd, Haifa	+972-(0)4-8352222
Haifa Bay View Hotel	101 Hanassi Avenue, Haifa	+972-(0)4-8354311

<b>Haifa Bay Club Hotel</b>	7, Hassan Shukri St., <b>Haifa</b>	+972-(0)4-8119700
<b>Metropolitan</b> (Pre & Post-Conference Hotel)	11-15, Trumpeldor St., <b>Tel Aviv</b>	+972-(0)3-5192727

**Official check-in/check-out Time at Hotels:**

*Check-in:* Sunday-Friday - 15:00; Saturday - 21:00

*Check-out:* 11:00

**Final Confirmation**

An itemized "Final Confirmation" of registration and other reserved services was sent to participants earlier. Please make sure that you have received this confirmation and that all details in it are accurate.

**Transportation to/from Ben-Gurion International Airport**

Public transportation (trains & buses) in Israel do not operate from Friday afternoon (one hour before sundown) until Saturday evening (one hour after sunset).

**Pre-reserved arrival airport transfers operated by Diesenhaus-Unitours**

This is a shared direct transfer service from the airport to your hotel in Haifa, offered to conference participants. Possible wait - up to 1 hour for arrival transfers. A Diesenhaus-Unitours representative will meet you upon arrival inside the Arrivals Hall, after you exit the passport control gate. He will be holding a sign "ECFG".

If you intend to reserve an arrival transfer and have not yet done so, please send an email to [ecfg14-req@diesenhaus.com](mailto:ecfg14-req@diesenhaus.com) by TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> and provide your full flight details:

Name of passenger(s)

Date of arrival

Time of arrival

Airline and flight number

Number of passengers

**Price:** US\$77 per person each way

**AMAL Shared Taxi Service to/from Haifa**

AMALTaxi operates a special shared taxi service from the airport, drop off at your hotel in Haifa, and pick-up from hotels to the airport. They are located outside the airport terminal. Possible wait: 1 hour.

For return transportation, please check with the reception desk at your hotel. This service needs to be reserved one day prior to departure. Price: NIS119 = ~\$34.

AMAL Taxi may also be used as a private taxi at approx. NIS 580= ~\$ 170

**Train from the airport – to Haifa** (NIS 35.5 = ~\$ 10).

**Important note:** Due to maintenance work, there will be temporary closures of train service from Ben-Gurion airport (and from Tel Aviv) to Haifa, from Sunday, Feb.18 midnight until Saturday, Feb. 24 (midnight). Normal service will resume after midnight of Saturday, February 24.

On Saturday, Feb. 24 evening, free shuttles from Ben-Gurion Airport to Haifa will be arranged by Israel Railways to the Haifa Hof HaCarmel bus station. From there, you will need to take a taxi to your hotel. These shuttles will depart from Terminal 3 (main arrivals terminal) at the following times: 19:30; 20:30; 21:30; 22:30; 23:30. There will be signs and assistance by Israel Railways staff.

Train information for days other than the above mentioned:

Get-off at Haifa Hof HaCarmel Station and from there take a taxi to your hotel.

The taxi fare will be approx. NIS 50 = ~\$14. A 25% surcharge applies for night fare and there may be a charge per piece of luggage.

*General train hours to/from Ben-Gurion Airport:*

Sunday – Thursday: 00:53-23:20

Friday : 00:53-14:00

Saturday: 19:30-23:45

For information and updates visit the Israel Railway schedule:

<http://www.rail.co.il/EN/Pages/HomePage.aspx>

### Taxis

Taxis are freely available outside the airport terminal. Fares to Haifa are approx. NIS580=~\$170. A 25% surcharge for night trips is in effect from 21:01 until 05:29 and from 14:00 on Fridays. You may wish to download the Gett Taxi cellphone app, which may prove to be helpful.

### ECFG Transportation (Conference days)

Transportation to/from sessions and events and conference hotels will be provided as follows:

**Note: Bay View guests will need to meet the transportation at the nearby Dan Panorama Hotel**

Date	Departure Time	Departure From	To
<b>Sunday</b> February 25	08:00	Dan Panorama Crowne Plaza Leonardo Plaza Haifa Bay Club	<b>Technion, Main Campus</b> Satellite Workshops
	17:00	Dan Panorama Crowne Plaza Leonardo Plaza Haifa Bay Club	<b>Technion, Main Campus</b> ECFG Conference reception and opening
	20:45	Technion	Conference Hotels
<b>Monday,</b> February 26	08:00 08:00 08:15 08:15	Dan Panorama Crowne Plaza Leonardo Plaza Haifa Bay Club	<b>Technion, Faculty of Medicine</b>
	18:30	Technion	Conference Hotels
<b>Tuesday</b> February 27	08:15 08:15 08:15 08:15	Dan Panorama Crowne Plaza Leonardo Plaza Haifa Bay Club	<b>Technion, Faculty of Medicine</b>
	18:30	Technion	Conference Hotels
<b>Wednesday</b> February 28	08:15 08:15 08:15 08:15	Dan Panorama Crowne Plaza Leonardo Plaza Haifa Bay Club	<b>Technion, Faculty of Medicine</b>
	18:30	Technion	Conference Hotels
	18:30	Technion	Akko – Conference Dinner (optional)
<b>Thursday</b> March 1	09:00 09:00 09:30 09:30	Haifa Bay Club Crowne Plaza Dan Panorama Leonardo Plaza	Jerusalem Optional Tour Tour ends-drop off: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Although you will probably be using the conference shuttles, Haifa also has a good bus system that can be used if you miss the conference transportation bus or at any other time. A ticket valid for 90 min including unlimited transfers costs NIS 5.90; there are full-day rates for Haifa and for larger surrounding areas. For schedules see <http://www.egged.co.il/HomePage.aspx> - or use the Moovit cellphone app.

### **Registration & Hospitality Desk**

Diesenhaus-Unitours will operate the registration, travel, and hospitality desk throughout the meeting, as follows:

Technion – Main Campus – Churchill Bldg: Sunday: 16:00-19:00

Technion – Faculty of Medicine: Monday from 08:00, Tuesday & Wednesday-from 08:30 until the last talk.

### **Registration Envelope**

The personal envelope which you will receive upon registration will contain your name badge. Please wear the badge at all conference activities.

### **ECFG program**

To view the scientific program – lectures and posters – [click here](#)

Timetable – [click here](#)

### **Speakers and Session Chairpersons**

Session chairpersons and speakers are requested to meet in the session hall 10 minutes prior to the start of their session. Speakers should allow a few minutes for questions and answers at the end of their talk.

### **Data Projection**

Speakers may choose to use the meeting hall's PC computer, or use their own laptop. However, it is important that speakers coordinate their presentations with the A/V assistant in the session hall, at least 30 minutes before the start of the session.

### **Posters**

Poster presenters should mount their posters on the morning of their poster session on the board number assigned to them, as listed in the printed program. Posters need to be removed at the end of each day. Poster dimensions: up to 90cm wide and up to 120cm high.

### **Internet**

Technion –Main Campus & Faculty of Medicine  
TechPublic - free public network - no need to insert password.

### **Social Events**

#### ***Welcome Reception - Sunday, February 25, 2018 (18:00)***

The Welcome Reception will be held at the Technion (Main Campus) in the Churchill Auditorium.

#### ***Conference Dinner (Optional)– Wednesday, February 27 (19:30)***

The Conference Dinner will be held at the Knights Halls, Acre (Akko)

Cost: US\$75 per person

Tickets (if available) can be purchased until Monday, February 26 at 12:00

**Optional Tours** (view [Sightseeing Tours](#) page)

**Post Conference Tour – for ECFG Participants & Accompanying Person only**

**Tour A: Jerusalem - Old City (from Haifa)**

**Thursday, March 1** (09:00-18:00)

Departure: 09:00/09:30 from conference hotels – see transportation table

Guests staying at the Haifa Bay View hotel should walk over to the nearby Dan Panorama Hotel

Drop off: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Pre and Post Conference Daily Regular Tours (operated by Rent- A-Guide)**

**Tour B: Masada and Dead Sea (from Tel Aviv Only)**

**Saturday, February 23** (07:20-18:00)

**Friday, March 2** (07:20-18:00)

Departure: 07:20 Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Drop off: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Tour C: Jerusalem of Gold (from Tel Aviv Only)**

**Saturday, February 24** (07:20-18:00)

Departure: 07:20 Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Drop off: Metropolitan Hotel, **Tel Aviv**

**Tour D: Biblical Highlights of the Galilee (from Tel Aviv Only)**

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

Departure: 07:20 Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Drop off: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Tour E: Pearls of the Western Coast (from Tel Aviv Only)**

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

Departure: 07:20 Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Drop off: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

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**General Information:**

**Emergencies**

Ambulance phone 101, police 100.

**Weather and Clothing**

Average temperatures in Haifa in February are: 17°C – 9°C (63°F – 48°F). Rainy. No snow.

Casual dress is appropriate for all conference occasions. Comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, hats, swimsuits etc., are recommended for tours and outdoors activities.

**Eating out in Haifa**

Some evenings are free, and there are many restaurants near the conference venues and hotels. The following link (courtesy of the Haifa Municipality) is helpful:

[http://digital.timeout.co.il/Megalim/Haifa\\_eng/html5/](http://digital.timeout.co.il/Megalim/Haifa_eng/html5/)

A list with some suggestions will be provided in the conference material at registration.

**Electricity**

The Israeli power supply is single phase 220 volts at 50 Hertz. Most power sockets in Israel have three pin holes, but many of them will work with double-pin European plugs. Visitors who want to use shavers, traveling irons and other small appliances may need both transformers and adaptor plugs.

### **Currency / Exchange**

The currency unit in Israel is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS – “Shekel” in short). International credit cards are accepted for payment in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Exchange offices and ATM machines are easily available throughout the city and at Ben-Gurion International Airport. We recommend that you change some money at the airport for immediate needs.

### **Shopping**

Stores are generally open Sunday through Thursday 09:00-19:00 and Friday 09:00–14:00. Most shopping malls are open also on Saturday from one hour after sunset until 22:00. All Superpharm and Newpharm stores include a pharmacy.

### **Liability**

Participants are advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance coverage. The Meeting organizers and/or Diesenhaus-Unitours Incoming Tourism Ltd., shall not be liable for any loss or damage to property belonging to conference participants nor for personal injuries sustained during or as a result of the conference or during tours.

### **Balance of Payment**

Payment of any outstanding balance for registration, hotel accommodation, tours, etc., reserved on the Meeting Registration & Accommodation Form, must be made to Diesenhaus-Unitours at the Registration & Hospitality Desk. Expenses of a personal nature, such as telephone, bar etc., should be paid directly at the hotel.

### **Meeting Documents at Airport**

We recommend that you keep the Meeting documents handy, in order to expedite the security process during check-in at the airport, both when entering and leaving Israel. It is recommended to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport 3 hours prior to departure.

We wish you an exciting conference and an enjoyable stay in Haifa.

### **Conference Secretariat**

Diesenhaus-Unitours Israel Ltd.

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### **Emergency telephone number for tourism services:**

+972-52-809-0122, Ms. Magali Mizrahi as of Friday, February 23 and for the duration of the Meeting.

### *Note:*

*This Arrival Information is also available as a PDF file on the **ECFG home page** <http://www.ecfg14.org/>*