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1. How to get to the conference site

Location

The Hotel Sant Bernat is located 70 Km from downtown Barcelona, and 87 Km from the Barcelona-El Prat airport, and within the Montseny mountain range. You can see the location on this Google map:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TDNGSHDI9N-NG5_R3VEGeqbxUqicTEIH&usp=sharing

Please note that the Girona-Costa Brava airport may seem closer but in fact it is not. Public transportation from there is through the city of Barcelona. We discourage you from flying there.

Transportation

By the organisers

The scheduling of buses will be as follows:

Friday, November 16: Two buses will take participants to the Hotel Sant Bernat.

Friday bus 1: Will leave from Hotel Caledonian at 10:30. The hotel's address is: Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 574, Barcelona.

Friday bus 2: Will leave from the Barcelona airport at 12:00. The picking up points will be mailed to those participants who need to take this bus.

Other Friday transportation options: If your arriving flight does not allow you to take any of the buses above, please contact Neus at neus.portet@gmail.com to arrange your transportation.

Monday, November 19: One bus will take participants both to downtown Barcelona and to the Barcelona airport. The departure time will be 12:00. The organizers will assist those participants who need to leave earlier with alternative transportation.

Arriving by car

Take freeway AP7 and take exit 11 (Sant Celoni). Continue BV5301 and go through Santa Maria de Palautordera and Sant Esteve de Palautordera until Km 20.8, when you will find a sign for Hotel Sant Bernat on your right.
Arriving by public transportation to Santa Maria de Palautordera

The closest village to the conference site is Santa Maria de Palautordera. So, you will need to get to Santa Maria de Palautordera (Palautordera) first and from there take a taxi to the Hotel.

Here is the information:

**How to get to Santa Maria de Palautordera (Palautordera) by train**

If you fly to Terminal 1, take the shuttle bus to Terminal 2 where you can take the train. Take any train at the airport and get off in Palautordera. The ride takes 1h 16 minutes. You can get the train ticket in one of the ticket machines that you will find at the airport train station (the machines take both cash and credit card). Trains depart every 30 minutes at 8 minutes past the hour and 8 minutes past the half hour. The first train departs at 6:08 and the last one at 22:08.

From the Palautordera train station to the Hotel you will need to take a taxi. Here are two taxi options:

- Taxi 24h Montseny: 609 445 759, taxifogarsdemontclus@gmail.com (does not speak English).
- Taxi Eduard: 661 817 630 (speaks a bit of English).

Approximate price: 30-40 €, depending on the size of the taxi.

For further information on transportation, contact the organisers at 2018bagaria60@gmail.com.

2. **What is covered by your registration fee**

Your registration fee covers lodging and meals from Friday lunch to Monday breakfast, and the coffee breaks. The Hotel has a bar that will be open every day until midnight. Bar expenses are not covered by the registration fee.

3. **Money**

The Hotel is in a remote area, 30 Km away from the nearest village. Please make sure to bring enough cash with you in Euros to pay for your extra expenses in the Hotel. There is a bank in Santa Maria de Palautordera. Talk to one of the organisers if you need to get there.

4. **Mushroom hunting expedition**

The mushroom hunting expedition will take place (weather permitting) on Saturday morning. The excursion will take about 4 hours through the woods. The expected temperature is 14°C max and 7°C min. There is a chance of rain in which case we will consider a change of plans. We recommend bringing walking boots, a jacket and a small backpack to carry a mid-morning snack that will be provided by the Hotel.

5. **Wi-Fi, telephone and Internet connection**

The Hotel has very poor telephone and Wi-Fi connection. However, please note that we will have at least one Ethernet (cable) connection to Internet available in a common area, for people to plug their computers, in turns one at a time, which should be working fine. Please be prepared for this situation (and/or count on a couple days of healthy retreat from the "grid").
6. **Printing**

There will be a printer available to participants.

7. **Wine**

At lunch time wine will be served only upon request.

8. **Contact information**

Hotel Sant Bernat phone number: +34 938 473 011

Neus Portet cell phone number: +34 665 522 597

Carles Casacuberta cell phone number: +34 649 110 065

9. **Emergencies**

For any type of emergencies call 112 (Catalan, Spanish, English, French, and German). There is a primary health care centre in Santa Maria de Palautordera and a hospital in Sant Celoni. Ask one of the organisers if you need to visit a doctor.