

USEFUL HINTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Conference Venue / Registration Office

College “De Valk”
Tiensestraat 41
3000 Leuven

During the conference messages for the participants can be left at the conference secretariat. Telephone number: +16 325 550 between 8.00 - 11.30 and 13.30 - 16.00. This number is only connected during the conference (March 31 - April 2). Before and after the conference, the organisation can be reached at telephone number +32 16 322482 and fax number +32 16 322987.

Coffee break and lunch

Mid-morning and afternoon coffee will be served in the registration area.

Lunch is not included in the registration fee. However a large number of restaurants and sandwich bars are located in the surroundings of the conference site within walking distance.

People wishing to sample the wide variety of cuisines available have a large number of choices in Leuven and the surroundings. Belgium is world famous for its beers, numbering more than five hundred, and today Leuven is still proud to be known as the beer capital of Belgium.

Name badge

All registrants for LSAME.08, deskstaff and technical staff members will receive a badge. Everybody is asked to wear this badge at all sessions and social events.

Conference Reception

On Tuesday evening, April 1, a reception will be organised in the City Hall. The City Hall is located near to the conference venue (Grote Markt, 3001 Leuven). All conference participants are invited to attend this event.

Conference Dinner

The dinner will be organised in the Faculty Club (Groot Begijnhof 14 in Leuven, tel: +32 16 329500) on Monday evening, March 31, at 19.00. Only participants who have registered for the dinner can participate.

Useful hints

Weather

March/April is early spring in Belgium, with the daily temperatures ranging from 10°C to 20°C, although occasionally the maximum may reach 25°C. On average, the weather is sunny with a few days of rain. An umbrella and a light raincoat are advisable.

Opening hours banks and stores

Banks are generally open from 9.00 till 15.30, department stores from 9.30 till 18.00, while most other shops stay open from 9.00 till 18.00. Mid-day, most shops generally remain open, although you may find a few closed from 12.00 till 14.00. On Fridays, supermarkets and department stores are generally open until 20.00.

Money changing after banking hours is possible at the airport.

Credit cards

Shops and restaurants usually accept major international credit cards such as EuroCard-MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Diners Club, with a preference to EuroCard-MasterCard and Visa.

Car rental

If you wish to rent a car, it is often advantageous to do so from your own country, often in conjunction with the purchase of your airline ticket. Local car rental companies are: AVIS, Budget, Car Rental, Hertz, Europcar.

Taxi service

Taxi service in Leuven is available at telephone number: 016/20.20.20 (Taxi Breckpot).

Rules of the road

In Belgium, the speed limit on freeways and divided four-lane highways is 120 km/h. On most other roads, it is 70 km/h, but in towns and cities, you are restricted to 50 km/h. Wearing seat and shoulder belts is mandatory for both the driver and passengers. In parts of most towns and cities, you have to pay for parking.

Electricity

The electric power is 220 V AC, 50Hz.

How to reach Leuven and the conference venue

1. *By car*

From Brussels or Liège

Take the E40 motorway, then the E314 motorway (follow “Leuven Hasselt Genk”). Take the exit “Leuven”. Continue and turn right just before the third traffic light. **Do not go under the bridge!** (Delhaize supermarket is at your right hand side). Continue. Enter the city centre via the “Tiensepoort” (=third traffic light), by turning left. (Parking Ladeuze is already indicated) Continue.

The conference venue (=Rechtsfaculteit-De Valk) is at 500m on your left.

From Hasselt or Aachen

Take the E314/A2 motorway (follow “Brussel, Leuven”). Take the exit 15 “Leuven”. Continue and turn right just before the third traffic light. **Do not go under the bridge!** (Delhaize supermarket is at your right hand side). Continue. Enter the city centre via the “Tiensepoort” (=third traffic light), by turning left. (Parking Ladeuze is already indicated) Continue.

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2. By public transport.

Leuven can easily be reached by train. Each hour two direct trains run between the airport and the railway station in Leuven, in both directions; the journey takes 15 minutes. There are also at least two direct trains between Brussels and Leuven (**NOT Louvain-La-Neuve**) every hour in each direction, taking about 25 minutes. The train station is conveniently situated at the edge of the city centre.

The conference venue is in the centre of the city and is situated at an acceptable walking distance from the railway station. You can also take a bus (expl. nr. 2) to get to the conference venue. Get off at Fochplein (= end of Bondgenotenlaan). Then take Tiensestraat for about 300 m; the conference is indicated (large porch) on your left (opposite Holiday Inn).

Information about the schedules is available on the websites www.delijn.be for bus transport and www.b-rail.be for train transport

Parking in and near the city centre of Leuven

It is very hard to find a free parking spot in the City centre of Leuven (The maximum length of stay is usually limited to a maximum of 2 hours). Most of the streets in the city centre of Leuven have parking meters and the police and “stadswacht” regularly patrol the streets in order to give out fines to illegally parked cars.

Visitors are therefore advised to park their cars in one of the following:

PAYING parking lots:

Parking Ladeuze: 744 parking spots, underground

Address: Ladeuzeplein 20, it's entry is indicated from the “Tiense Poort”

Tel.: (+32) 16 31 07 07

Opening hours: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

This is just opposite the conference venue

De Bond: 388 parking spots at the railway station, underground

Address: Martelarenplein 18 (entry by way of the tunnel)

Tel: (+ 32) 16 58 43 90

Opening hours: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

10 minutes walk from the conference venue

Sint-Jacobsplein: 338 parking spots, overground!

Address: Sint-Jacobsplein

Opening hours: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Pay between 09.00 - 21.00

20 minutes walk from the conference venue

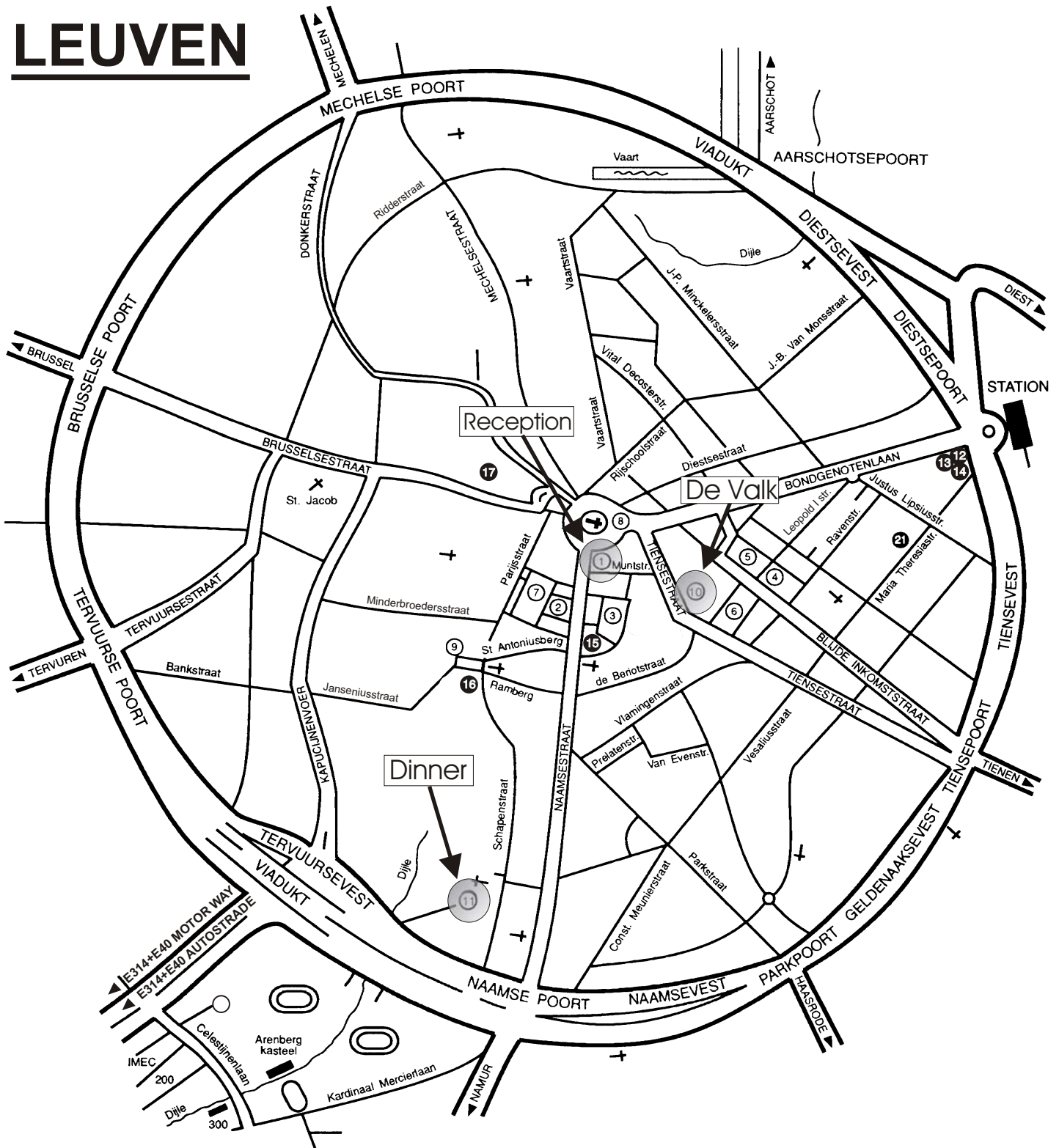
FREE parking lots **outside of the ring:**

Parking Bodart: 165 parking spots, overground

Address: Veilingweg

30 minutes walk from the conference venue

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| ① Stadhuis / Town Hall | ⑫ Hotel Mille Colones |
| ② University Hall | ⑬ Hotel Industrie |
| ③ Hogeschoolplein | ⑭ Hotel La Royale |
| ④ University library | ⑮ Gasthof "De Pastorij" |
| ⑤ Mgr. Ladeuzeplein / Parking | ⑯ Hotel New Damshire |
| ⑥ Herbert Hooverplein | ⑰ Hotel Ibis Leuven Centrum |
| ⑦ Oude Markt | |
| ⑧ Fochplein | |
| ⑨ Damiaanplein | |
| ⑩ De Valk (Conference) | |
| ⑪ Faculty Club (Dinner) | |