

ORGANIZATION:



XI GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND X INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF THE COIMBRA GROUP OF BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES (CGBU)

“GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE XXI CENTURY: CHARACTERISTICS, TRENDS AND MAIN CHALLENGES”

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Budapest, Hungary
Budapest University of
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10 YEARS OF CGBU



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In 2018, the XI General Assembly and X International Seminar of the Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (CGBU) will take place at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) in Budapest, Hungary, from September 24th to September 27th.

We are pleased to inform that the event is supported by the Hungarian Rectors' Conference (HCR), a representative body of the whole Hungarian Higher Education Institutions' System.

The 2018 Edition will focus on "**Global Universities in the XXI Century: Characteristics, Trends and Main Challenges**". It is foreseen the presence of representatives of institutions of Higher Education and research of more than 35 countries, from the five continents. Representatives of government agencies and diplomatic delegations from several countries will also be present.

In this newsletter, you will find:

- 1) the **Preliminary Programme** of the event;
 - 2) **Logistical Information** about Budapest.
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

AGENDA

MONDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 2018.	
Venue [Budapest University of Technology and Economics]	
9:30 - 11:00	CGBU'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DEPUTY SECRETARIAT MEETING
11:00 - 12:00	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING
12:00 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 - 17:30	XI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CGBU (restricted to rectors from universities associated to CGBU or its legal representatives)
18:00 - 19:30	WELCOME COCKTAIL OFFERED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS
TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 2018.	
Venue [Budapest University of Technology and Economics]	
9:30 - 11:00	OPENING CEREMONY Cultural Activity Opening speech
11:00 - 12:30	PLENARY SESSION 1 Global universities in the XXI Century: characteristics, trends and main challenges.
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 - 15:30	PLENARY SESSION 2 Global geopolitical changes and challenges for the internationalization of universities.
15:30 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 18:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 Models and strategies of XXI Century global universities. Note: Vice-Rector, Pro-Rectors, Directors, Coordinators and International Relations Advisors will have 10 minutes to present models and strategies of XXI Century Global Universities. It is necessary to sign up for this activity.
19:00	GALA DINNER
WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 2018.	
Venue [Budapest University of Technology and Economics]	
9:00 - 10:30	PLENARY SESSION 3 Social Accountability, Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the XXI Century University.

10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 12:30	PLENARY SESSION 4 The differences between structures, validation of credits and diplomas in Bachelor's, Master's and PhD's degrees.
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 - 15:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS 2 Rectors present innovative experiences for XXI Century global universities. Note: Rectors from several countries and continents will present, in 15 minutes, innovative experiences for XXI Century global universities. The sessions will be happening simultaneously and arranged in 3 different rooms. It is necessary to sign up for this activity.
15:30 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 18:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS 3 Special Meetings for networking.
THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 2018.	
Venue [Budapest University of Technology and Economics]	
9:00 - 10:30	PLENARY SESSION 5 Start-ups, spin-offs, technology transfer and incubation: different regional approaches.
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 12:30	PLENARY SESSION 6 The university and its urban environment – opportunities, collaborations and regional impact.
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 - 15:30	CLOSING CEREMONY
15:30	TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL VISITS

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION



Budapest Parliament

- Budapest Airport;
- Budapest Public Transportation;
- Hungarian Costs and Currency;
- Budapest Weather;
- Passport and Visa;
- Accommodation.

Budapest Airport

Budapest **Liszt Ferenc International Airport** (formerly known as Budapest Ferihegy International Airport), is the main airport in Hungary. It is located about 10 miles from the city center.



Airport facilities include duty free shops, ATMs, money exchange, post office, restaurants, parking, tourist information and car rentals. The following car rental companies offer airport pickup at the terminal: Avis, Budget, Dollar, Alamo, Europcar, Hertz, National and Thrifty. The company E-Z is off terminal, accessible via shuttle.

Budapest Public Transportation

Main public transportation in Budapest:

Subway (Metro)



Trolley Bus



Yellow Streetcars



Bus



Hungarian Costs and Currency

Although Hungary is part of the European Union, it does not use Euro as its currency. The Hungarian currency is the **Forint (Ft, HUF)**, which has the following denominations: notes of 500Ft, 1,000Ft, 2,000Ft, 5,000Ft, 10,000Ft and 20,000Ft; coins of 5Ft, 10Ft, 20Ft, 50Ft and 100Ft.



Prices, such as hotel rates, sightseeing tours, supermarkets etc., are often quoted in Euros as well. Don't forget to check their exchange rates, as you might be better off exchanging your currency first and paying in Forints instead of Euros.

Budapest Weather

The XI General Assembly and X International Seminar of the CGBU will take place during **fall**, when **temperatures can remain above 70F (20°C)** until the end of October; however, during the night temperatures may decrease.



The Danube River, Budapest.

Passport and Visa

Your **passport** is your ticket to Hungary - as of since May 1, 2002, Hungary is part of the European Union, and everyone entering the country is required to have a valid passport.



For visa requirements, please check [HUNGARIAN CONSULAR SERVICES](#)

Accommodation

Deadline for hotel reservations without penalty for cancellation or change of date: **July 23, 2018**. Please, be aware that in the same period of the XI General Assembly and X International Seminar of the Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities another conference with an expectation of 3000 participants will take place in Budapest. For this reason, **we encourage all participants to make reservations as soon as possible.**



MERCURE BUDAPEST CITY CENTER
OFFICIAL HOTEL OF THE EVENT

Superior Single Accommodation (**EUR 149**)
Superior Double Accommodation (**EUR 159**)
Privilege room supplement (**+ EUR 20**)

[Mercure Budapest City Center](#)

Breakfast and internet Wi-Fi included in the price



NOVOTEL BUDAPEST DANUBE

Standard Single Accommodation (**EUR 159**)
Standard Double Accommodation (**EUR 169**)
Executive Room supplement (**+ EUR 22**)
Danube View Room Supplement (**+ EUR 30**)
Executive Danube View Room Supplement (**+ EUR 52**)

[Novotel Budapest Danube](#)

Breakfast and internet Wi-Fi included in the price



MERCURE BUDAPEST KORONA

Single Accommodation (**EUR 139**)
Double Accommodation (**EUR 149**)
Privilege Room Supplement (**+ EUR 25**)

[Mercure Budapest Korona](#)

Breakfast and internet Wi-Fi included in the price