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Notes

THE CITY AND THE MEETING VENUE

Google Earth and mappy.com seem to just begin to have quality aerial photographs of the city of Padova. Besides being 30 minutes away from Venice by train, Padova has a very beautiful and historical downtown, which would be worth your while.

To those planning to visit I recommend to book a visit to Giotto's Scrovegni chapel, which is located at walking distance from the meeting venue. (See http://www.cappelladeglisrovegni.it/eng/index_e.htm)

The meeting will be held at:

**Dipartimento di Matematica Pura ed Applicata (Dept. of Pure and Applied Maths)
via Trieste 63, I-35121 Padova**

The department resides in a single detached building, located at the given street number, hence you don't need a name. In fact the building does have a name ("Archimedes Tower"), but it is only known to the insiders hence you won't get directions by naming the building.

The building rests on four access towers (called "SCALA"), tagged A to D.

You can walk to this address from virtually any place of your immediate interest during your stay for the meeting (including from the railway station). Check <http://www.mappy.it> for your routes.

The choice of the meeting room ("Sala Riunioni") will depend on the eventual number of participants. If the number is no greater than 15 then the meeting will take place in meeting room #432 on the IV floor, to be reached via the elevator in Tower B (tagged "SCALA B") and then entering the fire-breaker door tagged "CORRIDOIO B-C". Otherwise, the meeting room will be the one located at floor VII, also in tower B.

For your information, my own office is on the IV floor at room #409.

MEETING FACILITIES

Guests will have wi-fi access.

Technical solutions to provide for teleconferencing facilities at the meeting will be investigated. At the very least I can have a workstation with a Skype account and connection enabled, which can be contacted by up to 5 remote participants.

INBOUND FLIGHTS

You will be flying to Venice (Marco Polo airport). The airport has no direct railway connection to Padova. You would have several ways to get to Padova on your arrival:

[A] BOOK A "COLLECTIVE TAXI SERVICE"

The best way to do so, is to form a project-bound group of travelers (no less than 4), who would land at Venice within a bounded time window and then email your journey requirements (name of travelers, inbound flight details, destination address) to the taxi company at reservation@airservicepadova.it or at <http://www.airservicepadova.it>

You can also proceed this way as an individual, but in that case you should be aware that you will be placed in a transport group of unrelated travelers, hence you may have to wait some time for the group to form after your arrival.

This service provides a van (typically an 8-seater, occasionally larger) to take people to and from the airport. The service is effective and cheap (28.00 Euro one/way for a ride that would easily cost 3 times as much on a normal taxi). Your driver will be waiting for you in the arrival hall, holding a very visible sign tag reading: "AIR SERVICE".

[B] TAKE A PUBLIC BUS SERVICE TO THE CLOSEST RAILWAY STATION AND THEN RIDE BY TRAIN TO Padova

The closest railway station is **Venezia Mestre**. A public bus service (run by a company named **ATVO**) runs a regular service to there, which departs from in front of the arrival hall of the airport. Departures are spaced by half an hour and the bus journey takes 20 minutes. Check http://www.atvo.it/airport.php?id=orari_fly.ihtm&id=1 for the time table. You may buy the ticket from the bus driver.

Once at Venezia Mestre, you need to take a train to Padova. Check <http://www.trenitalia.com/home/en/index.html> for the train time table. Insert "Venezia Mestre" for the departing place and "Padova" for the destination. The rest will follow. Just remember you will have to purchase a valid ticket before boarding the train. Tickets must be stamped before boarding. To stamp your ticket use the yellow boxes you will find on the walls leading to the platforms.

[C] HAIL YOUR OWN CAB TO THE CLOSEST RAILWAY STATION

You do not want to ask for a ride to Padova, unless you really want to shed money off your pocket. Once in Venezia Mestre proceed as above. The cost of the taxi ride (which is less than 20 minutes on normal traffic conditions) should not exceed 25-30 Euro at any time of the day.

[D] HIRE A CAR AND TRY YOUR LUCK AND SELF-CONTROL

I can't be of much help here. In fact, I would advise you against this option, because car traffic in Padova is next to impossible and the connecting roads to/from the airport are often packed to solid lines. (The drivers of the service described under option [A] will know of traffic jams in advance and take the appropriate connoisseur's detours.)

ACCOMMODATION IN PADOVA

The following list includes hotels that are within a radius of 1 mile from the meeting venue, what I'd call walking distance. The list is NOT in order of priority/convenience.

[1] HOTEL TOSCANELLI

http://www.toscanelli.com/tosc_ita.htm (4-star)

Nicely located in the heart of down town, about 20-minute away at leisurely pace from the meeting venue.

[2] HOTEL EUROPA

<http://www.hoteleuropapadova.com/>

A fine and nicely located 3-star hotel. A little closer than [1] to the meeting venue.

[3] HOTEL GIOTTO

<http://www.hotelgiotto.com/>

Comparatively low prices. The farthest away from the meeting venue but beautifully located in down town, about 30-minute away at leisurely pace from the meeting venue.

[4] HOTEL NH MANTEGNA

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/> (4-star)

The shortest walking distance from the meeting venue, but remote from down town.

[5] HOTEL GALILEO

<http://www.hotelgalileopadova.it/eng/index.asp>

2nd shortest walking distance from the meeting venue, but remote from down town.

[6] ALBERGO VERDI

<http://www.albergoverdipadova.it/>

A small, cozy, very affordable hotel, at the farthest extreme of the historical downtown.