

Symposium Location

The Symposium will be organized in the *Sinaia Hotel*. Accommodation will be recommended at the *New Montana* and *Sinaia Hotels* in **Sinaia**.



Sinaia (population: 14,636) is one of the most beautiful mountain resorts of Romania, and boasts of a past rich in cultural and social events. Combining natural beauty with picturesque architecture, Sinaia is a former royal residence and bears a holy name. King Carol I of Romania built his summer home, Pele Castle, near the town.

Sinaia is situated almost at the center of the country, in the

Prahova Valley, at about 120 km from Bucharest and 45 km from Brasov on DN 1, a modernized road which runs along the river and passes through unique spots. The town lies at the foot of the Bucegi Mountains at 800 m above sea level. The beauty of the landscape, the freshness of the summer days and the abundance of the snow in winter made **Sinaia** the most famous mountain resort in Romania, surnamed **the Pearl of Carpathians**.

Weather in Sinaia

Protected against the coldest winds, Sinaia has a spring climate, not very hot during the summer (22°C to 24°C) and not very cold during the winter (-1°C to -8°C). The local climate in the Prahova Valley is among the most healthy and comfortable in Romania.

In mid-September the weather in Sinaia and Prahova Valley begins to cool down. Daytime temperatures range from 10°C to 15°C and can drop near 0°C during the night. The sky alternates between partly and mostly cloudy. The wind is mild if at all, and an easy rain is not uncommon.

For the last minute information we suggest you to follow the links at:

<http://www.accuweather.com/world-forecast-15day.asp?partner=accuweather&myadc=0&traveler=0&zipcode=EUR|RO|RO031|SINAIA|&metric=1>

or:

<http://romanian.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=sinaia>.

Transport to Sinaia

Atlantic Tour Travel Agency, our travel partner in Symposium organization, will arrange the transportation for participants of ISSC2 from “Henry Coanda” (Bucharest,

Otopeni) airport to the hotels in Sinaia. They have already scheduled some transportations on September 12, as follows:

- First microbus will take participants arriving between 10:00 – 11:30;
- Second microbus will take participants arriving between 12:15 – 13:25;
- Third microbus will take participants arriving between 13:50 – 15:10;
- Fourth microbus will take participants arriving between 16:00 – 17:00;

Participants will be welcomed at the airport by Miss Aniela Colotelo (Atlantic Tour). Those who will arrive outside the above mentioned intervals will be also taken to Sinaia by the same company according to their arrival times. Please, let us know as soon as possible, the time of your arrival.

Participants arriving at Bucharest by train will be welcomed in the Gara de Nord railway station and will be taken on a train to Sinaia from the same station. Please, let us know if you already have your ticket with the last destination Sinaia or only Bucharest.

Social Events

- On Tuesday, September 12, at 18:30–21:00 – Welcome Cocktail in Sinaia Hotel (cost included in the registration fee);
- On Thursday, September 14, at 20:00–23:30 – Symposium Dinner in Sinaia Hotel (cost included in the registration fee);
- On Saturday, September 16, at 9:00 – excursion Sinaia (Peles Castle, Sinaia Monastery) – Bran (Dracula Castle) – Sinaia (cost: 58 euro & 10 euro for lunch – payment at Registration Desk). The cost includes also the entrance fees (Peles Castel and Dracula Castel).