

**THIRD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ADVANCED MICRO- AND MESOPOROUS MATERIALS
6-9 September 2009, Albena, Bulgaria
<http://micro2009.innoslab.com/>**

CONFERENCE GUIDE

LOCATION

Albena Resort



Albena is one of the most beautiful sea resorts on the Bulgarian seaside. With its sand lines and the crystal sea, the resort is delight to people of all ages and offers pleasure to every taste. Albena is situated only 30 km away from Bulgaria's sea capital Varna. The resort is remarkable for its 6-km long beach. It includes 43 hotels (with 2 to 4 stars), some of them situated at the very beach, other - at the picturesque hills with exciting views of the sea and the “Balata” National Reserve. On the territory of Albena there are many mineral sources, balneological complexes, uncovered pool with hot mineral water, etc. which are famous with their good therapeutical characteristics.

HOTELS

The conference sessions will take place in the new hotel *Flamingo Grand* (5*) in the center of the resort. The accommodation of the participants is arranged in the conference hotel and other nearby hotels in the resort - Dobrudja (3*), Orlov (3*), Laguna Garden (4*). Further information concerning the facilities in the hotels is provided on the web-site of the resort: <http://www.albena.bg>.

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PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations

A beamer with laptop (MS PowerPoint & Adobe Acrobat software) will be provided for the oral presentations. Plenary, keynote and oral presentations (including discussions) are scheduled for 45, 30, and 20 min., respectively.

Poster presentations

The size of the posters should be about 1.20/0.90 m (portrait).

Publication of the materials

The authors of the contributions accepted for presentation at the symposium are invited to submit their papers in full text (in English) for publication in the Proceedings of the Symposium included in the new book series "Topics in Chemistry and Material Science". Technical information about the full text paper requirements is provided on the conference web site (<http://micro2009.innoslab.com>; link Proceedings). The text of the manuscripts is limited to 10 pages. The manuscripts should be submitted electronically till August 30th 2009 as MS Word file in doc format to the symposium e-mail address: micro2009@innoslab.com.

For additional information concerning the Proceedings, please, contact conference secretariat.

TRANSPORT INFORMATION

We advice all participants arriving at Varna Airport to use the transportation offered by the Albena resort's office (for details see the web site of the symposium). From the center of Varna there is regular minibus service to Albena.

REGISTRATION

The registration desk of the symposium will be arranged in hotel *Flamingo Grand* from 17:00 to 20:00 h on September 6th and in the coffee breaks during the meeting.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

The Welcome cocktail will take place on Sunday, September 6th, 20.00 – 22.00.

The official Conference dinner will be on Tuesday, September 8th, from 20.30.

An excursion to the Archeological museum of Varna is planned for the afternoon on Tuesday, September 8th.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Weather forecast for Varna (6.09-10.09)

Temperature: 22-28°C (day), 15-18°C (night)

Water temperature: 22-24°C

Insurance

The organizing committee of the conference does not provide insurance and do not take any responsibility for accidents or illnesses that might occur during the conferences or in the course of travel to or from the meeting place. It is therefore the responsibility of participants to check their health insurance requirements.

Extra Expenses

All additional expenses, e.g. drinks from the hotel, telephone calls, tours, etc. are at participants' own expenses.

Currency exchange

The most suitable exchange rates are provided by the bank branches, ca. 1.945 – 1.950 lv. for 1.00 Euro. The bank working hours are between 9.00 and 16.00 in weekdays. There are several bank offices in Albena resort. Currency could be also changed in the hotel or change bureaus but usually at unfavorable exchange rates. We strongly recommend you to change currencies in bank branches and to avoid any exchange at the street.

Places of interest

Information about the city of Varna can be found at <http://www.varna-travel.com/>.

The Varna Archaeological Museum (<http://www.amvarna.com/>) is one of the largest museums in



Bulgaria. It exhibits from the prehistoric, Thracian, Ancient Greek and Ancient Roman periods of the region's history, as well as from the times of the medieval Bulgarian and Byzantine Empires, the Ottoman rule and the Bulgarian National Revival. The Varna Archaeological Museum's arguably most famous exhibit is the **Gold of Varna**, the oldest gold treasure in the world, excavated in 1972 and dating to 4600-4200 BC. The museum is situated very close to Festival and congress center (ca. 10 min. walk).

The museum also manages two archaeological objects: the large **Roman baths** in the city and the nearby medieval **Aladzha Monastery**.