

Subject: Structure and Symmetry Conference 2025 – Practical Information

Dear Participants,

With the **Structure and Symmetry Conference 2025** just three months away, we would like to share some practical details to help you plan your trip.

Conference Venue

Novotel Kraków Centrum

ul. Tadeusza Kościuszki, 30-105 Kraków, Poland

(All lectures and conference activities will take place here.)

Schedule

- **Arrival:** Sunday, June 8 (standard check-in from 15:00 CET)
- **Conference:** Monday, June 9 (starting ~9:45 CET) – Friday, June 13 (closing ~12:30 CET)
- **Departure:** Saturday, June 14

If you plan to extend your stay, please contact the hotel directly at monika.wojdala@accor.com, mentioning the conference to secure special rates. If you plan to shorten your stay, kindly inform us so we can adjust reservations and minimize costs.

Accommodation & Facilities

- **Covered by the organizers:** Your hotel room, daily breakfast, access to all hotel facilities, and parking in the underground garage.
- **Additional charges:** If you expect extra expenses (e.g., bar charges), please provide a credit card at check-in or pay directly.

Travel & Local Transport

Arriving by Air

- **Best option:** Kraków John Paul II Airport (KRK)
- **Alternative airports:**
 - Katowice (KTW) – ~2 hours by bus/train to Kraków
 - Warsaw (WAW) – ~4 hours by train

From Kraków Airport (KRK) to the Hotel

- **Airport Taxi:** Available at arrivals, flat rate of **129 PLN**, credit cards accepted. Specify "**Novotel Kraków Centrum**" (there are multiple Novotel hotels).
- **Uber/Bolt:** Around **60 PLN** for a good deal.

- **Public Transport:** No direct connection. Requires a **1-hour transfer ticket (8 PLN)** and a bus change. Use **Google Maps** for reliable route planning.

Currency & Payments

- Most places accept **credit cards**.
- If you need cash, **avoid** airport exchange offices due to unfavorable rates. Use **hotel exchange** or a **KANTOR** (currency exchange) in the city center.
- **Current exchange rates:**
 - **1 EUR \approx 4.15 PLN**
 - **1 USD \approx 3.85 PLN***(Rates fluctuate daily.)*

Lectures & Presentations

- No **blackboards/whiteboards**, but **flip charts** will be available.
- If using a tablet, you may use **our device** or connect your own.

Meals

- **Included:**
 - Breakfast (daily)
 - 2 or 3 coffee breaks per day
 - Lunch buffet
 - **Beer break** after lectures to facilitate discussions
- **Not included:** Dinners (except for the Conference Dinner on **Thursday**).
- **Conference Dinner (Thursday): Self-contribution: 200 PLN (50 EUR/USD), payable in cash on-site.**

A **Welcome Reception** with drinks and light snacks will be held on **Monday evening**.

For dinner, Kraków offers over **1000 restaurants**. The **hotel restaurant** is an option, or you can explore the city using **Google Maps**. Downtown is easily accessible by foot, tram (stop in front of the hotel), or Uber/Bolt. **Tram tickets** can be purchased on board or via the **Jakdojade** app (<https://jakdojade.pl/krakow>).

Excursion – Wieliczka Salt Mine (Wednesday Afternoon)

- **Includes:**
 - Transfer from the hotel to the Salt Mine
 - **2-hour guided tour** underground
 - Coffee & pastry reception
 - Transfer back to Kraków's Old Town
- **Self-contribution: 200 PLN (50 EUR/USD), payable in cash on-site.**
- **Registration required:** Limited availability due to tour restrictions. A separate form will be circulated.

Have a safe trip, and we look forward to welcoming you to Kraków in June!

The Organizers