

Know Before You Go – Important Information for

Nanomechanical Testing in Materials Research & Development VIII

Le Méridien Lav Split, Split, Croatia
October 2-7, 2022

September 26, 2022

To: Participants, Nanomechanical Testing in Materials Research & Development VIII
From: Barbara K. Hickernell, ECI Executive Director

On behalf of Engineering Conferences International and the conference chair, **Sandra Korte-Kerzel**, we are looking forward to your participation in this conference. **Larry Kabacoff** will represent the ECI Conferences Committee and **Kathy Chan** and I (**Barbara Hickernell**) will be the ECI on-site staff. This note conveys several items that need to be brought to your attention.

HOTEL

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COVID-19

Our community thrives by engaging with each other face-to-face (or now mask-to-mask) but we wish to be safe in doing so. Thus, as safety is our first priority, we require proof of Covid-19 vaccination prior to registration for participants and guests and strongly suggest getting the available boosters.

In addition, we strongly suggest:

- *All conference participants and guests self-test prior to the conference to assure as safe a conference environment as possible.*
- *All participants and guests wear KN95 masks at conference functions (except when eating or drinking or making a presentation) to protect the most vulnerable among us and have included in each conference packet one KN95 mask. Additional ones are available. The meeting and poster rooms will be spaced out as much as possible to allow for social distancing. In addition, we have asked the hotel to provide optional outdoor seating for meals. If you are part of the most vulnerable population, please see the ECI staff so that we can arrange special accommodation.*
- *That you bring some Covid home tests with you. Should you test positive or feel unwell at any time during the conference, please contact Kathy (+1-646-309-7959) or Barbara (+1-914-484-7349) so that they call assist you and notify the hotel.*

We cannot make guarantees but we can assure you that ECI will follow the health and safety guidance of health authorities, consult best practices in the meetings community, and try to provide as “normal” a conference as possible during these circumstances.

If you test positive once you arrive home, please contact us so that we may inform fellow participants.

TRANSPORTATION FROM SPLIT AIRPORT

<http://www.split-airport.hr/index.php?lang=en>

ECI has made arrangements to book either one way or round trip airport transfers. Please make your reservations prior to September 29 at <https://aragosa.hr/nanomechanical>

The Split airport is approximately 26 km west of the Le Meridien hotel (about 30 minutes by vehicle).

WEATHER

The long-term forecast calls for some cloudiness with occasional rain showers. Highs are predicted to be around (73° F) 23°C and lows around (60° F) 16°C. Bring a sweater or jacket for the conference room if the temperature is too cool for you.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am - Check-in for optional Tutorial

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Tutorial Session (lunch on your own)

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm - Conference check-in

4:30 pm - 4:40 pm - Conference Introduction/Opening Remarks

4:45 pm - 6:30 pm - Presentations

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Opening Reception and Dinner (Gooshter Beach Club)

TUTORIAL

The Sunday morning tutorial will have two parallel sessions. One session will cover **Analyzing dislocations in the TEM** and be led by Marc Legros (CEMES-CNRS) while the second session will cover **Studying rate and temperature dependence in nanomechanics**, led by Verena Maier-Kiener (Montanuniversitat Leoben) and **Processing and analyzing micrographs with artificial intelligence**, led by Setareh Medghalchi, (RWTH Aachen University).

SPEAKERS

We expect that all presentations will use PowerPoint and we will have a computer projector as well as a laptop with Microsoft PowerPoint. Please bring your presentation on a memory stick for loading onto the ECI computer. If you plan to use a Mac computer, please bring the necessary adapters. Our audio-visual graduate student will assist speakers in loading their presentations on the conference laptop.

All presentations should be loaded the day prior to the session or no later than three hours before the session in which you are speaking begins.

Be sure that you provide your session chair with a *brief* biography for introductions.

It is essential to the conference schedule that you keep to your given time (allowing at least 5 minutes for questions/discussion). Keeping in the tradition of these conferences, please be available during the conference for discussion and questions. Meals and social hours are perfect for discussion and questions.

POSTERS

As noted on the website, the posters should be no larger than 1 m wide and 1.5 m long. Posters should be mounted prior to the first poster session on Monday. Mounting tape will be provided.

As is the tradition of ECI, all poster presenters will have the opportunity to advertise their poster during the "Poster Preview Presentation" sessions on Monday October 3 (odd numbers) and Wednesday October 5 (even numbers) before dinner.

TUESDAY EXCURSION

Immediately after lunch we will board coaches with English speaking guides who will take us on a guided walk around historic Split, hopefully having tickets to visit the Cellars of Diocletian which are a set of substructures that once held up the private apartments of Emperor Diocletian and represent one of the best preserved ancient complexes of their kind in the world. The Diocletian palace is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most important Roman monuments in the world. We won't have time for everything but hope also to include some free time on your own for shopping before we gather inside at the Bajamonti restaurant for drinks and snacks before heading back to the hotel for the evening technical session and dinner.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following are a few housekeeping items:

- Please wear your badge throughout the conference. The hotel staff may refuse entry to meals without a conference badge.

- The reverse side of your name is where we suggest you place your emergency contact information.
- If you have special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian, allergies, etc.) that you have not already informed us of when you registered, please contact Kathy Chan (kathy@engconfintl.org) prior to the start of the conference. The hotel does not guarantee that special dietary needs can be met if they are not informed at least three days prior to the conference.
- Dress: ECI conferences are casual. We discourage suits and ties.
- ECI does not make pre/post conference reservations. You must contact the hotel directly.
- Audio, still photo and video recording by any device (e.g., cameras, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, watches) are prohibited during the technical sessions, unless the author and ECI have granted prior permission.
- Smoking is not allowed at any conference function.
- ECI will electronically distribute a conference evaluation/questionnaire on Thursday. Please complete and return it, as your comments are valuable to the current chairs, the future chairs in the series, and ECI.
- Guests/Accompanying Persons: If you bring a guest at the last moment, you must first see the ECI staff at check-in, pay for your guest, and then give the ECI proof of payment to the hotel.
- Internet – There is wireless Internet access.
- With respect your privacy, we will dispose of your vaccination information/official identification and mobile phone number after the meeting.

If you are having transportation difficulties and will be a late arrival, please either email or text Kathy (1-646-309-7959) or Barbara (+1-914-484-7349) so we can inform the hotel.

Have a safe trip and enjoy the conference!