

## Know Before You Go – Important Information for

# Alkali Activated Materials and Geopolymers: Sustainable Construction Materials and Ceramics Made Under Ambient Conditions

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To: Participants in the Alkali Activated Materials and Geopolymers Conference

From: Barbara K. Hickernell, ECI Executive Director

On behalf of Engineering Conferences International and the conference chairs **W.M. Kriven** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA), **Cristina Leonelli** (Universita' degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Italy), **John L. Provis** (University of Sheffield, United Kingdom) and **Aldo R. Boccaccini** (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany), we are looking forward to your participation in this conference. **Linn Hobbs** and **Aldo Boccaccini** will be the technical liaisons from the ECI Conferences Committee for this conference and I will be the ECI on-site staff.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Grand Hotel San Michele (Contrada BOSCO 30, 87022 - Cetraro (CS), Italy)

Phone: +39-0982-91012 - Email: [sanmichele@sanmichele.it](mailto:sanmichele@sanmichele.it)

The conference fee includes a hotel room for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights plus all meals from Sunday reception and dinner through lunch on Friday.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

If you have not already notified the hotel (deadline was May 18) of your request for transportation from the Lamezia Terme Airport, please do so immediately. At this point, it may be too late to be added to a shuttle and only private transportation may be available.

**If you would like to arrange a transfer, please email the following information:**

– your name; – your email; – flight arrival and departure dates; – name of airline, flight numbers, scheduled arrival/departure times; – number of people you are booking

**to: [sanmichele@sanmichele.it](mailto:sanmichele@sanmichele.it)**

**Please note that you are attending the ECI conference from May 28-June 2.**

The airport is 75 km from the hotel.

**Train:** The Paola Railway station is about 21 km from the hotel by [ItaliaRail](#). Again, please email the hotel to arrange a last minute transfer..

***For those planning to take a train to Cetraro, please note that the hotel transportation is absolutely necessary as there are no taxis in Cetraro.***

### **COVID AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Our community thrives by engaging with each other face-to-face but we wish to be safe in doing so. Prior to registering, all conference participants and their guests submitted proof of full vaccination. Before you leave for the conference, we suggest you test for Covid and also bring some home test kits and some masks with you. If you test positive, please do not come. If you are not feeling well during the conference, please stay in your room and contact the ECI staff.

Just follow common sense procedures on your journey and during the conference. Wearing a mask is not mandatory at the conference but you may consider wearing one as some of your colleagues may be of high risk and would appreciate your keeping distance and wearing a mask, especially at poster sessions where there are many close discussions.

The ECI staff has access to additional masks should you need one.

**We suggest that you add your emergency contact information to the form on the reverse side of your name badge.**

### **ORAL AND POSTER ABSTRACTS**

The files are in PDF format. You can add comments, highlight, add text to the abstract files, and print. However, rotate, delete, replace, crop, split document and insert pages are not accessible.

Please note that in our attempt to go green, there will not be a printed copy onsite. We recommend downloading the files prior to arrival. If you would like to have a hard copy on hand, please print and bring with you to the conference.

### **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. Please bring your presentation the day prior to the session or no later than three hours before the session in which you are speaking begins. The student in charge of AV is Patrick Keane.

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 printed in A0 size, portrait format (84cm wide by 118 cm high). Tacks will be provided.

### **EXCURSION:**

On Thursday afternoon we will be visiting the archaeological park and museum of Sybaris, one of the largest and most important sites in the Mediterranean of the archaic and classical age.

**WEATHER:** The long-term forecast calls for highs around 17-18° C / low to mid 60s (F). Lows will be around 10° C /50° F.

Bring a sweater or jacket for the conference room if the temperature is too cool for you.

Check [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for the latest forecast.

**EARLY ARRIVALS:** ECI does not make pre/post conference reservations - that is the responsibility of the participant. Please use the [pre/post conference reservation form](#) for room reservation before or after the conference.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** The following are a few housekeeping items:

- you have any special dietary needs, such as a food allergy that we need to be aware of, please send an email to [Kathy Chan](#) who will forward it to the chef
- Dress: ECI conferences are casual.
- 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. The content is the property of the presenters and their employers.
- [ECI Code of Conduct](#). We expect everyone to abide by the ECI Code of Conduct.
- Smoking is not allowed at any conference function.

- ECI will electronically distribute a conference evaluation/questionnaire on Friday. Please complete and return it as your comments are valuable to the current chairs, the future chairs in the series, and ECI.
- Internet – There is wireless Internet access and you will be given the passcode when you arrive.

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

Have a safe trip and enjoy the conference!