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# 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Group of European Charophytologists (GEC)

18-22 SEPTEMBER 2017  
VALÈNCIA, SPAIN

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## Program

**17 September (Sunday):** informal meeting in Valencia Old Town.

**18-19 September (Monday and Tuesday):** registration, oral and poster sessions at the Cavanilles Institute – Universitat de València (Campus Burjassot-Paterna).

**20-21 September (Wednesday and Thursday):** field trip, charophyte collection and determination at the Cavanilles Institute – Universitat de València.

**21-22 September (Thursday and Friday):** field trip to Ruidera lakes (central Spain).

### Registration fees for the meeting and the field trips:

IRGC-Members (with updated fees): 60 €  
Non IRGC-Members: 100 €  
Students (provide student ID): 40 €

These prices include conference material, coffee breaks and lunches, and conference dinner

**Post-conference field trip 1: 60 €**  
**(Albufera de València Natural Park)**

This price includes transportation, written material, lunch in Albufera NP and lunch in Cavanilles Institute the next day

**Post-conference field trip 2: 125 €**  
**(Ruidera Lakes, central Spain)**

This price includes transportation, written material, accommodation in single/double rooms, dinner and lunch

**The payment must be done by BANK TRANSFER to the following account number belonging to the University of València:**

Bank: SANTANDER (Office 1607)

Address: Av. Doctor Moliner 50 - Campus UV. 46100 Burjassot (Valencia)

Swift : BSCH ESMM XXX

**IBAN : ES22 0049 1607 62 2310026108**

Account's holder : Universitat de Valencia

Address: Av. Blasco Ibañez, 13. 46010 Valencia

Please mention **YOUR NAME** and **GEC21-Valencia**.

### Important dates (only one):

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**      Deadline for final registration, payment **AND** abstract submission

Please send registration, proof of payment and abstract by e-mail to Maria Rodrigo:

[maria.a.rodrigo@uv.es](mailto:maria.a.rodrigo@uv.es)

## INFORMAL MEETING 17 September (Sunday) ca. 20:00



Meeting Place at City Hall door in *Plaça de l'Ajuntament* (City Hall Square), at the city centre.

20:00 is a perfect time for „tapas“ in the September evenings in Valencia. We will go to a the terrace of a typical bar very close to our meeting point. If you arrive later let us know. We will tell you where to join us.



City Hall door

## CONFERENCE VENUE



Main entrance

Address: Carrer Catedràtic José Beltran 2, 46980-Paterna, Spain

The 21<sup>st</sup> GEC meeting will be hosted by the **Cavanilles Institute for Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology**.

<http://www.uv.es/uvweb/cavanilles-institute-biodiversity-biology/en/presentation/introduction-1285893448854.html>. It was founded by the University of Valencia in 1998 with the mission of conducting basic and applied research, researcher training, services and assistance to the society in the fields of biodiversity and evolutionary biology. The Institute is located at the Scientific Park (Parc Científic, see the photograph). This part of the university is situated in the north part of the city but can be easily reached by public transportation.

## How to arrive by public transport

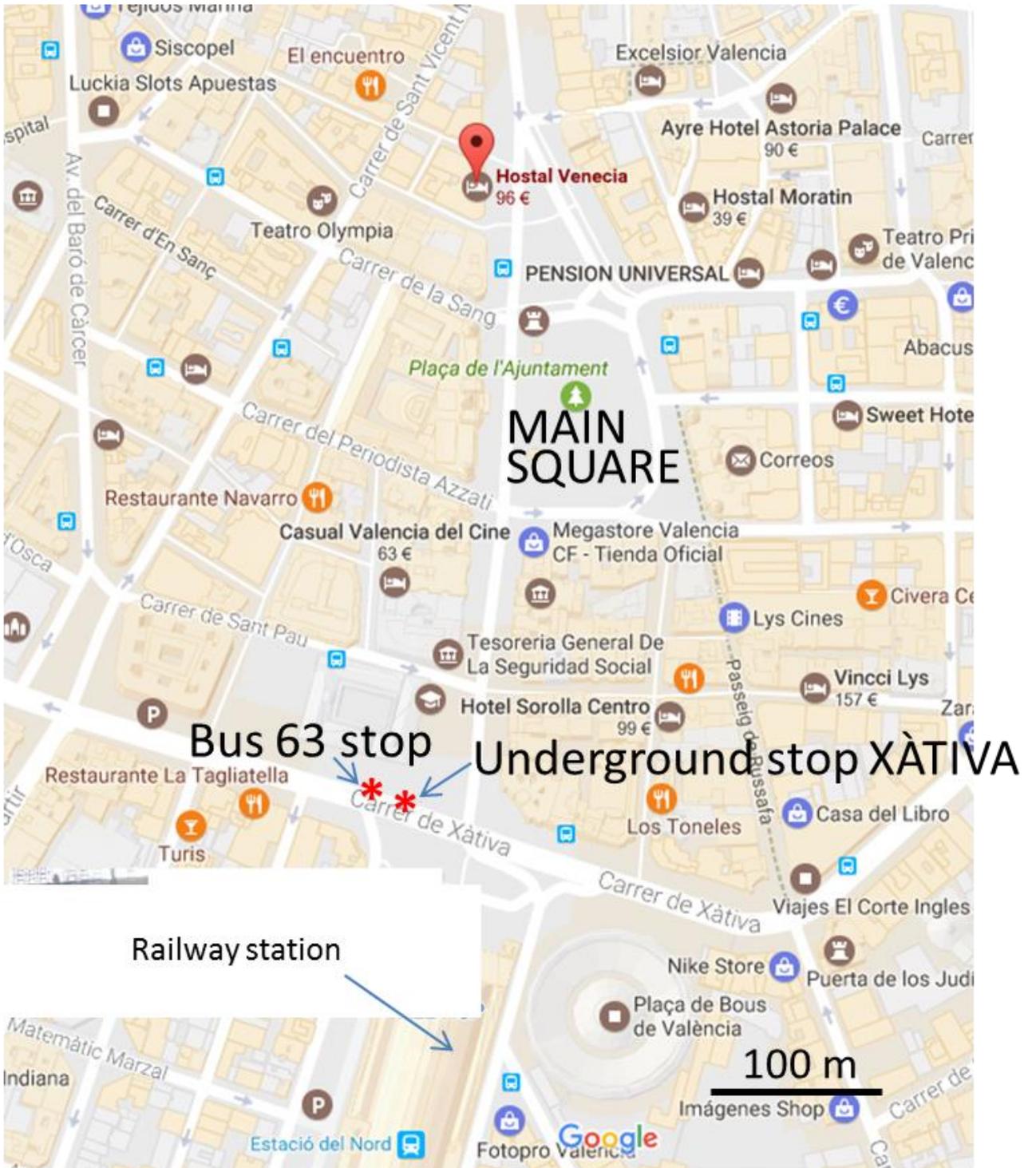
**BUS: Line 63** (only from Monday to Friday): Get the bus at **Carrer Xàtiva** in the city center (indicated in the map pag. 5). Get off the bus at **Vicent Andrés Estellés** stop (the final one), then walk a little following the instructions in the map pag. 6.

**UNDERGROUND: Lines 3 o 5**, change to **Lines 1 or 2** and then change to Tram **Line 4**, Mas del Rosari or LL.Llarga Terramelar destinations. **Stop at TVV (Line 4**, Other destinations **Stop at Vicent Andrés Estellés** and then walk a little bit more following the instructions in the map pag. 6.

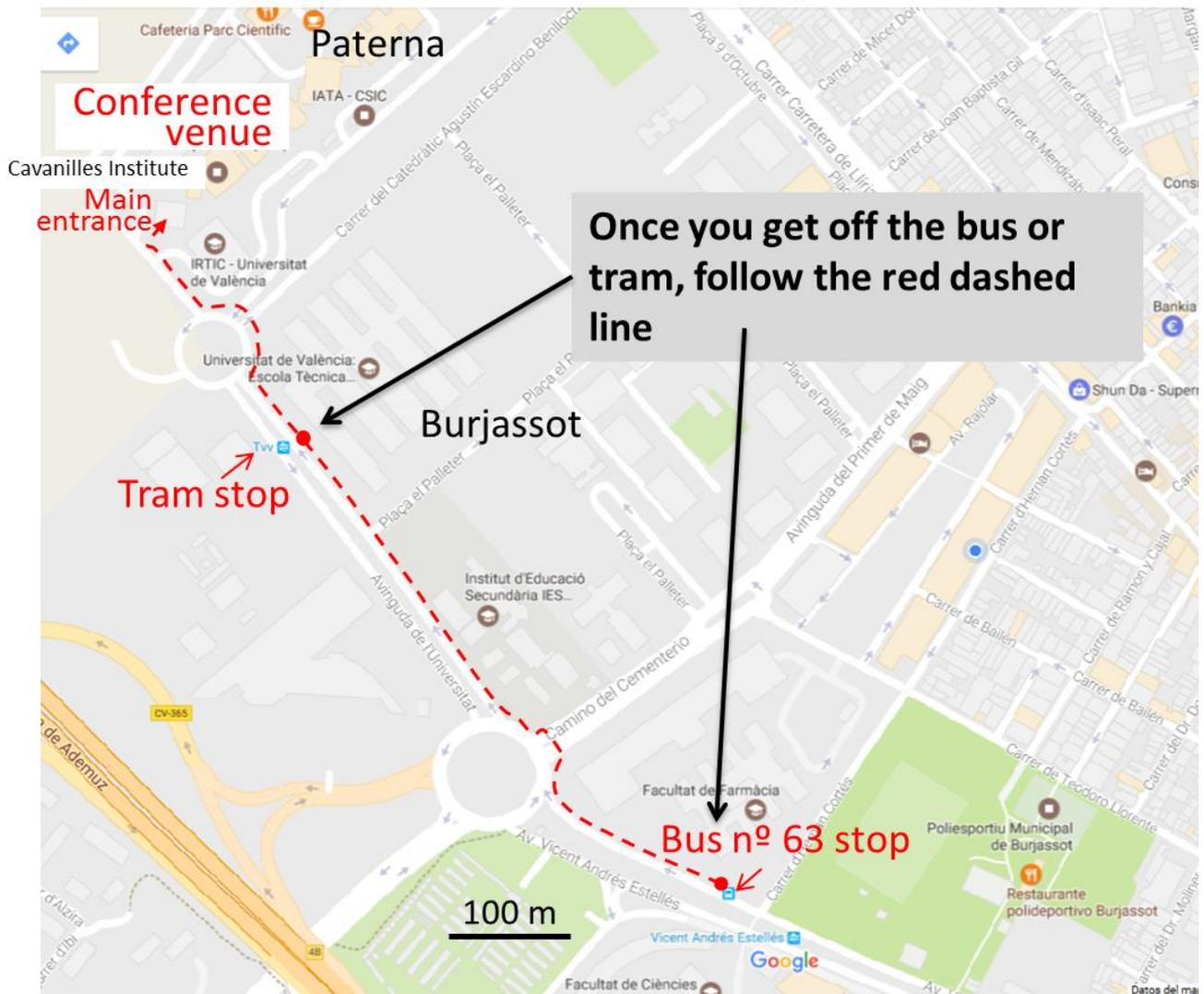


The schedule for public transport in Valencia can be visited at:

[http://www.emtvalencia.es/geoportal/?lang=en\\_otp](http://www.emtvalencia.es/geoportal/?lang=en_otp)  
<http://www.metrovalencia.es/page.php?idioma=en>

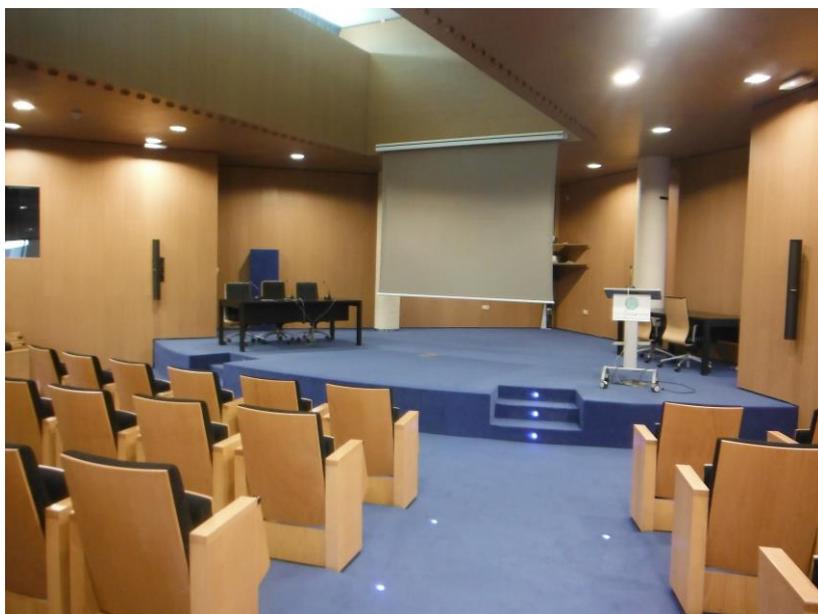


Location of the bus nº 63 and underground stops in the city center.



Location of nº 63 bus and underground stops close to the conference venue.

## REGISTRATION DESK AND LECTURE ROOM



Signs will guide you to the room where the registration desk will be located.

The registration desk will be located on the first floor of the main building. The lectures and poster presentations will be held in the lecture room located also on the first floor of the first building in the Scientific Park.

Conference room

## **LUNCH during the CONFERENCE**



Lunch for days 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be served in the cafeteria of the Scientific Park at 13 h (included in the meeting registration fee)

## **GUIDED TOUR 18 Sep. (Monday)**

**ca. 19:00**



An optional guided tour of the historical centre of the city is scheduled.

The Central food market (left)  
The silk market (right)

## **CONFERENCE DINNER 19 Sep. (Tuesday)**

**21:00**



Old University building



Large cloister



The conference dinner will be served in the small cloister of the old building of University of Valencia, in the historical centre (it is included in the meeting registration fee).

## CHAROPHYTE DETERMINATION 20 Sep. (Thursday) 10:00-12:45



After the first field trip, the charophyte determination session will be held in the our laboratory (Integrative Ecology group), in the building of the Cavanilles Institute and/or an extra lab.

Binocular microscopes and identification keys will be available.

### About València

The vibrant and cultural city of València is situated in the province of the same name, and it is the capital of the Valencian Autonomous Region. The city is located on the banks of the Turia river, on the east coast of the Iberian Peninsula, fronting the Gulf of Valencia on the Mediterranean Sea (with more than 100 km of coastline). With a population of over 800,000 by city limits and 1,500,000 by urban area, it is the third largest city in Spain after Madrid and Barcelona, and the 15th largest in the EU. Valencia harbour (*Port de València*) is the 5th busiest container port in Europe and the busiest container port on the Mediterranean Sea.

The city of València was founded by the Romans in 137 BC as Valentia (meaning strength or valour). The city boomed under the rule of the Moors, becoming famous in the trade of many essential and exotic goods (paper, silk, leather, ceramics,...). The city remained an important strategic and cultural location to be had as it has been repeatedly captured and occupied by Spanish and external forces for almost a millennium. València retains much of its past in its architecture having direct Roman, Arabic and Gothic influences. Its historic centre is one of the largest in Spain, with approximately 169 hectares; this heritage of ancient monuments, views and cultural attractions makes Valencia one of the country's most popular tourist destinations. Valencia is also integrated into an industrial area on the *Costa del Azahar* (Orange Blossom Coast) and currently is a modern city and a prestigious commercial centre.

València is the birthplace of Paella. The Valencian Paella usually consists of meat and vegetables, however all varieties can be found in the city, including seafood paella.

Valencia has 2 official languages: Catalan (the occidental variety is used), and Spanish. English is not frequently spoken by the local population but is in academic circles.

### How to get to Valencia

#### By plane:

Valencia has an international airport called "Aeropuerto de Valencia-Manises" o Aeropuerto de Manises. It is located 8 km away (to the west) from the city centre and is connected to the city centre by taxi and by public transportation.

-There is a **TAXI** stop just at the exit of the airport. The taxis are white and all have taximeter. Transport by taxi to the city centre will take about 20 minutes, and costs approx. 20 €).

-There are two **UNDERGROUND TRAIN LINES** to reach the city centre. The underground station is located in the ground floor of the Regional Terminal. Tickets can be bought in automatic machines in the airport.

-Line L3 (red colour): final destination *Rafelbunyol*

-Line L5 (green colour): final destination *Marítim Serrería - Torrent Av. / Aeroport*

Both lines share the same trip to the city centre, precisely until *Alameda* station, where their trajectories bifurcate. Transfer time by underground to the city centre is approximately 25 minutes. If your hotel is at the city centre (Hotel Venecia for example) *Xàtiva* stop is the best).



### Fares for underground and tram

Tickets can be get in the ticket machines at the underground train and tram stops. 1-euro card (reusable) is necessary to acquire any kind of ticket.

#### **One-way ticket:**

One zone: 1.50€.  
Two zones: 2.10€.  
Three zones: 2.80€.  
Four zones: 3.90€

#### **Return ticket:**

One zone: 2.90 €.  
Two zones: 4.00€  
Three zones: 5.30€.  
Four zones: 7.40€

#### **Bonometro (10 trips):**

One zone: 7.20€.  
Two zones: 10.40€.  
Three zones: 14.00 €  
Four zones: 20€

#### **TuiN Card:**

A cash card that permits journeys within the entire Metrovalencia network with any combination within zones. It must be validated upon entering and exiting the metro and only upon entering a tram. Minimum charge/recharge: 10 €. **This card can be interesting because the trip from and to the airport is only 2 € and it can be used by more than one person (the regular one-way ticket from the airport to the city centre is 3.9 € because you cross the 4 zones).**

One zone: 0.72 €.  
Two zones: 1.04 €.  
Three and four zones: 1.40 €.  
Airport: 2.00 €.

-There is also a **bus line** (Line 150: Aeropuerto-Valencia / Valencia-Aeropuerto). Itinerary: Aeropuerto / Manises / Quart de Poblet / Mislata / Valencia and viceversa. Bus stop at the airport: outside the terminal, ground floor (Planta 0). **There is service all days except Sundays and holidays.**

For more details see the Valencia International Airport website <http://www.aeropuerto-valencia.com/#>

**By train:**

Trains provide additional access. Check <http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/index.html> for destinations and timetables.

**By car:**

See <http://www.viamichelin.com/>. There is a toll highway from the border with France to Valencia. Traffic is dense into the city and free car parking rare, however pay parking is available.

**Accommodation in Valencia for GEC21<sup>st</sup>**

A medium-price hotel has temporarily blocked around 20 rooms for us: **HOTEL VENECIA** (<http://www.hotelvenecia.com/en/valencia-center/>).

It is a 2\* hotel, but it is ideally located, just in the main square of the heart of Valencia. It is also located at a very short distance to the bus and underground stops to reach the conference venue. You can get to Valencia-Manises Airport in approximately 25 minutes by metro (direct line) or taxi.

It has high scores in reservation webpages such as Booking.com, for example: **FABULOUS 8.9/10**

They offer you these prices:

**Double room (individual use)**: 68 euros (breakfast included)

**Double room**: 82 euros (breakfast included)

**Triple room**: 107 euros (breakfast included)

To make the reservation: please, write to [reservas@hotelvenecia.com](mailto:reservas@hotelvenecia.com), indicate you will participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Group of European Charophytologists (GEC21-Valencia), give a credit card number with expiration date (as a booking guarantee) and choose the room type (have a look at the rooms in their webpage, ask for rooms with view to the square, for example). Do it as soon as possible since the rooms will be blocked only for some weeks.

For those participants attending the second field trip to Ruidera lakes, please remember that we will sleep there on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September.



For those who cannot afford the prices of this hotel, here you have a list of other accommodation:

**COSY ROOMS BOLSERIA** (Carrer Monges, 4) [info.bolseria@cosyroomsvalencia.com](mailto:info.bolseria@cosyroomsvalencia.com)

**COSY ROOMS TAPINERIA** (Carrer Tapineria, 13) [info.tapineria@cosyroomsvalencia.com](mailto:info.tapineria@cosyroomsvalencia.com)

**COSY ROOMS EMBAJADOR** (Carrer Embajador Vich, 5) [info.embajador@cosyroomsvalencia.com](mailto:info.embajador@cosyroomsvalencia.com)

These are 2\* hotels that offer us rooms at the following prices (but be aware that the rooms are not blocked for us). You have to mention you will participate in the “aquatic plant congress”:

Standard room: 48 euros (**NO** breakfast included)

Superior room: 58 euros (**NO** breakfast included)

But in this case the reception is only available from 1pm to 9pm. Outside this timetable, the guest can go to the reception 24h located in Cosyroom Tapineria Hostal (Carrer Tapineria,13).

**CENTRAL STATION VALENCIA HOSTEL** (Carrer Bailén, 18-1<sup>º</sup>) <http://central-station-valencia-hostel.valencia-hotels.net/en/>

**HOTEL ALKAZAR 1\*** (Carrer Mosen Femades, 11) <http://www.hotelalkazar.es/en/>

**HOSTAL MORATIN 1\*** (Carrer Moratín, 15) <http://www.hostalmoratin.es/en/hostels-in-valencia>

Accommodation with shared bathroom:

**SLEEP & FLY** (Carrer del Pintor Sorolla, 13)

**SERRANOS TOWERS** (Carrer dels Serrans, 31)

Lower rates can be also found at the youth hostels:

**THE RIVER** (Plaça del Temple, 6) <http://riverhostelvalencia.com/en/>

Youth hostels by **FEETUP HOSTELS** (<https://feetuphostels.com/#>):

1. Home Youth Hostel Valencia. Address: Lonja, 4, Ciutat Vella, 46001 Valencia
2. Home Backpackers Hostel Valencia. Address: Plaça de Vicent Iborra, s/n, 46003 Valencia
3. Purple Nest Hostel Valencia. Address: Plaça de Tetuán, 5, 46003 València
4. Red Nest Hostel Valencia. Address: Carrer de la Pau, 36, 46003 València

## Additional information

Participants are advised to take out their OWN PERSONAL HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE for their trip.

### Currency

The currency in Spain is Euros. Credit cards are widely accepted, ATMs are widely available throughout the city.

### Passport and Visa

All members of the European Union, the European Economic Area and holders of the “Schengen agreement” do not need a visa. If you're not a citizen of the listed structures or you are not sure if you need a visa, please contact the Spanish Embassy or Consulate in your country.

### Weather

Valencia has a temperate climate with mild winters and warm and sunny summers (more than 2,600 hours of sun per year). The weather is usually nice in September. In 2015 and 2016 the September air temperatures ranged between 19-28 °C (means: 23.1 °C and 24.2 °C, respectively). September may be rainy (66.2 and 52.3 l/m<sup>2</sup> (mm) in 2015 and 2016, respectively).

### Instructions for abstracts (USE THE TEMPLATE IN THE REGISTRATION FILE)

All abstracts must be written in English, following this format:

Use Calibri font, size 12. Restrict to 1 DIN-A4, up and down margins: 2.5 cm; left and right margins: 3 cm

**TITLE OF ARTICLE** (CAPITAL LETTERS, BOLD, IN THE MIDDLE ROW, WITHOUT A FULL STOP)

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1Family name and given names; 2Family name and given names (superscript numbered on left if multi-authored and authors have different affiliations) - (leave space)

Place of work and address(es), referring to superscript number of each author if multi-authored; e-mail of presenter.

The abstract should have an Introduction, Results, Discussion/Conclusions. **Use just one page**, and a single paragraph.

Abbreviations and symbols should be explained at their first mention.

**The abstracts will be published in the abstract volume of the meeting.**

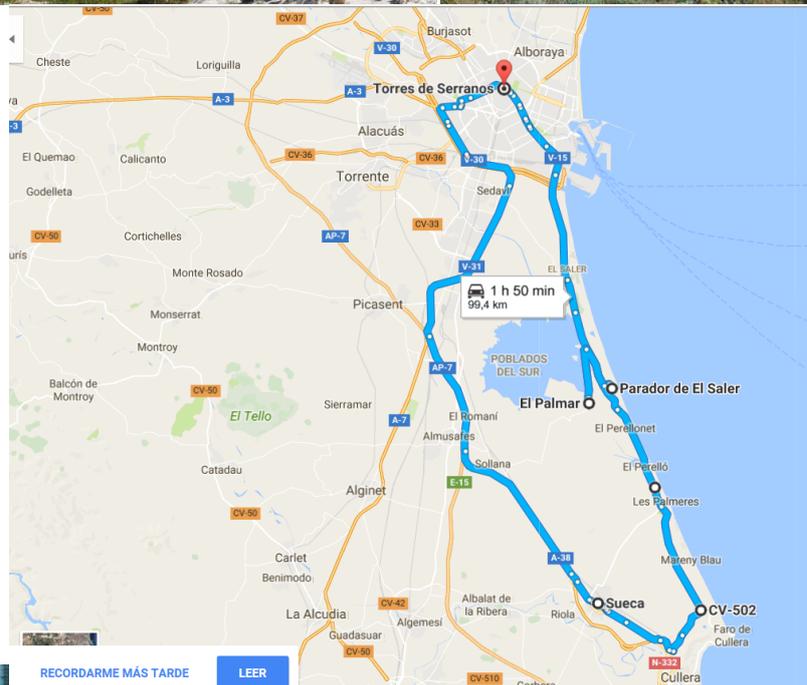
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**POSTER DIMENSIONS: the poster holders will have vertical orientation, then prepare your poster in a vertical format, for example: 90 x 120 cm (width x length).**

## Post-conference field trip 1 (20<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday)

The presentations will be followed by a one-day field trip with charophyte collection and identification the next day. The excursion is planned in the surroundings of Albufera de València Natural Park where we should see charophyte species such as *Nitella hyalina*, *Chara aspera*, *C. hispida*, *C. canescens*, *C. vulgaris*, *C. braunii*, etc.). Charophyte determination will be arranged at the laboratory of our research group the next day.

The price for the field excursion is 60 € (including lunch and the lunch of the next day). For those not staying for lunch on 21<sup>st</sup> September (Thursday) the fee is 45 €.



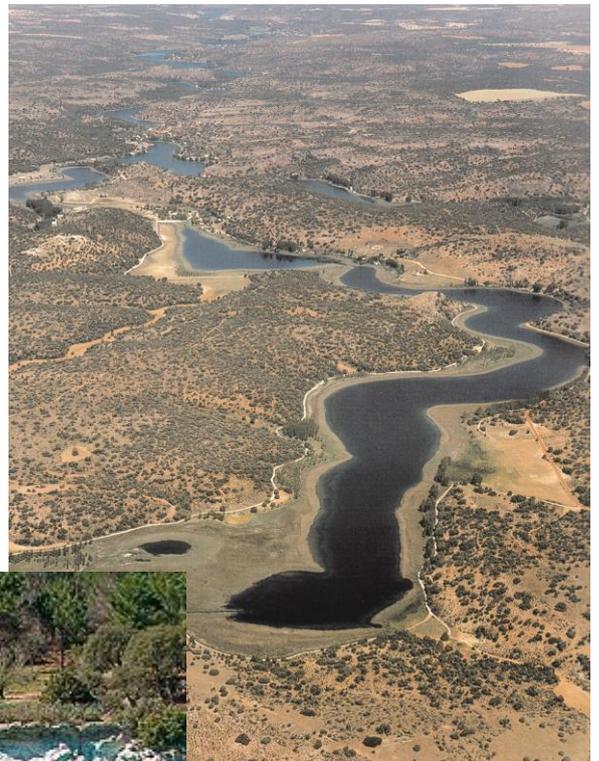
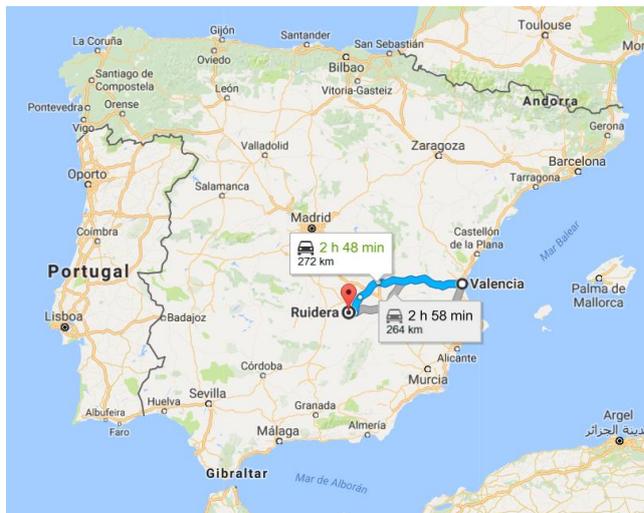
We will stop at the Arts and Sciences city on the way back.

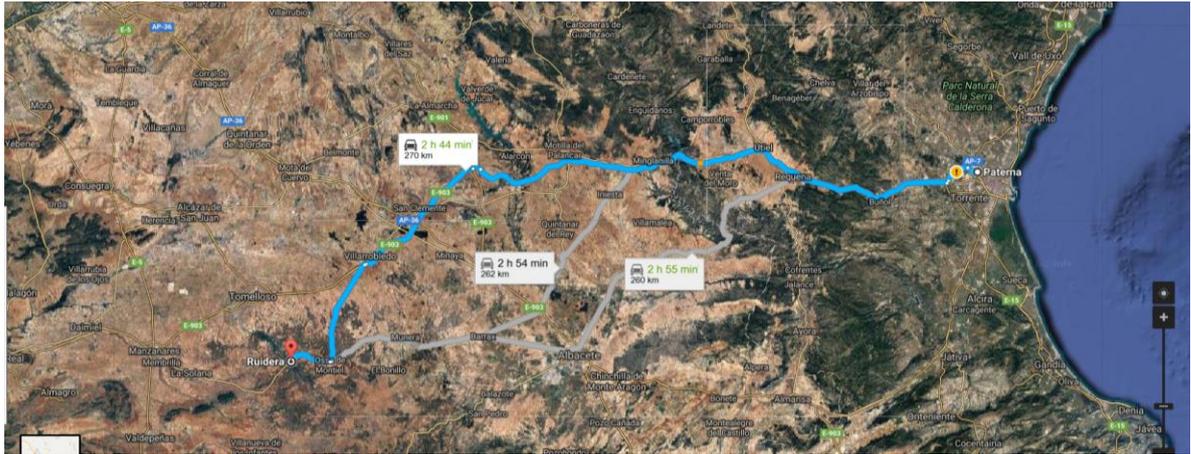
## Post-conference field trip 2 (21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September, Thursday and Friday)

*Lagunas de Ruidera* Natural Park contains 15 small lakes, connected by falls, small rivers as well as subterranean flow, and it is located in La Mancha plain (central Spain, 275 km far from Valencia, 3 and a half hours by bus). They are transparent water bodies where charophytes develop. Swimming will be possible in some lakes.

We will leave from the Cavanilles Institute on Thursday afternoon (take your luggage with you in the morning) to stay for one night in Ruidera town (on the night of Friday 22 we will be back in Valencia). The price for this second field excursion is 125 €. Tentative Schedule:

Identification session and departure to Post-conference field trip 2		Post-conference field trip 2: Ruidera lakes	
Thursday, 21 September		Friday, 22 September	
10:00-13:00	Identification session at Cavanilles Institute	9:00-14:00	Visit to the lakes. Charophyte collection. Snorkeling for those interested
13:00-14:00	Lunch at Cavanilles Institute	14:00-15:00	Lunch at Ruidera
14:30	Departure to Ruidera Lakes (Central Spain) from Cavanilles Institute	17:00	Departure for Valencia
18:30	Arrival at Ruidera town (Matias Hotel)	20:30	Tentative arrival in Valencia
20:30	Dinner		





Hotel Matías (reserved accommodation in Ruidera)

Looking forward to seeing you in VALENCIA!

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