



Coimbra view from the Mondego river.

The Coimbra Laser Lab has a pleasure to invite you to attend the **Training School on Laser Applications for Biology and Biomolecular Systems: an authentic hands-on experience**, which will be held in Coimbra, Portugal, 3-7 July 2017.

University of Coimbra, founded in 1290, was recently recognized as a world heritage by UNESCO. Over the centuries Roman, Visigoths, Moors and Christians lived in the city of Coimbra. The present-day character of the city is the legacy of the great epochs of the European and Moors culture. Coimbra's architecture combines Roman (aqueduct and cryptoporticus), Gothic (Santa Clara-a-Velha Monastery), Renaissance (Santa Cruz Monastery) and Baroque (Joanina Library) styles. Walking around the Old Town you can feel surrounded by history from tempestuous time. For many centuries the former Portuguese capital has had thriving intellectual and cultural life – for that it remains to be called Lusitanian Athens. The city would be never the same without its students proudly wearing their traditional clothes, and keeping cultural tradition alive through the ages. Coimbra pampers inhabitants and visitors with living tradition, great weather and delicious wine and food. While in Portugal, enjoy!



University of Coimbra.

Meeting location

Department of Chemistry, University of Coimbra, Rua Larga, 3004-535 Coimbra, Portugal

Travel

• From Lisbon Airport

At the Metro Station in Lisbon Airport (Aeroporto), take a red line metro ("Linha Vermelha") in direction to the São Sebastião. Leave on the Oriente Metro Station (3rd stop, ~10min). For information on metro timetables and ticket prices, please visit Metro de Lisboa. Alternatively, take a metered taxi to the Oriente Railway Station (~5min). There are two taxi stands at the airport, one at the Arrivals and the other at the Departures. At the Oriente Railway Station, take a train to Coimbra B (approx. 2 hours journey). Choose train: "Intercidades" or "Alfa Pendular". For reservations, information on train timetables and ticket prices, please visit CP - Comboios de Portugal.

• From Porto Airport

At the light-rail/tram Metro Station in Porto Airport, take an E line (Violet) light-rail train in direction to the Estádio do Dragão. Leave on the Campanhã Railway Station in Porto (approx. 30 minutes journey). Tickets must be validated before entering the vehicle, at the yellow machines at train stops. For information on timetables and ticket prices, please visit Metro do Porto. At the Campanhã Railway Station, take a train to Coimbra B (approx. 1 hour journey). Choose a train: "Intercidades" or "Alfa Pendular". For reservations, information on train timetables and ticket prices, please visit CP - Comboios de Portugal.

• **Travelling by car**

At all Portuguese airports there are several Rent-a-Car stands.

From Lisbon airport, follow the indications to the A1 Motorway towards Porto. Take the exit to Coimbra-South (Coimbra-Sul).

From Porto airport, follow the indications to the A1 Motorway towards Lisbon (Lisboa). Take the exit to Coimbra-North (Coimbra-Norte).

Public Transportation

Coimbra city center is easily navigable on foot. Nevertheless for some trips to the city suburbs the public transportation (SMTUC) can be used. For more information on buses available, please visit Bus-Coimbra (page in Portuguese only).

Taxi

Taxis in Coimbra can be considered as relatively cheap. One of the taxi companies:

Politaxi Coimbra: +351 239 499 090

Tourist Offices in Coimbra

University Tourist Office:

Átrio da Biblioteca Geral da UC Praça da Porta Férrea 3000-143 Coimbra T. +351 239 834 158/ +351 939 010 201 Daily opened from 10.00-13.00h/14.00-18.00h

Portagem Tourist Office:

Largo da Portagem 3000-337 Coimbra T. +351 239 488 120; Monday to Friday: 9.00-20.00h; Weekends: 9.00-18.00h; portagem@turismodecoimbra.pt

Praça da República Tourist Office:

Praça da República, 3000-343 Coimbra, T. +351 939 010 084; Monday to Friday: 9h30-12h30/14h00-18h00

For more information, please visit Turismo de Coimbra: <http://turismodecoimbra.pt/en/>

Climate

The average temperature is 23 °C in July, but can easily reach 30 °C during daytime.

Smoking

The Portuguese law does not allow smoking in any public transportation or in any closed public areas (some restaurants, bars and discos may have a designated smoking area).

Currency: Euro (€) since 1 January 2002