



BOT 32 - Logistics

Arrival in Brussels

When you arrive at Brussels airport, the airport train station is located below the terminal (basement level-1). Trains to Leuven run twice an hour. Please see website for train times.

<http://www.b-rail.be/main/E/>. Alternatively, you can take a taxi from the airport to the hotel (approximately 25 minutes) which will cost around 50/60 euros.

Money changing facilities Brussels Airport

Please make sure you have change in euros for the train or taxi. There is a bank, bureaux de change and ATMs located in the airport.

LEUVEN

Hotel Leuven

Novotel Leuven Centrum

Vuurkruisenlaan 4

B-3000 Leuven

Tel: +32 16 21 33 37; Fax: +32 16 21 32 01.

Cost: 90 euros for a single room including breakfast; 107 euros for a double room including breakfast.

Breakfast is served in the restaurant on the ground floor.

Weekdays: 0600-0930; Weekends 0600-1100.

Check in time 1200. For those arriving earlier, they will try and have the rooms ready.

Internet Use

Cable cost: 12 hours - 10 EUR (this can be spread over a period of days).

WiFi cost: 1 hour 4.50 EUR voucher; within 24 hours 9.90 EUR voucher.

Weather

This will give you a 10 day forecast (press Control and then click on the link):

<http://weather.msn.com/tenday.aspx?wealocations=wc:18504>

Sunday 24 August

1430: ExCo members meeting: Attended by Ganesan Balachander, Anthony Gregson, Phindile Lukhele-Olorunju, Shivaji Pandey and Emile Frison. This will be held in the 'Van Redingen' room on the ground floor at the Novotel Hotel.

1700: Field Trip overview Leuven. Attended by Board members, Observers and Bioversity staff. This will be held in the 'Van Redingen' room, Novotel Hotel. PowerPoint available.

"The Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement and KU Leuven University: its history and mission". Overview of the University, the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering and the Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement. Rony Swennen, Division Head, Division of Crop Biotechnics and Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.

1800: "The banana genebank and the partnership with KU Leuven as the foundation for our global conservation strategy for Musa". Richard Markham, Director, Commodities for Livelihoods (CfL) Programme, Montpellier.

1930: Drinks

2000: Dinner

Drinks and Dinner will be held at the Novotel Hotel. I will let you know the exact room in due course.

Monday 25 August

BOT Field Trip Leuven, Monday 25 August 2008 Programme

I have organized a bus for the entire day with the same driver. Therefore when you check out of the hotel the luggage can be left safely on the bus until everyone leaves for the airport.

0830	Load luggage onto bus
0845	Departure from hotel
0900 - 1000	Arrive at faculty, Raadzaal. Overview presentation: The operation of the international Transit Centre (Ines Van den Houwe, Bart Panis and Rony Swennen)
0930 - 1000	KULeuven's contribution to the <i>Global Musa Genomics Consortium</i> (Sebastien Carpentier, Serge Remy, Isabelle Henry and Rony Swennen)
1000 - 1015	KUL's BioSCENter: http://www.kuleuven.be/bioscenter/ (Bart De Moor and Filip Volckaert)
1045 - 1130	Visit to lab
1130 - 1215	Visit greenhouses (Bus or walk - 500m from laboratory)
1215 - 1230	Bus to Faculty Club
1230 - 1430	Lunch at Faculty Club (Bisschopskamer Room)
1430	FATG meeting Faculty Club (Swenius Room). Members: Ganesan Balachander (Leader), Phindile Lukhele-Olorunju, Paul Zuckerman, Shivaji Pandey, Gerry O'Donoghue (Resource Person). Coffee has been ordered.

* Spouses will be collected from the hotel at 0945 for walking tour. They will be dropped back at the Faculty Club for lunch. They should also leave their luggage in the bus at 0830.

Leave for Airport

1515: Group 1 leaves for airport (10 persons) Tony Gregson Jozef Turok Patti Sands Olga Linares + husband Luigi Monti + wife Kwesi Atta-Krah Jeremy Burdon Cristián Samper	1800: Group 2 leaves for airport (13 persons) Emile Frison Paul Zuckerman Stephen Smith Shivaji Pandey + wife Francesco Finocchio Jeremy Cherfas Ana Sittenfeld Phindile Lukhele-Olorunju Paul Harding Ganesan Balachander + wife Gerry O'Donoghue
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