



# Developments in Optics and Communications

Riga, April 8 - 10, 2015

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Dear participant!

Welcome to Riga and the 11<sup>th</sup> Young Scientist Conference “Developments in Optics and Communications 2015”! This info sheet will provide you with all the essential information about the conference, both scientific and social part of it, information about the City of Riga, how to get around etc.

## Welcome to Riga

Latvia is among the few countries left in the world where natural ecosystems, largely untouched by man, still thrive in half of its territory. It is a haven for the tourist who seeks to experience a land where nature and tradition have coexisted in harmony from time immemorial. Its capital, Riga, is located along the Baltic Sea at the southern coast of the Gulf of Riga. The Riga City history is more than 800 years long.

Riga is well known for its picturesque and unique architecture. In the architecture of the historic centre of Riga you can find architectural styles from Gothic to Modernism. In some districts of Riga, for various reasons, complex wooden constructions of that time have still been preserved, and that is an amazing phenomenon in the 21st century.

Climate in Riga is influenced by its proximity to the sea; therefore it is moderately warm and humid.

As in most of nearby countries, there is still winter here, even in the beginning of April. For 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April there will still be snow and maybe even some rain. The temperature could be around -5°C to +10°C during day and night. So better bring warm clothes and maybe an umbrella!

**Local time:** Eastern European time zone GMT +2 hours.

**Currency:** EURO (EUR)

## Conference venue

The conference venue is **the Institute of Solid State Physics** (Kengaraga Street 8, Riga, Latvia, [www.cfi.lu.lv](http://www.cfi.lu.lv)). The Institute of Solid State Physics (ISSP) of the University of Latvia was established on the basis of Laboratory of Semiconductor Research and Laboratory of Ferro- and Piezoelectric Research in 1978. Since 1986 the ISSP has the status of an independent organization of the University and now is the main physics research institute in Latvia. Wireless network will be available at the ISSP.

**Conference registration will be held on the second floor lobby.**

**Conference oral and poster sessions will be held in the conference hall that is also located on the second floor.**

### Registration and information

Wednesday April 8, 9:00 – 9:30

## Social events

### Welcome party

Wednesday, April 8, 17:00-19:00

**Place:** Institute of Solid State Physics, second floor lobby

Welcome party will begin right after the last oral session. You are welcome to enjoy, snacks and different entertaining games (like KHET Laser game tournament), as well as get to know other participants.

### Riga Old town tour

Thursday April 9, 16:30-18:00

This activity is mostly for international participants (although everyone can join!) who would like to spend some time in the Old Town of Riga, as the conference location is not near the downtown, so this could be an opportunity for you to experience the heart of Riga. There will be some organizers taking you to the Old Town, showing around, telling some history of Riga and show the most interesting places. Afterwards, if you want to, you will be able to have some nice Latvian dinner for reasonable prices, as well as drink some non-expensive Latvian beer and enjoy the evening in one of the most popular student party places right in the heart of the Old Town.

### Goodbye party and sauna

*Friday April 10, 20:00-03:00*

**Place:** Palīdzības iela 6, Rīga

Right after the conference, all the participants are welcome to go together to a nice and traditional Latvian sauna, it is located in a nice place almost in the City center of Riga. There will be snacks, and a possibility to relax in a nice and hot sauna, and cool off in a pool afterwards.

## How to get around

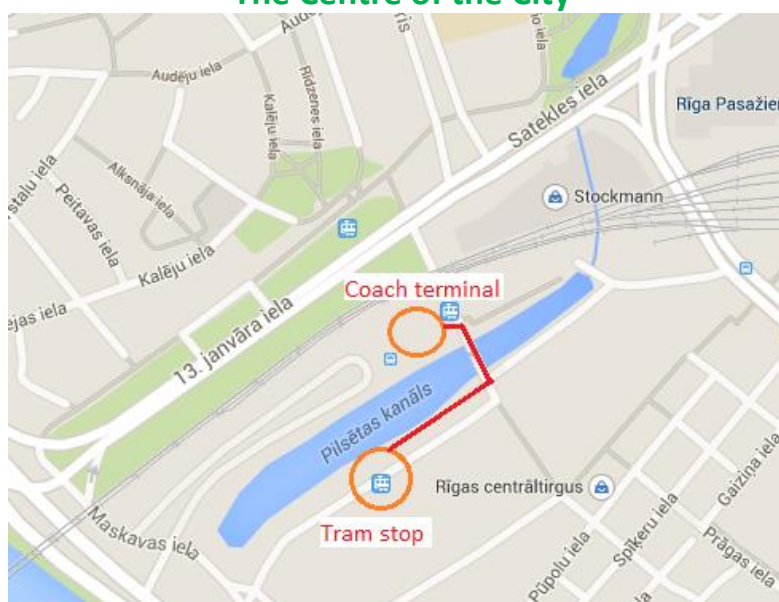
Information about public transport in Riga and ticket prices is available here <http://www.rigassatiksmeliv/en/>

We recommend you to buy a yellow e-ticket (universal electronic ticket valid in all routes of trams, trolleybuses and buses) which is available as a ticket for a certain number of trips (price for one trip is 1.15 EUR). Each time you enter the transport, you have to apply e-ticket to an electronic validator, thus the trip is registered. Yellow e-ticket can be bought in kiosks of "Narvesen", "Plus punkts", "Preses apvienība", ticket vending machines, "Latvia Post" offices in Riga and ticket trade outlets of "Rīgas satiksme". It is also possible to buy a paper ticket (2.00 EUR) from the driver when already inside the public transport, which is valid for one trip only – for which it has been bought.



**To get from the City centre to Conference location and hotel "Toss", you should use trams Nr. 3, 7 or 9** that go from the International Coach Terminal: stop "Centrāltirgus", direction to "Tirdzniecības centrs "Dole"". The stop "Centrāltirgus" is located on the opposite side of the City canal when coming from arrivals of Riga International Coach Terminal (see map "The Centre of the City" below). The trams goes to Kengarags (stop "Kengaraga iela"). Then walk ~500m (around 6 minutes) from the tram stop until you reach the hotel "Toss" or ~575m (around 7 minutes) to the Institute of Solid State Physics (see map "Kengarags" below).

### The Centre of the City



## Kengarags



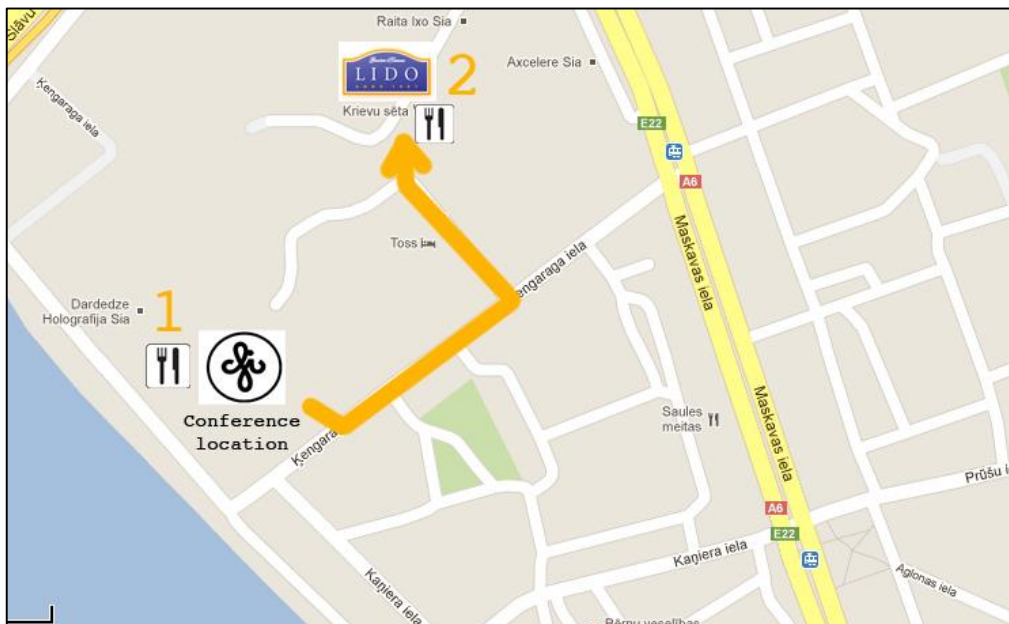
## Where to eat

During the conference **coffee breaks** tea, coffee and refreshments will be available. **Welcome party** will include snacks at the end of the first day of the conference. The last day of the conference will end with **goodbye party** in sauna.

There are mainly two possibilities where to eat lunch around the Conference location:

**Option 1** - Canteen of the Institute of Solid State Physics (first/ground floor). Lunch special offer (2-3 EUR).

**Option 2** - Restaurant "LIDO" with traditional Latvian food (6min walk from the conference location). Lunch special offer 3.30 EUR.



## Contact information

You can find all the updates and other information regarding the conference on the webpage [www.docriga.lv](http://www.docriga.lv)

If you cannot find something there, please send an e-mail to [info@docriga.lv](mailto:info@docriga.lv)

If you get lost in Riga or there is some other emergency, you can call

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We are looking forward to see you in the conference!