



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (ICCJ)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – BRATISLAVA 2020

BILINGUAL ENGLISH - SLOVAKIAN

June 28 – July 1, 2020

Stories We Live By: Relating to the Self and Other

IN COOPERATION WITH

Association of Christians and Jews in Slovakia

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2020 annual conference of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) will be held in Bratislava, Slovakia, June 28 – July 1 and the theme of the conference is “Stories We Live By: Relating to the Self and Other”.

The ICCJ and its conference team at ICCJ's headquarters in Heppenheim, Germany is honored to organize the conference in cooperation with its Slovakian member organization, the Association of Christians and Jews in Slovakia, supported by a knowledgeable and committed local planning committee. Working together with and being supported by excellent local and regional institutions, religious groups and organizations and civic authorities, this conference will welcome people from around the world to the city of Bratislava.

PROGRAM

The on-site check-in for full participants and the welcome for the conference will start on Sunday, June 28, 1:30 p.m. at the conference venue, the "Hotel Bratislava". Conference participants will receive their conference packages there.

At 3:15 p.m. busses will leave from the conference hotel to the venue of the conference's opening event that will start at 4:00 p.m. Bus transfers to the opening event and back to the conference hotel will be offered for all conference participants.

On Tuesday afternoon (June 30) there will be field trips to local sites in Bratislava; Tuesday evening is free. Further details will be provided in due course.

Together with the six plenary sessions (three on Monday, June 29, one on Tuesday, June 30, and two on Wednesday, July 1), there will be this year a total of 24 workshops which are going to address a wide range of themes related to the conference theme as well as current issues and topics of Jewish-Christian relations and interreligious dialogue in general.

All plenary sessions and four workshops will be held with simultaneous translation into English and Slovakian; the other workshops will be offered in English.

PLEASE NOTE:

After the closing of the online registration period (deadline: June 5, 2020) participants will be asked by mail to sign up for their workshops.

Given the limited places available in the workshops (max. number of participants either 20 or 25 people), participants can only take part in a particular workshop who have signed up for that workshop in advance. Participants will find colored workshop cards in their conference folders indicating the chosen workshops.

Those who did not sign up for a particular workshop are requested to attend the workshop in the auditorium (on Monday workshop A1, on Tuesday workshop B1, and on Wednesday workshops C1 and D1).

A preliminary version of the program booklet that will be regularly updated, can be found on www.iccj.org (tab "Conferences"); all participants will receive a final, annotated program booklet as PDF-file together with the invitation mail for signing up for the workshops.

REGISTRATION

Please register for the 2020 ICCJ conference on our homepage www.iccj.org (tab "Conferences"). Fill in the registration form and indicate your way of payment.

Deadline for conference online registration: June 5, 2020.

PAYMENT METHODS

The conference fee can be paid:

☉ **If you live in a country in the Euro zone:**

Preferably through credit card while registering online (VisaCard or MasterCard) or by bank transfer to:

Sparkasse Starkenburg Heppenheim, Federal Republic of Germany

IBAN: DE 20509514690000121350

SWIFT/BIC: HELADEF 1 HEP

☉ **From non-Euro countries payment only through credit card while registering online (VisaCard or MasterCard)**

If you pay by credit card the payment transaction will be carried out over a **secure connection** after submitting the online registration form.

For detailed information about payment see the online registration form and please follow the advice and instructions given there.

PLEASE NOTE:

Outside the Euro zone payment only by credit card.

CONFERENCE FEE

Full Participants

This year the conference fee is **€ 250** for **full participants**. A registration is valid and receipts can be sent only after the conference fee has been received and processed.

The conference fee for **full participants** includes payment for:

- ☉ All conference plenary sessions and workshops, and the Monday evening program
- ☉ Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday / Dinner on Sunday and Monday / coffee breaks on all conference days
- ☉ All transfers & field trips during the conference program in Bratislava
- ☉ Opening event + reception on Sunday afternoon
- ☉ Festive dinner on Wednesday evening

PLEASE NOTE:

The opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon is open to public. Dinner on Sunday, the field trips to local sites on Tuesday afternoon, and the festive dinner on Wednesday are open to full participants only.

Day Guests

Day guests must register online as well and may choose a maximum of two days.

PLEASE NOTE:

Those who would like to attend three days are obliged to register as "full participant".

During the conference the on-site check-in for registered day guests will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.00 – 8.30 a.m. at the conference hotel, the "Hotel Bratislava", where day guests will receive their conference packages.

For day guests we offer the following:

1. **Day Guest on Monday;** conference fee: **€ 80** which covers:
 - ☉ Three plenary sessions, workshop session A, and the Monday evening program
 - ☉ Lunch, dinner, two coffee breaks
2. **Day Guest on Tuesday;** conference fee: **€ 40** which covers:
 - ☉ One plenary session and workshop session B
 - ☉ Lunch and coffee break

PLEASE NOTE: The field trips to local sites on Tuesday afternoon are not included.

3. **Day Guest on Wednesday;** conference fee: **€ 70** which covers:
 - ☉ Two plenary sessions and workshop sessions C and D
 - ☉ Lunch and two coffee breaks

PLEASE NOTE: The festive dinner is not included.

Students

The conference fee for students is 50% of the full conference fee, relating both to the fee for full participants and to fees for day guests. A valid student identity card has to be presented at the on-site check-in.

Students have to register online as well; like all participants, students also will be asked to sign up for workshops in due time.

CANCELLATION

In case of cancellation of the participation in the conference, reimbursement of the conference fee will be as follows:

Cancellation	until May 1	full reimbursement
	from May 2 – May 15	80 %
	from May 16 – June 5	50 %
Cancellation	on or after June 6	no reimbursement

MEALS

The "Hotel Bratislava" offers non-vegetarian and vegetarian buffets for lunch and dinner, and ICCJ will cooperate with an external caterer for kosher meals. Participants who desire that their meals be kosher can indicate this in the form of the online registration, unless they are comfortable with non-kosher vegetarian food.

HOTEL RESERVATION

For conference participants ICCJ has reserved rooms at special rates in the conference venue “Hotel Bratislava”, Seberíniho 9, 82103 Bratislava, Slovakia.

After your registration on ICCJ's website, you are requested to make your room booking on your own directly with the hotel.

PLEASE NOTE:

After your online registration you will receive an automatically generated e-mail from ICCJ with the confirmation of conference registration, including an attached reservation form as PDF-file of the "Hotel Bratislava" and its e-mail address.

Please only use that form and the e-mail address for booking a room at the conference hotel to benefit from the special room rate guaranteed for ICCJ.

On a first come first serve base 100 rooms are blocked for ICCJ conference participants. Settle your bill when checking out at the hotel.

The block of rooms has been reserved for June 26 – July 3, 2020.

The hotel guarantees to keep the rooms available until May 26, 2020 or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

Rates:

Standard single room	€ 61,00 / room / night
Standard twin/double room	€ 70,00 / room / night
Business single room	€ 70,00 / room / night
Business twin/double room	€ 80,00 / room / night

The room rates include buffet breakfast, VAT and free WIFI; city tax is not included and it is € 1,70 per person and night.

Don't forget to book your room as soon as possible because the rooms are blocked on a first come first serve base!

Please Note:

Information re reservation conditions (as payment and cancellation, for example) is declared at the reservation form of the hotel.

TRAVEL TO BRATISLAVA

Airports:

Close to Bratislava are two airports: Bratislava airport [<https://www.bts.aero/en/>] and Vienna Schwechat Airport [<https://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers>]. The former is frequented by some European budget airlines, the latter is much more frequently approached especially by long-distance flights and it is actually closer to Bratislava than to Vienna.

Vienne Schwechat Airport has a direct bus connection to Bratislava. Coaches run all-day every 60 minutes (during rush hours more often), they take about 40 minutes to get to Bratislava [see: https://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival_parking/bus_connections] and the ticket prices vary between 6,00 and 10,00 Euro.

Arriving by bus

You might take a coach when arriving from Vienna-airport (Schwechat), Vienna-city centre, Prague or Budapest. Most likely you will go to the last stop, which is the Bratislava central bus station, called Bratislava – Autobusová stanica Bottova Mlynské Nivy (sometimes the bus only displays Bratislava – A.S. Nivy). The area is under major development, but the bust station is pretty and fully operational. Some coaches from the Vienna Airport stop elsewhere, too, but it's best to go to the last stop – Mlynské Nivy and take a taxi from there to the hotel (about 6,00 € with HOPIN – see below "Taxi in Bratislava")

Taxi in Bratislava

Our local planning partners strongly advise that you book taxis by using UBER [<https://www.uber.com>] or HOPIN [<https://hopintaxi.com/en/>].

Public transportation in Bratislava

Bratislava has a very good public transport system. The hotel is near bus and tram lines, the journey to the city center takes approx. 20 minutes. Passengers must buy their tickets before they get on the bus or tram. Each stop has a vending machine.

Here is a portal that enables people to find out about routes and timetables: <https://imhd.sk/ba/schedules-timetables>

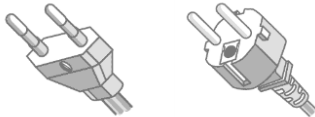
FURTHER INFORMATION**Emergency numbers**

Dial the following numbers in case of emergency:

- a. General emergency: 112
- b. Medical assistance (ambulance): 155
- c. Police: 158
- d. Fire: 150

Electricity

Electricity in Slovakia is 230V, with a frequency of 50hz, the following plugs are used:

**Currency**

EURO

Weather

Bratislava is a very sunny city that has subtropical climate in the summer. Average temperature in late June and early July is 25 degrees centigrade. Nonetheless, there might be a cold front passing, when it gets chilly.

Exploring and Enjoying

See: <https://www.visitbratislava.com/>

For further information, please contact the ICCJ headquarters at the Martin Buber House:

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We look forward to seeing you in Bratislava!