

# PLM 2003 Practical Info

## HOTEL

You will be staying at the Polonez Hotel, aleja Niepodległości 36, north-central Poznań. Among other things, the hotel offers a bureau de change (see Money) open all days, and an Internet connection in each room. You will be offered special prices, which will be posted on this page at a later date.

## TRAVEL

### TO AND FROM POZNAŃ

#### By Train

Poznań is located about half way between Warsaw (320 km) and Berlin (280 km), and there are good, frequent rail connections between those two cities and Poznań.

From **Berlin**: Example connections on 30 April:

Departure			Arrival
	12:31	15:42	
Berlin Zoo	13:09	18:00	Poznań Gł.
	16:31	19:42	
	18:31	21:56	

\*Change at Frankfurt/Oder

From **Warsaw**: Example connections on 30 April:

Departure			Arrival
	11:30	14:11	
	12:30	15:21	
	13:30	16:19	
	13:43	17:20	
	14:30	17:07	
Warszawa Centralna	15:30	18:07	Poznań Gł.
	16:05	18:46	
	16:30	19:11	
	17:30	20:20	
	18:30	21:07	
	19:30	22:27	
	19:45	22:35	

To **verify** these connections, and to find more, visit the timetable of Polish Railways at <http://www.pkp.pl/>, or German Railways at <http://www.bahn.de/>.

#### By Air

There are frequent daily connections with Warsaw, as well as flights from Düsseldorf, Copenhagen, Vienna and Frankfurt. However, please check with the respective airlines whether the flights are available on May 1 and May 3, as these days are **public holidays in Poland**.

## **AROUND POZNAŃ**

The Polonez Hotel is very close (about 2.5 km) to the Railway Station. Bus no. 68 departing from the terminal in front of the station stops in front of the hotel (fourth stop, actually called "Polonez").

A taxi from the Station to the hotel should not cost you more than 10 zloties (2.5 euros). Note: we advise against using the taxis from the rank in front of the station, as these tend to charge non-standard fares. You can order a "radio-taxi" from the information desk in the main station hall.

Bus no. 78 connects the Airport with the centre.

A taxi from the Airport to the hotel should be under 25 zloties.

We generally advise to use the "radio-taxi" services which let you order a taxi by phone. The telephone numbers of recommended radio-taxi companies are 9622 (cheap), 919 (standard) and 9662 (quality).

A shuttle bus will operate between the hotel and the conference venue at the new campus in the northern suburb of Morasko (which is about 7 km to the north of the centre).

## **IF YOU NEED TO GET TO THE CAMPUS ON YOUR OWN**

The address of the Physics Institute is ulica Umultowska 85.

A taxi to the campus from the city centre should be about 25 zloties.

**To get there by public transport:** At the railway station, climb onto the bridge in front of the main entrance (Most Dworcowy). Take trams no. 12 or 14 going in the direction of os. Jana III Sobieskiego. After about 12 minutes, get off at the stop called Kurpińskiego (black-on-orange signs). Climb the stairs to the bridge overhead, following signs for "kierunek Umultowska". Get bus no. 87 going in the direction of Os. Różany Potok. After about 8 minutes (right after passing through a level railway crossing - impossible to miss), get off at Instytut Fizyki (the name should be shown on the display in the bus). The first building on the left hand side of the campus entrance drive is the Physics Institute.

## **MONEY**

The zloty (abbreviated PLN or zł) is the official currency in Poland. The approximate exchange rate is about 4.3 zloties to a euro (or 3.9 zloties to a dollar).

We advise against bringing travellers' cheques as **May 1 and May 3 are public holidays in Poland**, and all banks will be closed. Credit cards are the best option, with a dense network of cash dispensers, accepting all major cards, in the centre of the city. There is a bureau de change at the hotel, open all days.

## **ELECTRICITY**

Polish sockets are standard European sockets, with a voltage of 220 V. All visitors coming from countries using appliances/plugs that do not work with such sockets/voltages (especially American and British guests) are advised to bring adapters, as these are hard to get by in Poland.

## **TELEPHONES**

All European mobiles will work without problems. Polish operators use both of the two standard European GSM bands, 1800 and 900 MHz.

The international code for Poland is +48, the area code for Poznan is 61.

## **WEATHER**

Polish weather can be quite changeable in May, although traditionally the conference has enjoyed fair, sunny weather with temperatures between 15 and 25 Centigrade during the day. Nights can be cooler. With worse luck, a raincoat and umbrella may find some use.