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## ESF Research Conferences


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### Practical Information Guide

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## Access to the Site

The conference will be held at the **Obergurgl University Center** in the **Ötz valley** in **Tyrol, Austria**. The University Center is situated 100 km south of Innsbruck.



## Group Transportation

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On arrival day two coaches will be arranged from **Innsbruck railway station** via **Innsbruck airport** to the University Centre in Obergurgl .The journey takes 75 minutes.

The coaches will have a sign in the window indicating “**ESF Research Conferences**” for easy recognition.

### Bus departure times:

Arrival day: Saturday 14 October		
From Innsbruck Train Station	First departure at 15.45	Second departure at 18.15
Via Innsbruck Airport*	First Departure at 16.00	Second departure at 18.30

Departure day: Wednesday 18 October		Approximate arrival time
To Innsbruck Airport	Departure at 08.00	09.15
then to Innsbruck Train Station	Departure at 08.00	09.30
To Innsbruck Airport	Departure at 09.00	10.15
then to Innsbruck Train Station	Departure at 09.00	10.30

\* **Innsbruck airport:** the meeting point is just outside the small airport building.

Do take advantage of this organised transportation, which is included in the conference fee.

## By Air

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The nearest airport to Obergurgl is **Innsbruck** (90 km). There are 4 daily scheduled flights to Innsbruck airport from Frankfurt / Vienna as well as some charters. Otherwise, both scheduled and low-cost airlines fly regularly to Salzburg and there are good rail connexions to Innsbruck Railway Station almost every hour. The journey takes about 2 hours.

**Munich** is 240 km and **Zurich** 277 km away.

Innsbruck airport [Go to Website](http://www.innsbruck-airport.com/index.html/) ▶ [http://www.innsbruck-airport.com/index.html/ lang/en](http://www.innsbruck-airport.com/index.html/)

Salzburg Airport [Go to Website](http://engl.salzburg-airport.com) ▶ <http://engl.salzburg-airport.com>

Munich airport [Go to Website](http://www.munich-airport.de/EN/) ▶ <http://www.munich-airport.de/EN/>

Austrian Airlines [Go to Website](http://www.aua.com/uk/eng) ▶ <http://www.aua.com/uk/eng>

## By Rail

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The Österreichische Bundesbahnen ÖBB operate a frequent train service between Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich and **Ötztal Bahnhof** (for Obergurgl).

From	To	Journey time	Frequency	Cost (€)
Innsbruck Main	Ötztal Bahnhof	30 mins	Every 60 mins	9
Salzburg	Innsbruck Main	2 hours	Every 60 mins	34
Salzburg	Ötztal Bahnhof	2.5 hours	Every 2 hrs (direct)	42
Munich	Innsbruck	3 - 3.5hours		

Österreichische Bundesbahnen ÖBB [Go to Website](http://www.oebb.at/vip8/oebb/en/) ▶ <http://www.oebb.at/vip8/oebb/en/>

For onward transport see “Group Transport” or “Public Transport”.

## By Bus

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From	To	Journey Time	Frequency	Cost €	Service am-pm
Innsbruck Airport via	Obergurgl	2 hrs	Every 2 hrs	13	5.52 -17.13
Innsbruck Main Stn					
Run by:	Postbus (Otzal) : <a href="http://www.oebb.at/vip8/postbus/en/">http://www.oebb.at/vip8/postbus/en/</a>				
Ötztal Railway Stn	Obergurgl	90 mins	Every hour	8	6.30 – 19.15
Run by :	Tourist Office : +43 5256 6466 <a href="mailto:info@obergurgl.com">info@obergurgl.com</a>				

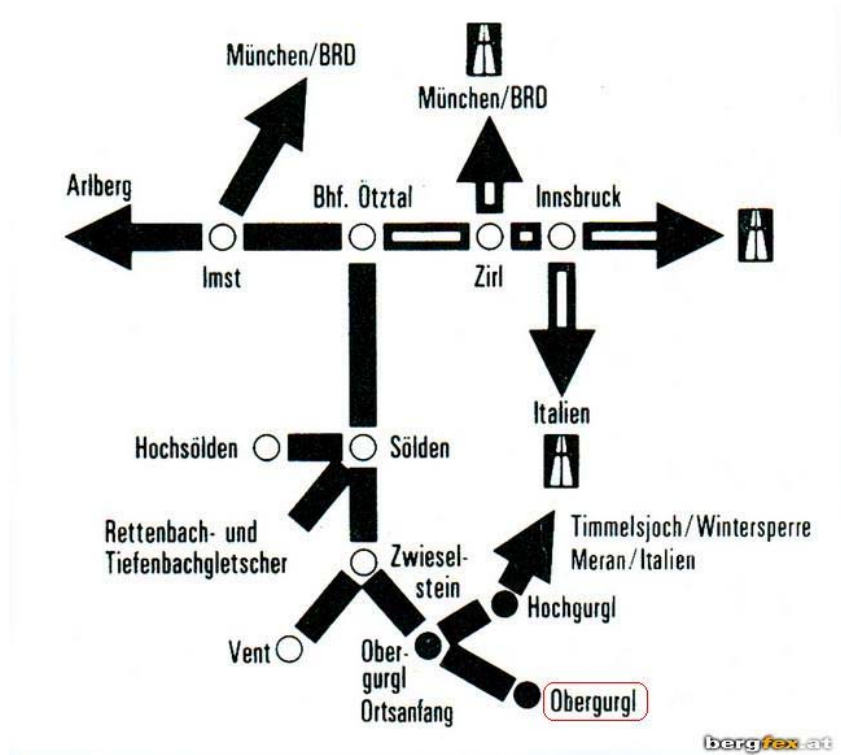
## Taxi Fares (approx)

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Innsbruck Airport / Main Railway Stn - Obergurgl (up to 4 pers)	EUR 145	(75mins)
Ötztal Bahnhof - Obergurgl (up to 4 pers)	EUR 80	(60 mins)
Obergurgl bus station - Conference Centre	EUR 5	(5 mins)

## By Road

Obergurgl can be reached on motorway A12. Take the Ötztal exit.



## Arrival, On-site Registration & Conference Secretariat

Upon arrival, participants should first register with the **ESF Conference Secretary** and then check in at the hotel reception. The conference registration desk is to the left of the hotel reception.

The ESF Conference Secretary will be present for the whole duration of the conference and will take care of the administrative aspects and the day-to-day running of the conference. S/he will be at the registration desk each morning half an hour before the meeting starts, during coffee breaks, and before and after each afternoon session.

## Registration & Fee Payment

### Registration Form

Please confirm your attendance and room requirements by filling in a **registration form** online, accessible through : [www.esf.org/conferences/lc06203](http://www.esf.org/conferences/lc06203)

**Conference fees** (where required) are also paid via this form, and, in order to guarantee your accommodation, should be credited to the ESF account by the fee deadline.

**Registration and fee closing date: 15 September 2006**

## Conference Fees & Fee Payment

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Conference fees are listed on the conference web page, which is accessible through [www.esf.org/conferences/lc06203](http://www.esf.org/conferences/lc06203)

Advance payment of the **full** fixed fee is required from both resident and non-resident conferees. The full fixed fee is due regardless of the time the conferee spends at the conference and cannot be reduced for anyone.

A **EUR 100 supplement** is added if full payment has not been received by the deadline for registration (4 weeks prior to the conference). This supplement is charged only once on any payment.

Invited Speakers/Participants: board & lodging for accompanying guests (in double room with conferee) must be arranged and paid directly to the venue.

Participants: all participants are automatically registered in TWIN rooms, whether grantees or not. The supplement for accommodation in single or double rooms will be paid directly to the conference site. Accommodation in single rooms is allocated by the hotel on a first come first served basis, therefore late registrations might not be guaranteed single accommodation. Requests for single or double rooms must be communicated to ESF as soon as possible upon registration.

Information about **guest fees** should be collected directly from the conference venue.

An acknowledgement of receipt for fee payment is given **at the conference** to all paying participants.

## Means of Payment

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Payment by **credit card**: payment by Master Card, Visa or Eurocard is accepted.

**On-site payment** (by credit card): a EUR 100 supplement will be charged .

Payments by **cheque**, **bank transfer** or "**bon de commande**" are not accepted.

**Cash** payment at the conference site **cannot be accepted**.

An invoice for payment can be sent upon request before the conference.

**VAT**: the European Science Foundation is not subject to VAT and therefore not VAT registered.

## Cancellations & Refunds

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If notice of cancellation is received more than two weeks before the conference all but EUR 100 will be reimbursed. Otherwise no refund can be made. No refund of the EUR 100 post-deadline supplement can be made if the participant omits to deduct it.

## Extra Expenses

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Participants must pay directly to the conference venue – before departure – for any additional night over the nights covered by the conference booking. Any other expenses not included in the conference fee (i.e. drinks – other than those provided at meals – phone calls, etc.) are also at participants' own expense. If any such costs are charged on the ESF invoice, the concerned participant will receive a post-conference invoice from our Office for their payment.

## Accommodation & Meals

### Accommodation

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Participants will be accommodated at the **Obergurgl University Center**, a newly renovated national trust building. If needed, some participants might also be accommodated at the **Schönblick Hotel**, which is situated next to the University Center. All meals will be taken at the University Center.

English and German are spoken at the conference site.

University Center [Go to Website](#) ▶ [www.universitycenter-obergurgl.at](http://www.universitycenter-obergurgl.at)

Schönblick Hotel [Go to Website](#) ▶ [www.obergurgl.com/schoenblick](http://www.obergurgl.com/schoenblick)

### Extra Nights

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If you require extra accommodation in addition to the nights included in the conference booking, you will need to contact the University Center directly and make your own arrangements. Extra nights will be at your own expense and should be paid to the **University Center** directly.

### Accompanying Guests

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Participants with accompanying guests are informed that this will be at their own expense, for both travel and accommodation. Guest fees should be settled directly with the **conference site**.

Accompanying guests are **not** entitled to take part in any of the actual conference activities, i.e. attend talks or short presentations within the conference room. Conference facilities and equipment, such as access to the internet, are destined for the sole use of conferees. If guests wish to make use of certain facilities, they should arrange this privately with the conference venue, at their own cost. Please note that we do not organise a social programme for accompanying guests, who are kindly expected to make their own arrangements during the conference.

### Meals

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Breakfast will be served buffet style from 07.30. Times for lunch and dinner are as shown in the conference final programme. Mineral water, wine and coffee are served at lunch and dinner.

Additional beverages are at the participants' own expense.

Non-resident conferees are expected to have all their meals with resident conferees (for both lunch and dinner).

### Coffee Breaks

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Coffee breaks will be served in the lounge area.

## Conference Facilities

### Meeting-room & Equipment

The meeting-room is located in the main building of the University Center. It is equipped with a **data projector**, an overhead projector and a projection screen.

**i** Please note however that participants making an **oral presentation** (invited lecture and/or short talk) are kindly requested to bring their own **laptop** along with them.

### Posters & Short Talks

Poster sessions are shown on the Final Programme.

Posters can be fixed with magnets and pins onto poster panels. Recommended poster size is 140 cm high x 100 cm wide (the size of the panel). Use letters and drawings that can be read from approximately 100 cm distance.

## Travel Contributions

### Travel Reimbursements

All reimbursements will be made by **post-conference bank transfers**. Invited Speakers, Session Chairs or Participants who are granted a travel contribution are requested to provide with their **bank details** – including: IBAN and BIC numbers – when filling in their web registration form.

**Travel tickets** must be returned to the ESF Research Conferences Unit within a maximum of **one month** after the conference. No reimbursement can otherwise be guaranteed.

**Itinerary, price and currency** must clearly feature on any ticket. Where no price is indicated on the ticket, the corresponding **invoice** must be enclosed.

### Allowable Costs

Travel costs are calculated using:

- cheapest economy class air fare
- OR second class train fare
- OR bus fare from the participant's place of work to the place of the event

or the actual cost of travel, whichever is the lower.

The following are not claimable:

- rented car
- taxi fares
- local travel in the city or locality of the event
- costs of health, life and luggage insurance.

Use of a private car is covered on the basis of a 2nd class return train fare, documented by an estimate from a certified travel agent.



## Hotel Services

### Phone Calls

There is a telephone booth near the reception. To make an international call, dial "00" followed by the code of the country you are calling.

### Copies & Faxes

Photocopies may be made, and faxes sent and paid for via the hotel reception. Costs for a photocopy are EUR 0.10 per page.

### Internet Access

Free e-mail connection is provided at the venue at various internet stations, and in the library. Every bedroom is equipped with either WLAN or cable (cables available at reception). Be aware that for US computers, participants should bring their own modem.

### Means of Payment

The hotel accepts the following credit cards: American Express, Mastercard, Visa, Maestro and Bankomat. It is also possible to pay in cash.

## Leisure Activities & Tourism

### At the Conference Center

The hotel has sauna and steam baths, a fitness room and various libraries. The University Centre is located in the highest glacial village in the Tyrol, at 1,940 meters, and is excellent for skiing or walking (bring sturdy shoes or walking boots). The ski area has 110 km of downhill runs and 23 ski lifts, at an altitude of 1.880 m to 3.080 m. Here is one of the most beautiful UNESCO biosphere reserves in Europe, with the flora and fauna of glacial fore fields, framed by 3,000 meter peaks. Ski rental is available in the village.

#### Information on the region:

Tourist Office Obergurgl-Hochgurgl  
Hauptstrasse 108, A-6456 Obergurgl  
[info@obergurgl.com](mailto:info@obergurgl.com) [www.obergurgl.com](http://www.obergurgl.com)  
Tel. +43 (0) 5256 6466, Fax +43 (0) 5256 6353



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### In the Surrounding Area

Some places of interest in the area are:

- The Timmelsjoch high alpine road (2,509 m), the highest pass across the Eastern Alps, takes you to Meran, which is merely 60 km away. The road is open from mid-June to the end of September.
- "Hiking à la carte" with the Obergurgl-Hochgurgl Alpine Summer Card: Weekly hiking and mountain adventure programmes. You will be accompanied by qualified mountain or hiking guides, who take you from easy high-level hikes to cross-border glaciers.
- Aqua Dome – Tirol Therme Längenfeld (28 km from Obergurgl). A unique world of thermal spring experience. Guest will find a 4\*\*\*\*plus hotel, sauna village, beauty and body treatment

areas, thermal spring hall, Noah's Ark Alps as well as the external thermal spring lay-out with eight meters high water basins.

**Go to Website** ▶ [www.aqua-dome.at](http://www.aqua-dome.at)

- Ötzi Dorf in Umhausen (37 km from Oberurgl). An archaeological open-air museum meant to illustrate "life, living and the industries of the Neolithic Age" during Ötzi's time to the visitor.  
**Go to Website** ▶ <http://www.oetzi-dorf.com/eng/seite2.htm>
- The "Stuibenthal" in Umhausen (37 km from Oberurgl) is the tallest waterfall in Tyrol, which cascades down 159m.
- Innsbruck (90 km) – sightseeing tour. The 800-year-old town is renowned as a cultural center, and as a city of numerous art treasures and many historic structures. Innsbruck's rich history is interwoven with that of the Habsburgs, whose wealth and sense of beauty left their mark: the "Golden Roof", the "Black Men" bronze statues at the Court Church, the Imperial Court Palace and Ambras Castle.
- The Swarovski Crystal Worlds in Wattens (near Innsbruck - 115 km from Oberurgl) provide their guests with a magical experience, an escape from everyday life. Original interpretations (direction of André Heller) by famous international artists melt in a kaleidoscope for all the senses.

## Shopping Hours

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The shops in Oberurgl are open daily from 09.00 to 12.00 and from 13.30 to 17.00 hours, except on Sundays. Some shops are closed in the summer.

Two cash dispensers are to be found in town.

## Social Programme

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Please refer to the conference Final Programme for detailed information.

## Useful Information

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### Passport & Visa Requirements

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Please check your passport and visa requirements with your travel agent **before** departure. If you need help to obtain your visa, please contact the ESF person in charge of your conference.

### Insurance

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The European Science Foundation (ESF) does not provide insurance and does not take any responsibility for accidents or illnesses that might occur during the week or in the course of travel to or from the meeting place. It is therefore the responsibility of participants to check their health insurance requirements.

### Calling Austria / Making Calls within Austria

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The international dialing code to Austria is 43. When calling within Austria, a 0 must be inserted before the number to be dialed.

For example: +43 5256 6212 when telephoning from abroad; 05256 6212 when calling from within Austria.

## Facts for the Traveller

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Electricity supply	230V, 50Hz
Time GMT/UTC	plus one hour
Weights & measures	metric
Currency	Euro (EUR)