

Venue

EAE Teaching Course “New echocardiographic techniques for myocardial function imaging” will be organized on 5th-7th April 2012 in Inter Expo Center- Sofia, Bulgaria.

The Inter Expo Center- Sofia is located in the south-eastern part of Sofia, 3 km away from Sofia Airport, 6 km from the city centre and 15 minutes away from the central railway station and the international bus station.

Services: restaurants, cafes, bank, insurance and tourist services, hotel booking, flight booking, rent-a-car.

Address:

147, Tsarigradsko Chaussees Blvd., Sofia, Bulgaria

www.iec.bg



Getting to the Inter Expo Center:

Sofia Airport:

More and more international airlines operate direct flights to Sofia.

Sofia International Airport is 15 kilometres away from the City Centre.

2 terminals are available:

T1: Budget flights,

T 2: Schengen and non- schengen flights.

Inter Expo Center is located only 3 km away from the airport.

Bus lines 84 (T1) and 284 (T2) connect the airport with the city center.

Additional information on <http://www.sofia-airport.bg/>

Transport facilities:

- **Bus line 114** commutes from the IEC to the city center - Orlov Most Square.
- **From Central Railway Station:** bus 213, 214, 305, 313 to stop Orlov Most Square or St. Anna Hospital (District Hospital) and connection with **bus 114**
- **From Sofia Airport** Terminal 1 bus 84 to stop St Anna Hospital (District Hospital)
Terminal 2 bus 284 to stop St. Anna Hospital (District Hospital)
- **From the City Center:** buses 76, 204, 305, 306, 213, 214, 604 to stop Orlov Most Square or St. Anna Hospital (District Hospital) and connection with **bus 114**
- **From Station Hospital St. Anna** take the **bus 114** or bus 1 or 6 to stop Hypermarket Metro (subway pass) to the IEC
- **From Metro Station 13 (Mladost 1)** buses 3 or 5 to stop Hypermarket Metro (subway pass) to the IEC

For further information about public transportation in Sofia and the schedules of buses, visit:

<http://www.sofiatraffic.bg/bg/>

http://www.sofia.bg/en/index_en.asp

Tickets can be purchased at the UMC (Urban Mobility Center Sofia) ticket sales points (ticket kiosks and news stands), from ticket machines, and from bus drivers.

The price for one ticket is 1 lev (BGN) or 0.51 euro cents.

Official City Taxi companies:

OK Supertrans – + 359 2 973 21 21,

Radiotaxi FM 91007 Sofia – + 359 2 9 12 80, +359 0887 991 007

Radio CV taxi – +359 2 9 12 63, +359 088 12 63, +359 089 12

IEC is 10 min from the Airport and the cost is less than 6 EURO depending on traffic.

Payments in BGN are accepted as well as credit card.

Banking & Currency

In Bulgaria the currency is the Bulgarian Lev (BGN). 1 EUR = **1.95583 BGN** - fixed rates.

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, at the airport as well as at the private exchange offices throughout the city which are open from 8:30 to 20:00 hrs. Local banks, where

Traveler's cheques and Eurocheques can be also cashed, serve between 8:30 and 17:00 hrs.

All major credit cards (such as Visa, MasterCard) are accepted in most of the Bulgarian restaurants, shops, hotels etc. Cash machines with 24-hour access are available in many convenient locations.

Climate

The climate of Sofia is mild. Good springs weather and sunshine is the predominant weather during April with temperatures ranging between 10°C / 17°C during the day and 5°C / 10°C at night. Please click [here](#) to check the current weather conditions in Sofia.

Electricity

The electric current is 220V AC with a frequency of 50 Hertz. European Standard [Type C plugs](#) with two round pins are used.

Insurance

The registration fees do not include the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness, cancellations by any party, theft, loss or damage to personal possessions.

Participants are advised to take out adequate personal insurance to cover travel, accommodation, cancellation and personal effects.

Time Zones

Bulgaria is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time and seven hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.