Participant Guide

Cargèse
Cargèse is a medium-sized village along the western coast of Corsica, between Ajaccio and Porto. Sited by the sea but also close to the mountains, covering most of Corsica.

Google map for Cargèse.
Tourist board in Cargèse (in French).
Wikipedia for Cargèse.

Conference site
L’Institut d’Etudes Scientifiques de Cargèse (IESC) is a conference center under the tutorship of the University of Corsica, the University Côte d’Azur and CNRS.

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Practical Information

About France and Corsica

Visas
Visas are not required for citizens of most European countries, permanent residents of a Schengen state, as well as for a series of other countries. If you need a visa a personal invitation letter may be necessary (see annex documents right below), which you may request from the Organizing Committee. Conditions such as the remaining validity of your passport may also apply. Here are some documents to assist you. We leave it under your responsibility that you check that these conditions still hold at the time of your departure.

Full legal information about entering France from the French embassy. Do you need a visa?: details from the French Embassy. Please check carefully that the dates for the visa include the full range of the School! Holders of permanent residence permits issued by a member Schengen state can enter without a visa. The residence permit and passport should be valid at least 90 days after the entry date.

On these pages you will find information about France and Corsica, your venue to Corsica and the School center, practical information for the school duration.

Practical information

Euro is the only currency in use.

Power plugs and sockets are on the Europlug compatible standard (e.g. as in France or Germany), voltage 220V.

EHIC: European Health Insurance Card. This card is free and allows attendees coming from European member states to receive medical treatment for free or at a reduced cost. Probably to be requested from your provider of health insurance.

Tourist information

Official tourist website of Corsica, Wikipedia for Corsica, Google map for Corsica.

Your travel

♢ The closest airport to the conference site is Ajaccio Napoléon Bonaparte airport (AJA), 50 km south of Cargèse. While Paris and Nice may be the most convenient interchanges for flights connections, notice that Paris Orly and Paris CDG airports are far from each other.

♢ Boat: you may also decide to take the boat from Marseille (company Corsica Linea and La Méridionale) or Toulon or Nice (company Corsica Ferries), overnight, and reach Ajaccio.

♢ At the airport, Atout.com company will be in charge of welcoming you, and accompanied you to the organized « shuttles conference » which will drive you to the conference center. A departure shuttle service will also be organized by the conference.

♢ Alternative way to reach Cargèse is a public bus leaving from the central bus station, near Ajaccio port. See the official and unofficial websites.

♢ Welcoming: All participants reaching Cargèse with the shuttle buses of the School will be welcome. You will be taken directly to your location of accommodation, school site or Cargèse village.
Facilities

The premises of the Institute are spread across three groups of buildings.
In the central buildings (1), are located the administrative structures, the restaurant, a conference room and a meeting room. Around the amphitheater (2) are located 2 offices, 2 meeting rooms for 20 to 30 people and 2 organizer's office equipped with computer and printer.

A third building (3) constructed in 2011 according to the most modern energy saving criteria is exclusively dedicated to housing. A common kitchen room, public rest rooms and showers are also available there.

The villa Menasina is located about 500 meters from the central buildings. It is the historic site, where the first meetings were held in the sixties. Today it is in general reserved for the organizers and their families.

Housing, for the duration of the school only, will be arranged by the staff of the Institut who will do its best to respect your preferences

Accommodation info

The Institute housing facilities on site include 26 double rooms, a studio and a villa (for 2-6 persons). Three rooms are fully accessible to persons with reduced mobility.
Participants are often lodged in the village of Cargése, in studios to 3 bedrooms apartments. A 20 minutes walk is required to reach the Institute from the village, it is therefore necessary to provide proper footwear and a flashlight for night returns.

Lunches and breakfasts are provided by the Institute. They are included in the package and will be automatically billed.

Evening meals are not included in the forfeit of the Institute (with the exception of one barbecue and one welcome cocktail). Participants should autonomously take care for evening meals.
Arrival

At your arrival you will be welcome by the staff of IESC. They will give you information about your lodging and accompany you to your accommodation if you are lodged in the village.

**ATTENTION:** Concerning shared room. In case of late arrival of one of the participants and in order to avoid anyone stays locked out, the rooms stay open. The participants get the keys next morning at the secretary office.

Lodging and food

Accommodation will be split between the school site (near the sea shore) and the village. The habit is that the speakers are in hotels, the organizers are in the villa at the school site, and the students are split between rooms at the school site and appartements in the village.

Laundry (automatic washing machines) are available in the accommodation building at the school site. The washing agent is provided with a reasonable limited quantity.

Kitchen facilities are available, as an alternative to bars and restaurants. Do not forget to clean after using.

Shops are available in the village.

During your staying, we will ask you to check and confirm your previously communicated departure information in order to organize the departure shuttles.

Taxis can be also booked if necessary.

A list will be displayed at the entrance hall.

Packing for Cargèse

- sunglasses, hat, mosquito repellant, (and your usual pharmacy, the institute cannot provide medicine), swimsuit and beach towel.
- a flashlight (if your cell phone does not provide it) for those staying at the institute (for walks back from the village at night)
- bath towels and bed sheets are provided by the institute.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Fire risk: no fire allowed anywhere, don’t throw cigarette on the ground.

Swimming: beware of current and waves (may project you on rocks). No lifeguard.

IMPORTANT POINT

Shared room is the standard lodging protocol for all participants. Some extra fees will be requested from those asking for a single room (if available), to pay at the Institut’s office with cash or credit card.
The teaching facilities

The Institute has 2 auditorium with a capacity of 80 and 98 seats. Each one is equipped with a projector and a computer. Three additional meeting rooms (capacity 24, 32 and 15 people respectively) are equipped with projectors and additional equipment for projection is available.

Two offices equipped with computer and printer-copier are available for organizers.

4 computers, freely available for participants, are located in one of the meeting room. Wireless coverage is present throughout the site.

For posters sessions organized in the patio near the amphitheater, IESC has at your disposal **20 posters material** (135 cm x 90 cm).

**Attention : we are not able to print AO Format**

SANTARY MEASURES IN VIEW OF COVID-19

◊ **Hydro-alcoholic gel available in each conference room**
◊ **Use of the mask is recommended in the amphitheater and in the restaurant**
◊ **An isolation room is provided in case of COVID-19 suspicion**

Practical informations before departure

1 : please, don’t forget to leave the keys back in the rooms or appartments, wash your dishes and take out your garbages

2. : Please check your pockets for forgotten keys and be on time for the shuttle. The driver will not wait for retarders and will not come back for you. **SO WAKE UP ON TIME.**

“We wish you a pleasant stay”
Shops and services in Cargese (see list below)

- 2 supermarkets open from 7:30 to 8:00 pm (and 7:00 pm in winter)
- Several doctors, a chemist shop
- A tourism office
- 3 cash points (supermarket on the heights of the village, post office and Banque Populaire)