

MES 2010

THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE
MESOLITHIC IN EUROPE

Joining Instructions



VENUE

The conference will take place in **Santander's Festival Hall**, located between the city centre and the Sardinero area on a privileged site surrounded by beautiful beaches and with spectacular views of the bay.



Festival Hall address: C/ Gamazo, s/n 39004 Santander, Cantabria, Spain. Telephone: +34 942361606.

- The General Sections will take place everyday in the "Festival Hall" except on Tuesday 14th which will be also held in the School of Nautics.
- The monographic sessions on Thursday 16th will take place in the School of Nautics which is the building attached to the Festival Hall.
- All catering will be located in the "Main Lobby" of The Festival Hall.

For an interactive map to Santander Festival Hall, please visit www.palaciofestivales.com

HOW TO ARRIVE

Santander Airport

Santander's Festival Hall is only 7 kilometres from the airport.

The airline RYANAIR provides direct connections with Alicante, Madrid, Málaga, Reus and Barcelona, as well as with Dublin, Brussels, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Rome and Pisa. There are also regular flights with AIR NOSTRUM to the following Spanish cities: Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante, Sevilla, Málaga, Palma de Mallorca and Las Palmas.

Taxi services are available to and from the airport. Approximated cost: 15 €

Links of interest

Santander airport: +34 942202100 www.aena.es

Serviberia: 942400500 (only within Spain)

Ryanair: 972186746 www.ryanair.com

Air Nostrum: 902 400500 www.airnostrum.es

Bilbao Airport

Bilbao International Airport, only 100 kilometres away from Santander, has direct and regular connections with the main European capital cities. There is a continuous taxi and bus service between Santander and Bilbao. Approximated cost of taxi service: 110 €.

WEATHER

The weather in Santander is very unpredictable but as September is still summer time, the weather is warm (not very hot) although the temperature is slightly lower than in August. We recommend you to bring some jumpers (the evenings are cooler), an umbrella or a raincoat just in case it rains. For any further information about the weather in Santander, please click on this [link](#)

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the Festival Hall on Monday 13th September from 8.30 to 10.30 am although the Secretariat will be open every day during the conference sessions. Delegates will be able to collect their name badge and conference documentation at these times. The inaugural ceremony will begin at 09.30 am on Monday morning and the inaugural lecture at 10.00 am.

SOCIAL EVENTS

1. WELCOME RECEPTION. Tuesday, 14th September

The Welcome Reception will be at the Magdalena Palace, one of the city historic symbols. Tickets are not required for entry but you need to have your name badge with you. Please be aware that the time for the cocktail is at 20.00 pm.

2. CONFERENCE DINNER: Friday, 17th September

The Gala Dinner will be in the Grand Casino del Sardinero.

Pre-Dinner Drinks reception will be in "Salon Cabo Menor", from 21.00 to 21.30 pm.

Remark: Dress for Conference Dinner will be lounge suit. The Conference Dinner is not included in the registration fee. The delegates who have already paid the dinner will be able to collect the tickets along with their conference documentation. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THE TICKET WITH YOU.**

For those who have not signed up for it yet, you can buy the tickets at the Conference Secretariat on Monday 13th.

3. CONFERENCE MEALS

Lunch will be available at the Hall for all those attending the conference for a price of 15€ day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 13.30 pm. The lunch menu will include a variety of typical Spanish "bocadillos", sandwiches, sweets and drinks. Lunch vouchers can be paid for and collected during the coffee break on Monday 13th

FIELD TRIP: WEDNESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2010

Some archaeological sites located in the eastern coast of Asturias (one hour distance from Santander) will be visited during the trip such as Cuevas del Mar, el Toralet, El Mazo and Peña Tú.

Delegates should take the bus depending on the hotels they stay. There will be two collecting points in two different areas of the city:

- In the city centre, three buses will be stopped at 8.00 am at the Bahia Hotel (on the corner that overlooks the bay).
Address: Avda. Alfonso XIII, nº 6.

-In the Sardinero area, three buses will be stopped at 8.00 am at the Grand Casino del Sardinero. Address: Plaza de Italia, 1.

- Since your trip is mostly carried out in the countryside and caves, we recommend you to wear proper and comfortable shoes.
- Lunch will take place in a local restaurant in Asturias based on a typical “espicha” with local ingredients. It is included for all delegates and also for those partners who have already paid for the field trip.
- The field trip will last approximately from 8.30 am to 19.30 pm.
- For the return journey, delegates should take the same bus used to travel during the field trip. Buses will return to the collecting points they departed from.

POST-CONFERENCE TRIPS: SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 18th & 19th SEPTEMBER 2010

Some prehistoric caves located in Cantabria will be visited during these trips such as El Castillo Cave, Las Monedas Cave, El Pendo Cave, Altamira National Museum, Covalanas and El Mirón.

Delegates should take the bus depending on the hotels they stay. There will be two collecting points in two different areas of the city:

- In the city centre, one bus will be stopped at 8.15 am at the Bahia Hotel (on the corner that overlooks the bay). Address: Avda. Alfonso XIII, nº 6.
- In the Sardinero area, one bus will be stopped at 8.15 am at the Grand Casino del Sardinero. Address: Plaza de Italia, 1.
- Since your trip is mostly carried out in the countryside and caves, we recommend you to wear proper and comfortable shoes.
- Lunch will take place in a local restaurant in Cantabria. It is included for all for those who have already paid for the post-conference trips.
- The post-conference trips will last approximately from 8.30 am to 19.00 pm. Buses will return to the collecting points they departed from.

**Please remember to bring the tickets provided in the conference.*