

A Consortium for CONvection-scale modelling
Research and Development

5th ACCORD All Staff Workshop

Zalakaros, 31 March – 4 April, 2025

INFORMATION PACK

LOCAL ORGANIZER

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VENUE

The event will be held in Zalakaros, western part of Hungary.

Address: Hotel Karos Spa, Zalakaros, H-8749 Alma street 1

Web: <https://karos-spa.hu/en>

ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation during the workshop, you can check the well-known travel websites. Many of our guests stay at the workshop venue, in the Hotel Karos Spa. The room prices here are as follows:

- Spa Superior PLUS double room: br. 25 000 HUF/person/night (60 EUR¹) with half-pension (dinner), breakfast, spa and wifi included
- Spa Superior PLUS single room: br. 31 900 HUF/person/night (77 EUR) with half-pension (dinner), breakfast, spa and wifi included
- Spa Superior PLUS double room: br. 15 000 HUF/person/night (36 EUR), breakfast, spa and wifi included
- Spa Superior PLUS single room: br. 21 900 HUF/person/night (53 EUR), breakfast, spa and wifi included
- Tourist tax: br. 750 HUF/person/night (1.8 EUR)

¹ Prices are calculated with a 416 HUF/1 EUR rate (valid on 18 December).

Booking is possible via emailing [a form](#) provided by the hotel specially for the participants (terms and conditions will be included). If you consider the half-pension option, please keep in mind that you are invited to an ice-breaker (likely on Monday) and a dinner (likely on Wednesday). The form will be available on the ASW webpage as soon as available.

Check in/out: from/to 15:00/11:00.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

Nearby airports are in Graz, Pécs-Pogány, Sármellék, however, most of them accept flights only seasonally and the cross-country transportation (avoiding Budapest) is not convenient in Hungary. The recommended arrival airport is Budapest, from where Zalakaros can be approached via bus, combination of bus and train and organized shuttle (by car, minibus etc).

Buses and trains:

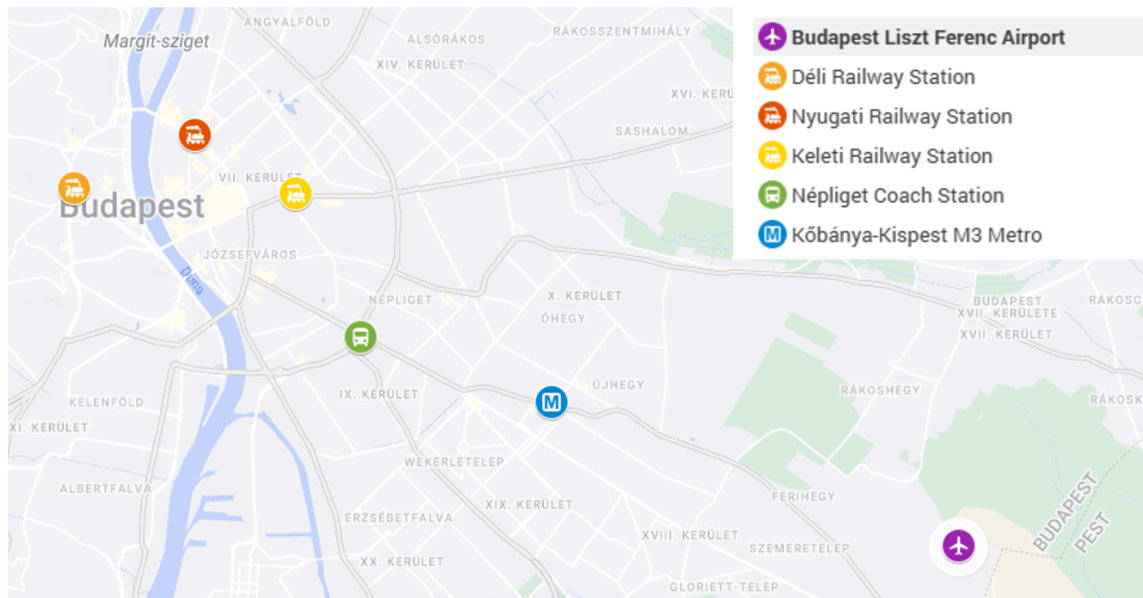
- Bus and train time table: <https://menetrendek.hu/mobile/?lng=en>
- Most tickets can be purchased online at <https://jegy.mav.hu>, (the English version of this page is available if you choose the language at top right in the white area), price: cca. 4 000 HUF (10 EUR)
- By bus from the central bus station in Budapest:
 - Direct bus from Budapest (Népliget bus station) to Zalakaros: 2.5 hours without change, 3-4 buses per day
 - Bus with 1 stop from Budapest to Zalakaros: 3-3.25 hours with stepover in Hévíz, Sármellék etc.
- Combination of bus and train is possible via Keszthely, the trip lasts more than 3 hours

Shuttle by car or microbus from Budapest airport to the hotel:

- Organized shuttles will be available from the airport to the venue on Sunday and Friday upon the request, likely 3 times per day. If you want to use this option, you have to indicate your request at the time of your online registration to the ASW. Please note that we will collect in the organized shuttle the guests arriving by flights with close arrival times, so you may have to wait until your group is complete. This service is available for an extra fee to be paid in advance.
- If you express your interest during registration, we'll make you a proposal for a time and price, and you'll have a week after the publication of the agenda to accept or decline. HungaroMet will then send you an invoice to be paid before the ASW.
- Otherwise, any guest can organize his/her individual shuttle. Some tips for this:
 - <https://vip.homantransport.hu/en>
 - <https://bustransfair.hu>
 - <http://www.janoplan.hu>

Transportation within Budapest

Budapest has one airport with two terminals in walking distance: Liszt Ferenc International Airport, Terminal 2A/2B. There are 3 main (and several smaller) train stations: Keleti, Nyugati and Déli (pályaudvar). The central coach terminal is located at Népliget. Between the airport, the train stations and the coach (bus) terminal, you can transport by taxi, airport shuttle or public transportation.



- The main and trusted taxi company operating at the airport is Főtaxi. A trip to the city centre is around 13 000 HUF (31 EUR) per car. You can order the taxi at the desks in front of the terminal buildings, they should inform you about the approximate price. More information: <https://fotaxi.hu/en>.
- The airport shuttle (minibus) takes you to any location in Budapest with a fixed price. A one-way transport to the city centre is around 8 990 HUF (22 EUR) per person. You can order the service in the terminal buildings or online in advance. At the airport you might have to wait a bit for the shuttle and you might not be the first dropped, therefore it could take more time to reach your destination. More information: www.minibud.hu/en.
- By public transportation, the bus 200E takes you from the airport to the metro (line 3, Kőbánya-Kispest) from where you can easily reach any train or bus station. You find useful information and a trip planner on the homepage of the Budapest Transport Company: <https://bkk.hu/en>. A single ticket costs 450 HUF (1 EUR). (Please be aware that bus 100E goes to the city centre and you will need a special ticket to use it.) You can purchase the tickets from the vendor machines or you find more options in the [BudapestGO](#) mobile application. Please note that metro systems operate until 11:25-11:45pm. Public transportation company offers night bus service operating mainly every 15-60 minutes, but trams 4 and 6 are on all night-service every 10-20 minutes.

PLANNED SOCIAL PROGRAMME

An Ice breaker will follow the scientific programme on Monday evening between 6 and 8 pm. The event will be held in the coffee break area where the posters will be displayed along the wall. Snacks, wines and soft drinks will be served.

An Excursion (walking tour, hiking) in the surrounding nature is planned on Wednesday afternoon. Its length depends on the weather and the allocated time. Rain coats, hats and shoes for excursions are recommended to have in your luggage.

Dinner on Wednesday after the excursion or the afternoon programme between 7 and 11 pm. All the workshop participants are invited to a buffet dinner with several meal options, wines, beers and soft drinks in the hotel restaurant.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Lunch

- Buffet lunch at the workshop venue is available and highly recommended. However, due to the large number of participants, the hotel will not charge each person individually for lunch. It will bill the total amount to HungaroMet, which will issue invoices per institute or per participant, as you wish.
- During registration you will have to indicate your wishes by days.
- After the registration, HungaroMet will make you a proposal that you can accept or decline within the week after the publication of the agenda. HungaroMet will then send you an invoice to be paid before the ASW.
- The amount of the fee will be approximately 20 EUR. The buffet lunch options are 1 soup, 2 main dishes with meat, 1 vegetarian dish, salade, dessert, drinking water.

Electricity

Electricity in Hungary is the European standard: 220-240 V. If you are coming from a country with a different standard for electricity, you may need an adapter or a voltage converter to use your electronic devices. Electrical sockets are: "Type C" Europlug, "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in.

Drinking water

Tap water is clean and of good quality both in Budapest and Zalakaros.

Currency

The currency in Hungary is Hungarian Forint (HUF), 1 EUR equals 416 HUF (18 December). ATMs are 15 minutes walking distance from the venue in Zalakaros. Payment by bank/credit card is very common. Currency exchange in Zalakaros is available only in a limited number of

places (e.g. at Keszthely Tourist which is open from 8:00 to 16:00 on weekdays). You find more possibilities in Budapest.

Climate

The weather in April is changeable in Hungary: you can have both beautiful sunny spring weather and cold weather with precipitation (with the last snow). The heating in the buildings is usually switched on until 15 April. For weather forecasts follow the webpage of the Hungarian Meteorological Service: www.met.hu/en.