



PICES-ICES Early Career Scientist Conference Logistic Tips

Dear ECS3 Participants,

The ECS3 conference is approaching!

Here you have some logistic tips/reminders you may need, organized as follows:

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GENERALITIES

The **currency** in the Republic of Korea is Korean Won (KRW). As of 18 May 2017, the current value of 1 USD is 1128 KRW, but rates vary and even different banks on the same day will differ. A reasonable guideline is about 1000 KRW = 1 USD. There are places to exchange money at the Busan (Gimhae International) and Seoul (Incheon International) airports, but unusual currencies (beyond Japanese Yen, Euros, US Dollars, CAD Dollars) may be difficult to exchange, particularly in a smaller airport like Busan. It is recommended that you convert some of your familiar currency to either US dollars or Euros so that exchange into KRW is simpler and more available.

Here is some information about currency exchange at the Incheon airport (Seoul, Korea).

In the Seoul (Incheon International) airport there are many places where you can exchange currency.

Three main banks (Woori Bank, KEB Hana Bank, and Shinhan Bank): hours are 09:00 - 16:00

Other smaller banks usually have less favorable exchange rates, but are open more hours: Open & close times are very flexible until 23:00 PM

Note that different banks may have different exchange rates at different places. The main banks named above generally provide better exchange rates.

Currencies that you can exchange at the **Incheon airport through the Woori Bank.**

USD, JPY, EUR, AUD, GBP, CAD, CHF, HKD, CNY, THB, IDR, SEK, DKK, NOK, SAR, KWD, BHD, AED, SGD, NZD, TWD, PHP, MYR, VND, ZAR, INR, RUB, PKR, BDT, EGP, BRL, BND, ILS, JOD, CZK, FJD, TRY, HUF, QAR, MXN, PLN

Please Google the web to search what those three letters stand for. For example, BRL is Brazil Real, BND is Bruneian Dollar, etc.

A good guideline is to have at least the equivalent of \$50 USD in the local currency before you arrive in Busan. Most Korean transport options from the airport to the Commodore Hotel will accept KRW only.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in South Korea (the Republic of Korea / ROK) usually supply electricity at 220 volts AC.

If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220 **volt** electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then a plug adapter is all you need. See the graphic on the next page for the plug type. Do not plug a

device intended for 110 volts (USA) only into a 220 volt socket—you will fry the electronics. Check that the transformer or device says that the device is good for 110-240 voltages.

In South Korea the power sockets are of type C and F. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 60 Hz.

Below you find pictures of the applied power sockets and corresponding plugs. And we provide more information about the voltage and frequency.

In South Korea the power sockets used are of type C and F. Check out the following pictures.



Type C: This socket also works with plug E and F



Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E

Your need for a power plug adapter depends on the power plugs used in your own country.

North America Grounded NEMA 5-15	Japan Non-grounded JIS C 8303	Europe German style CEE7/4 Schuko	Europe French style Schuko	Europe/Russia Non-grounded CEE7/16 Europlug	Great Britain Grounded BS-1363	Great Britain "Shaver socket" BS-4573
Australia/China Grounded AS-3112	Italy Grounded CEI 23-16	Switzerland Grounded SEV-1011	Denmark Grounded SRAF 1962/DB	Israel Grounded SI 32 (IS 16A-R)	India Grounded BS-546 "Small"	South Africa Grounded BS-546 "Large"

MEETING VENUE

COMMODORE HOTEL Address: 151, Junggu-ro, Jung-gu, Busan, 610-110, South Korea (Phone: +82-(0)51-466-9101)
Web Site: <http://www.commodore.co.kr/eng/html/main/index.php>



The red pin shows the location of the Commodore Hotel. The Busan station (Blue symbol) is about a 15 min walk from the Commodore Hotel. The black outlined region is the approx. presumed location of Limousine Station “Yeongju-dong”.

GETTING IN AND OUT

Below is information on limousine bus, subway and taxi options for getting from the Busan (Gimhae International) airport to the Commodore Hotel.

LIMOUSINE BUS—in my opinion, this may be the least complicated way to get from the Busan Airport to the Commodore Hotel

Limousine Bus Hours: First Bus is at 0720; last bus is at 2140; Busses leave at approx.. 40-45 minute intervals; Cost: 6,000 KRW for one way.

Limousine Bus Stops are: (announcements of upcoming stations are in Korean, Japanese and English (may also be displayed onboard bus; Bus stops at stations upon demand, or if there are passengers waiting to be picked up at the stop)

Order of Stations for the Limousine Bus at Gimhae Airport:

- 1) Gimhae Airport-Seo-Myeon (the bus station to board the bus)
- 2) Lotte Hotel-Hyundai Department Store
- 3) Busanjin Station
- 4) Busan Station—Jungang-dong
- 5) Coastal Passenger Terminal
- 6) Nampo-dong
- 7) Chungmu-dong
- 8) Nampo-dong-Coastal Passenger Terminal
- 9) Jungang-dong
- 10) Yeongju-dong (Closest to Hotel Commodore; Arrival about 40 mins from Gimhae Departure)
- 11) Busan Station
- 12) Busanjin Station
- 13) Hyundai Department Store
- 14) Seo-myeon
- 15) Lotte Hotel-Seo-myeon Street
- 16) Gimhae Airport (loop completed)

SUBWAY – See the below Subway system map on next page. Closest station to the Commodore Hotel is the Busan Station (circled in black). Trip starts at **Gimhae International Airport station** (Busan Gimhae Light Rail Transit; Purple Line). Want to board heading to **Sasang**. Transfer at **Sasang** to Green Line 2 towards **Seomyeon** (Jangsan is end of line 2 station). At **Seomyeon**, exit from Line 2, and board Orange Line 1 heading towards **Busan Station** (Sinpyeong is end of line 1 station). Busan station should be the 6th stop on the Orange Line 1—**EXIT here, and used Exit No. 1 to get to street. Commodore Hotel is about a 15 min walk from the station exit.** Cost of SUBWAY travel is approximately 4,000 KRW.

TAXI FROM AIRPORT TO COMMODORE HOTEL There are two types of taxis. One is expensive, one is much less expensive. **EXPENSIVE** taxis have yellow lights on top of car. These are very expensive. A regular taxi does not have a “taxi light” on top of car, but should be found in the line of taxis at the airport. Travel time by taxi from the airport to the Commodore Hotel is about 30 minutes, and regular (no yellow light) taxi cost is about 20,000 KRW. However, if it is rush hour and the trip takes a long time due to traffic, the costs may be substantially higher.

ATTIRE

The attire is completely up to the participant, even for the banquet dinner. We recommend casual dress, as this is the trend at most scientific symposia.

PRESENTATIONS/POSTERS

- If your ORAL presentation is on Tuesday, 30 May, please give your PowerPoint or PDF presentation at the Conference Welcome Desk on Monday afternoon (open from 1600-1800), if possible, or between 0800-0830 on Tuesday AM at the Conference Welcome Desk. Oral presentations on other days can be downloaded directly to the computers where the session will be held (best if done the previous day, but should be done no later than 0830 AM on the day of presentation). **Important: Please rename your presentation files with a format of “time-lastname.ppt” or “time-lastname.pdf” (e.g., 0900-Smith.ppt, 1530-Kim.pdf). This naming scheme will then sort by time of presentation, making clear the order of presentations.**
- Poster boards for displaying posters should be up by Monday evening. Please put posters on boards that evening or Tuesday morning (before the session starts). Your name and POSTER ID (from the Book of Abstracts Schedule) will be displayed at the poster board. Be sure to use the materials available at the Conference Desk to hang your poster. Posters should be removed no earlier than 1300 on Thursday.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

- **Funding from PICES → find Hal Batchelder, have your photo ID**
- **Funding from ICES → find Wojciech Wawrzynski on Monday or Tuesday, or one of the others from ICES**

EXTRA-CHARGES

It is our duty to inform you on the following extra charges that you may incur during the Conference:

- As you were already informed, **extra-nights** (other than the 4 from Monday to Friday AM) will be paid by each attendee at the end of the conference upon departure at the Reception Desk. Extra-nights will be charged to your room.
- **Extra charges made by the attendee (if any) will be charged to the room**—it is up to the two members of the room to settle the bill fairly at checkout. The organization covers the following costs **FOR THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ONLY**.
 - Double to Single Hotel rooms from 29 May until 2 June (4 nights). (Room supplements will be settled by each guest upon departure at the Hotel Reception Desk).
 - Breakfast on Tues, Wed, Thur and Fri
 - Coffee breaks on Tues, Wed, Thur (AM only) and Fri (AM only)
 - Lunch at the Hotel on Tues, Wed, Thur and Fri
 - Dinner, including drinks (water, soft drinks, beer) on days of Tues, Wed and Thur (Tues and Wed at Hotel; Thur dinner is offsite); wine will be available on Tuesday and Thursday dinners only;