

**Important Information for participants of  
Integrated Continuous Biomanufacturing III**

**An ECI Conference Series**

**September 17-21, 2017  
Hotel Cascais Miragem, Cascais Portugal**

On behalf of Engineering Conferences International and the conference chairs, **Suzanne Farid, Chetan Goudar, Paula Alves and Veena Warikoo**, we are looking forward to your participation in this conference. **Barry Buckland** will be the technical liaison from ECI Conferences and **Tressa D'Ottavio** and **Barbara Hickernell** will be the ECI on-site staff. This note conveys a few items that need to be brought to your attention.

The conference hotel is the **Hotel Cascais Miragem**

**Address:** Av. Marginal n. 8554, 2754-536 Cascais, Portugal

**Telephone:** + 351-210-060-600

**Website:** [www.cascaismirage.com](http://www.cascaismirage.com)

**Information on transfer from the Lisbon airport to the hotel in Cascais:** As noted on the conference website, there are several options available to you. The following costs are approximate and may be subject to change.

**Public Transport**

Without leaving the airport, you can take either **Metro** or the **AeroBus** shuttle to Cais do Sodré station and take the train to Cascais.

**By Metro**—From the airport, take the Red Line to Cais do Sodré, changing to the Green Line at the Alameda station. See [MAP](#). The Metro operates from 06:30 am to 01:00 am. [Tickets](#) are inexpensive.

**By AeroBus**—Instead of Metro, you can take the AeroBus from the airport to the train station, Cais do Sodré. [Take Line 1-City Center](#). This service runs between the airport and train station (and return) every 20 minutes from 08:00 am until 11:00 pm daily. Tickets are somewhat more expensive than the Metro.

**By Train from Cais do Sodré to Cascais**—The train fare is €2.15 for one-way, one adult. The train fare is charged to the Viva Viagem card, which is €0.50 for the initial purchase. It runs the entire 24 hr day and takes about 40 min. for the trip. More information at [Comboios de Portugal](#).

**By Taxi:** The taxi fare from Lisbon airport to Cascais costs between €60-70, but the price may depend on your haggling skills as Cascais is outside the Lisbon taxi region. The journey takes about 40 minutes, depending on traffic.

**By Automobile:** It is relatively easy to drive to Cascais from Lisbon by following either the scenic N6 or faster A5. Parking in both Lisbon and Cascais is difficult and driving in Lisbon is notoriously difficult without GPS. Generally it is easier to catch the train than drive to Cascais. [Car rentals](#)—Europcar, Hertz, Avis, and Budget are available, among others. Note that the hotel charges for parking.

**Coming your way:** Within the next few days you will receive an email with a link to the oral and poster abstracts. These can be printed if you wish. You will also receive an email with a link to the conference Guidebook app.

**Conference Program:** The conference program can be found at [www.engconf.org/17aa](http://www.engconf.org/17aa) (Note that the program both on the app and on the website are the updated versions. The schedule at a glance in the printed program is the older version.)

**Sunday, September 17**

- Conference check-in: 2 pm to 4:15 pm
- Welcome remarks and conference overview: 4:15 in Rooms I and II
- Keynote Lecture 1: 4:30 in Rooms I and II
- Workshops 2 and 3: 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm (rooms to be announced)
- Dinner: 7:30 - 9:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Social Hour: 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

*Reminder: Please wear your conference badge throughout the conference as this identifies you to other conference participants and the hotel staff.*

(If you plan to arrive after 8:00 pm, contact me ([Barbara@engconfintl.org](mailto:Barbara@engconfintl.org)) so that I can inform the hotel. If you are having flight problems/cancellations on Sunday, please let me know by e-mail ([Barbara@engconfintl.org](mailto:Barbara@engconfintl.org)) or call/text +1-914-484-7349 so we can inform the hotel.)

**Dress code:** ECI conferences are informal, and we highly discourage suits and ties. Casual dress is preferred.

We expect sunny weather with high temperatures to be in the low 20s (C)/low 70s (F) and lows around 15 (C)/60 (F). Check [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for the latest forecast. We encourage you to bring a sweater to the morning technical sessions, as the conference room may be cool at the beginning of sessions. You might want to bring a light jacket for Tuesday's excursion that will include a boat ride into Lisbon.

**Meals and meal locations:** The conference fee includes your hotel room for the nights of Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with all meals included (except for the Tuesday dinner that will be your choice of the many wonderful restaurants along the Tagus River in the Belém area of Lisbon).

**Speakers:** AV equipment includes a computer projector. We will provide a laptop if you are making a PowerPoint presentation and ask that you load your presentation onto our computer (please bring a memory stick with your files). **Daniel Pais** will be assisting with AV and will help you load your presentation onto our computer. Please load it prior to the session during which you are speaking (preferably the day before). Be sure to leave ample time at the end of your talk (at least 3-5 minutes) for discussion as ECI conferences emphasize discussion and interaction. Student assistants will be available with two roving microphones for audience questions so that audience questions (and the responses) can be heard by all.

Please provide your session chair with a *brief* biography for introductions.

It is **essential** to the conference schedule that you keep to your given time, allowing enough time for questions/discussion. Keeping in the tradition of these conferences, please be available during the conference for discussion and questions. Meals and social hours are perfect for discussion and questions.

**Poster Presenters:** The poster boards will be available on Sunday to mount your poster. The poster boards will be numbered and TAC will be provided to hang the poster. The size of your poster should be approximately 1.5 m high x 1.0 m wide (portrait style, not landscape)

**Internet:** Wifi is accessible throughout the hotel.

**Guests:** If you plan to bring a guest and have not notified Kathy ([kathy@engconfintl.org](mailto:kathy@engconfintl.org)), please do so now.

**Early Arrivals:** ECI does not make pre/post conference reservations - that is the responsibility of the participant. You will need to contact the hotel(s) directly.

**Miscellaneous:**

- If you have any special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian, allergies, etc.) that you did not note on your registration form, please be sure to send Kathy Chan an email ([kathy@engconfintl.org](mailto:kathy@engconfintl.org)) so that this information can be communicated to the hotel. Most meals are buffet style and the items are labeled.
- A conference evaluation/questionnaire will be distributed electronically on Thursday. Please complete and return it as your comments will be very useful to ECI and the chairs of future conferences in this series.
- Smoking is not allowed at any conference functions.

Should you have any last minute questions, please email ([Barbara@engconfintl.org](mailto:Barbara@engconfintl.org)) or send a text message (+1-914-484-7349).

I wish you an intellectually stimulating, productive and enjoyable conference and will see you in Cascais

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