



Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the 36th International Conference on the Applications of the Mössbauer Effect, ICAME 2021, which will be held in Brasov, Romania, from 5-th to 10-th of September, simultaneously with International Conference on Hyperfine Interactions.

In the light of the existing coronavirus related restrictions, with the associated uncertainty about international travel and the ability to gather in large groups, the Executive and Local Organizing Committees have decided to pursue with the organization of ICAME 2021 in a hybrid format, consisting in the usual face-to-face meetings with live presentations and online (virtual) attendance joining remotely the live presentations. Switching to a fully virtual conference is not excluded, if the pandemic conditions will continue in force over the first half of the next year and no reasonable intention for a physical (face-to-face) participation will be inferred until middle of July 2021. We are however reluctant to give up with the major scientific and social benefits of a classical face-to-face meeting, which is by far considered as the most appropriate for the Mössbauer community. In this respect, we deeply encourage you for the live participation, if the pandemic conditions will allow it. Nevertheless, we are first and foremost concerned about the health and safety of all our conference participants and their loved ones on returning home after travelling.

On the other hand, the Local Organizing Committee is working hard to make this event serve also the needs of on line participants, who live in time zones all around the globe, in the best possible way. We believe that the hybrid format, with both physical and virtual presence, opens up new opportunities and challenges as well, for communication and interaction amongst participants. For instance, we shall run forums during the conference to allow for direct and convenient interactions with the presenters of talks and posters. Also, a special online welcome event is planned to be included in the program to further enhance the social and scientific connections. Tutorials are planned as usual in the first day of the conference (5-th of September) and following the same rules of the hybrid event.

The ICAME conference will be jointly organized with Hyperfine Interaction Conference by the National Institute of Materials Physics (NIMP), see www.infim.ro, from Magurele-Bucharest, holding the largest Physics Hub in Romania.

Brasov is the main historical city of a Transylvanian region situated at the confluence of two old mountain passes through Southern Carpathians, Prahova Valley and Rucar-Bran.

Whereas Prahova Valley was rapidly modernized starting already with the end of the XIX-th century, when King Carol I established the Summer Royal Residence at the Peles Castle (built in 1875) in Sinaia, the Rucar-Bran pass has retained unaltered its pastoral and traditional aspect. Moreover, Middle Age dating fortified churches, fortresses and castles (ancient Rasnov fortress, Bran castle, etc.) are spread in the Bran area as well as everywhere the wonderful Transylvania.

The conference venue is the ARO Palace Group which is placed in the historical heart of Brasov. It offers three modular conference halls, which can accommodate up to 500 persons in normal conditions (up to 200 persons keeping the requested physical distance imposed by the authorities in pandemic conditions), six restaurants as well as 300 rooms. The internet facilities for a hybrid type conference (face-to-face and on-line participation) are assured. Accommodation at other two surrounding hotels offering very good conditions at convenient prices (Hotel Bella Muzica: 45 Euro/night single and 55 Euro/night double and Hotel Casa Chitic: 50 Euro/night single and 60 Euro/night double, respectively) as well as down town friendly restaurants at 5-10 min walking distance are available. Social events and a round trip in the wonderful area Prahova Valley- Rucar-Bran are envisaged.



Peles castle, former Summer Royal Residence in Sinaia – Prahova Valey (left side), rustic household in a touristic village of Rucar-Bran pass (middle) and ARO Palace Conference center in Brasov (right side)

The following types of registration fee will be considered:

Physical Participation-standard: 450 Euro

Physical Participation-retirees: 350 Euro

Physical Participation-PhD students: 350 Euro

On line Participation: 45 Euro

We hope that you will, once again, submit your best work on applications of Mössbauer effect to ICAME 2021 Conference. We encourage all prospective participants to register and submit an abstract at their earliest convenience, in order to be able to schedule as early as possible the conference program. For this purpose, the Local Organizing Committee has decided to propose to the participants a flexible approach for registration. It is possible to register initially at the low registration fee (on-line participation) and if conditions are met and the participants desire to switch to physical presence then the difference to the high registration fee can be paid afterwards. We strongly encourage the participants who decide for the physical participation to proceed to the on line payment of the associated registration fee (by all means, including wired transfer, credit cards, etc.) with at least 45 days before the conference, in order to give a real support and hope for the hybrid format.

The booking of accommodation will be made directly by the participants. The Local Organizing Committee will arrange with the involved accommodation units the reservation of a reasonable number of rooms for up to 45 days before the conference.

Further information can be found on the ICAME 2021 webpage www.infim.ro/ICAME-2021 where the registration and abstract submission will be available starting with 15th of November 2021.

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee

Dr. Victor Kuncser, Chair of ICAME 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'E. Kuncser', written in a cursive style.