Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the WG2012 Conference take place?

The conference will take place at the Ramat-Rachel Hotel http://www.ramatrachel.co.il/, a beautiful hotel outside of Jerusalem situated in a kibbutz. Ramat Rachel is located in a low traffic neighborhood adjacent to the city center, making it convenient to get to and from the sights around Jerusalem. Guests arriving in their own car will have no trouble parking in Ramat Rachel’s large parking lot.

Note: Allow sufficient driving time during rush hour traffic!

Public bus service to and from the center of the city runs every twelve minutes from early morning to late at night (Bus No.7). Jerusalem’s Old City and city center are about a fifteen minute bus ride from the hotel (longer during rush hours).

The Jerusalem-Bethlehem road leading to Herod’s palace and Gush Etzion runs directly beneath the Ramat Rachel hilltop.

Is lunch provided at the conference?

Lunches are included in the price of the room. For those not staying at Ramat Rachel, there is a registration fee supplement. If you register for only one day, lunch is already included in the registration.

Where do I pick up my badge? Name badges

Name badges will be available for collection at the registration desk on all days of the conference. Please note if you lose your name badge one can get a replacement at the registration desk. Name badges will only be available for registered participants and accompanying persons. Proof of ID will be required to replace a missing badge. As the Ramat Rachel Hotel is a public building, access to the session rooms will be denied unless you are wearing your conference badge.

The Registration Desk will be open every day from 9:00 to 12:30.
Can I pay for registration on-site?
On-site registration will be allowed only through pay-pal or cash at the Registration Desk.

I would like to be invoiced for my payment. Is this possible?
Add a comment in the registration form and an invoice will be sent to you by mail.

Do I receive a refund if I cancel my registration for the conference?
No refund for cancellation will be allowed after May 15th.

At what time do the sessions start?
The sessions will start every day at 9:00.

What language will the conference be in?
The working language of the conference is English.

When can I get the speaker papers?
From May 15, 2012 all conference materials received by WG2012 will be available for registered participants to access and download free of charge through the WG2012 website.

Should I bring my driver licence?
Driving in Israel without a valid driver’s license is illegal. Tourists are permitted to drive in Israel with their foreign or international driver’s license for one year following their date of entry into Israel. The category of vehicle driven must match the category stated on the valid license and the age requirement must comply with the Israeli requirements for that category.

Food
All food served in the hotel is kosher under the supervision of the Jerusalem rabbinate. Breakfast is a dairy meal, lunch is a meat meal. Many vegetarian options are always available. A synagogue can be found at the hotel.

What kind of clothes should I bring?
The weather is Israel in June is usually warm, so you need just light clothing and a jacket. In Jerusalem, it might be a little bit chilly in the evening. In some holy places you may need to cover up arms and legs.

Can I bring my family to any of the events?
You are welcome to bring your family. You will have to register for a double room at the hotel and pay for the "Accompanying person fee" for the tour and banquet on June 27th.

What is an Accompanying person
Only registered accompanying persons (i.e. those paying the fee of 85€) are eligible to participate in the social program and excursions. Accompanying persons may not attend working sessions.

Can I get an invitation Letter?
An invitation letter can be requested through mail to the Organization Coordinator, Ms Danielle Friedlander dfridl1@univ.haifa.ac.il
How long will it take to process my registration?

Registration times will vary. This is dependent on the payment method used.

**Bank transfers/ Cheques**
To process registrations paid for with a bank transfer/cheque will take a minimum of seven working days. Please attach a copy of your bank transfer information.

**Online registration payments**
It is only possible to pay registration fees online through Paypal. They accept all major credit cards. Online payments are instant and a receipt will be automatically generated at point of payment.

Is there access to Internet in the Hotel?

There will probably be free WIFI access in the lobby and in the conference room.

What should I know about Israel?

Information on Visas, Safety, Health, Electricity, Weather, Customs, Religious customs, Communications, Culture can be found at the website:


A brief History of Israel can be found at [http://www.science.co.il/israel-history.php](http://www.science.co.il/israel-history.php)

Independent trips and renting a car

Besides the usual internet services, you are welcome to contact our local travel agent Ms. Hanita Maskit hanita@armontours.co.il

Can I be at another hotel?

Sure, but keep in mind commuting times. Those not staying at Ramat Rachel must add 60 euro for lunches.

When and where is the opening ceremony/party?

We will have a welcoming reception on Monday June 25, 2012, tentatively between 19:00-21:00.

Will there be transport to social functions?

Yes

When will I receive my conference and committee social tickets?

At the Registration desk

Airport Info

The best way is the shared Van service available to Jerusalem immediately outside the airport terminal. We will list more information on the Transportation page once it is up.

Who do I contact prior to the conference?

We will list more contacts on the Contacts page, once it is up. Questions can be sent to:

wg2012site@gmail.com
What is the Student Poster Sessions Submission Track?

Students who have had papers accepted to other international refereed conferences can apply to display and discuss a Poster on their results if they are relevant to the topics of WG-2012. The number of posters will be limited.

Submissions should be sent by email to the WG2012 Chairs by April 20, 2012 at: wg2012.info@gmail.com

1. Title, short Abstract and Copy of the Paper that was accepted.
2. Name of the Refereed Conference and copy of the acceptance letter.
3. Names of the student who will display the poster, and his/her advisor.

Those accepted will be announced May 1 on the WG2012 website.

Are there any FAQ's that we have not answered?

No. But you can change this to yes!