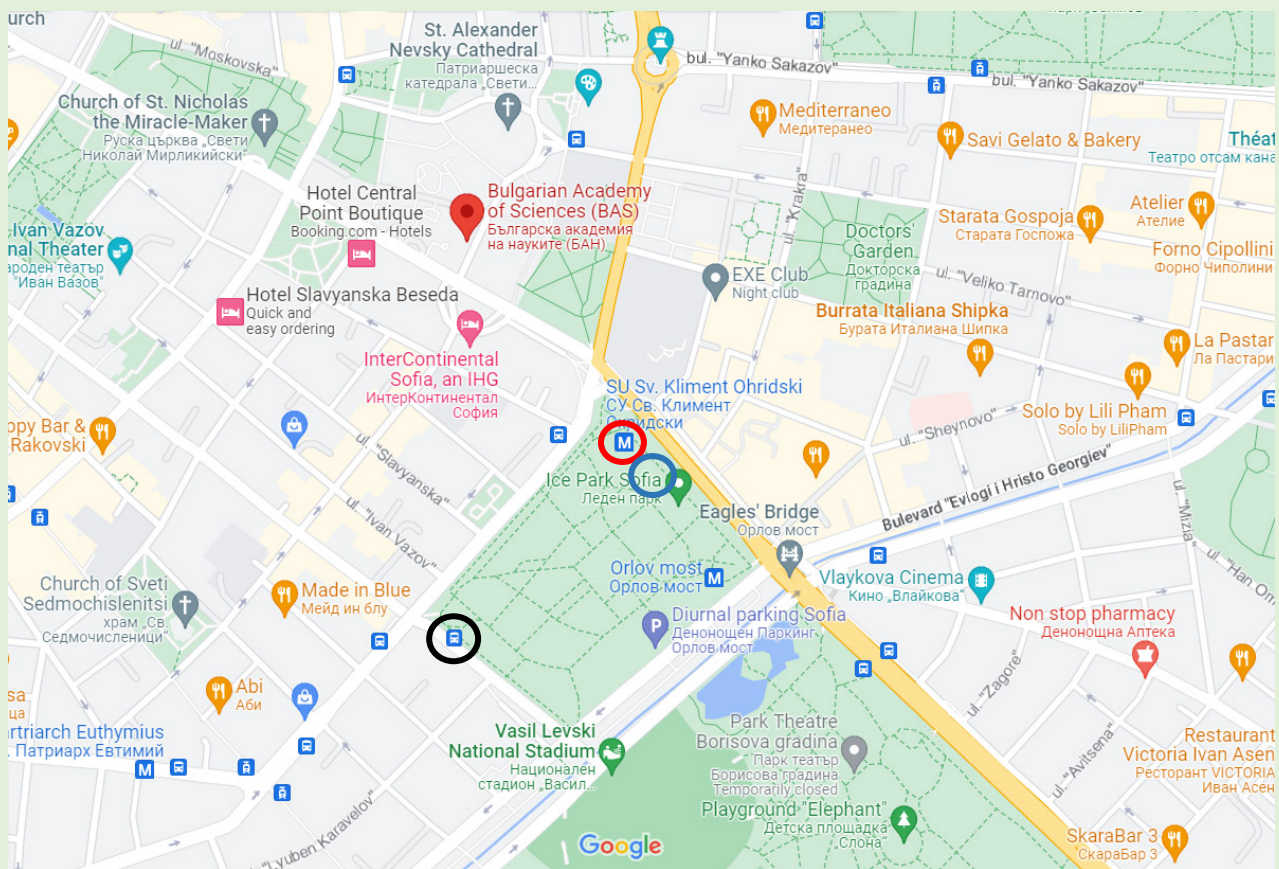


PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

**Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
“Prof. Marin Drinov” Hall
15 Noemvri Str., No1
Sofia, 1040, BULGARIA**

**Lat. and Long. coordinates:
42.69478; 23.33216**



Directions to the conference venue from Sofia Airport via taxi and public transportation

The distance between Sofia Airport and downtown Sofia is **12.2km**. You can reach the city centre either by taxi, metro or bus.

Taxi: Use only *OK Supertrans AD* taxis when leaving the airport. You can request a taxi from the stand on the right as you exit the arrivals area or from the adjacent taxi office near baggage reclaim. A ride to the city center will cost around 20 BGN (10 EUR).

Metro: Take **line 1** of the Sofia Metro and get off at the station "Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski" (red circle denotes the location on the map). From there, it is only a 5-minute walk to the venue.

Bus: Take either **bus 84** or **bus 284**. If you are coming from the airport, the "Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski" stop is the most convenient for you (*blue circle*). You can get off also at the "General Yosif Gurko" stop (*black circle*), which is the last stop on the route, but better to stay on the bus for one more stop to get off at Sofia University.

HOTELS IN SOFIA

Here is a list of hotels that offer a good balance between price and quality. All of the hotels listed are situated within a short walking distance from the conference venue.

1. **Central Point Boutique Hotel - Sofia (3-min** walking distance from the conference venue) <https://centralpointboutique.sofiahotelsbg.com/en/> - a 4-star hotel located in the center of Sofia, within walking distance of many of the city's top attractions. This hotel has a restaurant and a bar. While it may be a bit more expensive than some other hotels in the city, it offers excellent value for money and many positive reviews from past guests.
2. **Crystal Palace Boutique Hotel (7-min** walking distance from the conference venue) <https://www.crystalpalace-sofia.com/> - a 4-star hotel located in the center of Sofia with elegant and luxurious rooms and suites. The hotel has a restaurant and a bar. Very friendly hotel staff.
3. **Eurostars Sofia City hotel (8-min** walking distance from the conference venue) https://www.eurostarshotels.co.uk/eurostars-sofia-city.html?referer_code=ADWORDS_EN - a 4-star hotel located in the heart of Sofia, just a short walk from many of the Sofia's top attractions. Hotel features restaurant and bar.
4. **COOP Hotel (10-min** walking distance from the conference venue) <https://www.coophotel.bg/en/> - a 4-star hotel located in the center of Sofia, offers various types of rooms, including standard, deluxe, and executive rooms. The hotel has a restaurant and bar, serving Bulgarian and international cuisine. It also has a fitness center and sauna.
5. **Best Western Plus Bristol Hotel (21-min** walking distance from the conference venue) <http://www.bristolhotel.bg/en/> - a 4-star hotel located in the center of Sofia, just a short walk from many of the city's top attractions. The hotel offers free Wi-Fi and a restaurant and a bar. Good option for travelers who want a comfortable and convenient base from which to explore Sofia. While it may not offer the same level of luxury as some of the city's more upscale hotels, but it offers excellent value for money and many positive reviews from past guests.
6. **Slavyanska Beseda Hotel (6-min** walking distance from the conference venue) <https://slavyanska.com/en/> - a 3-star hotel located in the heart of Sofia within walking distance to Vitosha Boulevard, which is the main shopping street. The hotel has a restaurant and a bar, serving traditional Bulgarian cuisine and drinks. It is a good choice for travelers who want a central location and comfortable rooms at an affordable price. However, it could have issues with noise from the street, so if you are a light sleeper, it might be worth considering a hotel in a quieter location.
7. **Rila hotel (12-min** walking distance from the conference venue) <https://hotelrila.bg/> - a 3-star hotel located near the main shopping street of Sofia and offering comfortable rooms and a breakfast. The rooms are clean and well-maintained, with plenty of natural light. The hotel also has a restaurant and a bar. However, it is a bit older and may not offer the same level of luxury and amenities as some of the city's more modern hotels. There could be issues with

noise. It is a good choice for guests on a budget who want a central location, but those looking for more upscale accommodations may want to consider other options.

8. **Hotel Niky** (20-min walking distance from the conference venue) <http://hotel-niky.com/> - a 3-star hotel located in the center of Sofia, which makes it easy to explore many sights in Sofia on foot. The rooms are well-appointed and clean, with some offering great views of the city. The hotel also has a restaurant serving breakfast and other meals, as well as a bar. A good value for money with many positive reviews from past guests.
9. **Hotel Lion Sofia** (22-min walking distance from the conference venue) <https://hotelslion.bg/sofia/en/> a 3-star hotel situated in the heart of Sofia, a good choice for those looking for a budget-friendly option. It offers clean, comfortable rooms and a good breakfast. The hotel also has a restaurant and a bar.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport is the cheapest option with services beginning at 5 AM and finishing around midnight. Sofia has four ways of moving around: subway, buses, trolleybuses, and trams. Below is provided information about non-personalised tickets and cards.

Ticket	Length	Mode of transport	Price BGN	Ticket Type
30+ Transfer	30 minutes	All modes of transport	1.60	Electronic
60+ Transfer	60 minutes	All modes of transport	2.20	Electronic
Single Ticket*	Single-use	Bus, tram, trolleybus	2.00	Paper
Single Ticket**	Single-use	Metro	1.60	Paper
Daily Pass***	24 hours	All modes of transport	4.00	

* Can be purchased from the driver of the vehicle or at Urban Mobility Centres around the city

**This ticket can be purchased from a machine or from the service desk at every Metro station

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