

Conference venue

The conference will be held in the centre of the city of Cádiz in Andalusia, South Spain. Dating back more than 3.000 years, Cádiz is considered the oldest city in Spain and the most ancient still standing city in Western Europe. Founded by the Phenicians around 1.100 BC, it has been under Carthagagan, Roman, Visigoth, Moorish and Castilian rule throughout the centuries. It has been sieged and conquered many times and even has been the capital of free Spain for a brief period during the Napoleontic occupation of the largest part of the country. Cádiz reached its main economic peak during the 18th century, when it replaced Seville as the city with the sole right of trade with the Americas. Nowadays, it is a scenic city, surrounded by the sea and famous for its precious beaches, the enormous amount of sunlight hours per year and its relaxed ambiance.

The conference venue is the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, situated on the NW edge of the city centre on the Doctor Gómez Ulla Avenue (C2 on the map). The University of Cádiz is a young university, founded in 1979, although some of the faculties (Nautic Sciences and Medicine) have their roots in the 16th and 18th century respectively. Nowadays, the university counts four campuses located in Cádiz itself, nearby Puerto Real, Jérez de la Frontera (about 35 km NE) and Algeciras (about 100 km SE). The faculty building is an 18th century building, equipped with a modern main lecture hall, two large patios and a large hall, which will give space to the poster sessions and SME exhibit. The congress dinner will be held in the hotel Parador Hotel Atlántico, close to the conference venue.



The Bay of Cádiz region is somewhat of a hub for a marine sciences. One of the largest faculties of the university itself is the Faculty of Marine Sciences in Puerto Real. Next door to Marine Sciences is the Andalusian Institute of Marine Sciences, belonging to the Spanish National Research Council. Right in the heart of Cádiz city we can find a branch of the Spanish Oceanographic Institute. To conclude, on the other side of the bay, the city of El Puerto de Santa María houses the Andalusian Aquaculture Technology Center (CTAQUA) and a branch of the Andalusian Institute for Agriculture and Fisheries Research and Education (IFAPA).

How to get there

Cádiz is located on a peninsula, connected to the East to the city of San Fernando by an isthmus and to the main land by two bridges. Over land, the main access road is the A4 highway, connecting Cádiz with Jerez de la Frontera (35 km) and Seville (120 km), giving access to the central and northern part of Spain and Portugal. Near Jerez, the A381 highway can be taken to the East, connecting Cádiz with Málaga (234 km) and the Mediterranean coast.



The nearest airports to Cádiz are (in descending order):

- Jerez
- Seville
- Málaga

Flying to Madrid is also a possibility. There are domestic flights from Madrid to Jerez and Seville and a direct train that takes approximately 4 1/2 hours to get to Cádiz. Gibraltar airport can be an option for British destinations only. There is a bus connection from the border town of La Línea de la Concepción, this only runs twice per day and takes approximately 2.5 h; by (rental) car it takes 1h 20m.

Jerez airport (XRY)

Jerez Airport is located 8 km northeast of Jerez. It is a small airport with a limited number of flights per day, depending on season. It mainly operates domestic flights (including to Madrid and Barcelona), as well as a small number of destinations in Germany, UK (London) and France (Paris). Jerez Airport is connected with Cádiz by the C-1 suburban train line and the Seville-Cádiz mid-distance trains. Approximate travel time by rail to Cádiz is 44 to 54 minutes (depending on train type) and the average fare for a one-way trip is 6.25 EUR. Tickets can be purchased at the airport railway station or online at www.renfe.com. For the mid-distance trains it is advisable to book in

advance. Trains run regularly every day between 7:26 and 22:48 on work days. Time tables can be checked on www.renfe.com and <https://www.renfe.com/es/es/cercanias/cercanias-cadiz>.

Seville airport (SVQ)

Seville airport is 10 kilometers east of Seville. This is an international airport with connections to various destinations in many European countries, incl. Germany, UK, Denmark, The Netherlands, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Belgium, etc. as well as to most domestic destinations. It is frequented by low-cost companies as Ryanair, Transavia, Easyjet and Vueling. Bus line EA runs from the airport into town twice every hour (on average) Monday to Sunday. Single tickets are 4 EUR (return tickets at 6 EUR are only valid on the same day). Line EA stops at Seville's main railway station (Sevilla Santa Justa), where you can catch a direct train to Cádiz. Approximate travel time is 1h 45 m and the fare for a one-way trip is 13.30 EUR, although there are a few special trains (Alvia/Torre de Oro) that are slightly faster and more expensive. Tickets can be purchased at the airport railway station, Sevilla Santa Justa or online at www.renfe.com. It is recommended to reserve your train (especially return trains) a few days in advance, especially if you are traveling in the weekend or on Friday afternoon. Trains run regularly every day between 6:40 and 21:50 on work days. Time tables can be checked on www.renfe.com.

Málaga airport (AGP)

Málaga airport is 8 km southwest of Málaga. It is Spain's fourth busiest airport, catering the many tourists visiting the Costa del Sol, with flight connections to over 60 countries worldwide. However available, public transport connections from Málaga airport to Cádiz are limited, slow and not straightforward. The best option is to drive. It takes approximately 2.5 hours to cover the 229 km along the AP-7 toll road and the A-381 dual carriageway.

Useful link: [Car rental Málaga airport](#)

Madrid airport (MAD)

Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport is Spain's largest international airport. It is located in Madrid's metropolitan area, 10km northeast of Central Madrid. Iberia www.iberia.com offers domestic flights from Madrid-Barajas to Jerez and Seville. Short-distance rail line C-1 links Madrid-Barajas Terminal 4 with Madrid Atocha railway station. There are 4 direct trains daily from Madrid Atocha to Cádiz and 9 high-speed trains to Sevilla Santa Justa connecting with trains travelling from Sevilla Santa Justa to Cádiz. Average travel time is 4-4.5 hours and return tickets range from 90 to 130 EUR. Tickets can be purchased at the airport railway station or online at www.renfe.com. Note that the short-distance train from the airport to Madrid Atocha is free if you are travelling to Cádiz by rail. The distance by car is approximately 650 km over the highway; this will take you approximately 6h 30m.

Where to stay

Conference participants will be responsible for their own hotel reservation. Cádiz is a popular tourist destination, especially for domestic tourism and the first half of September still counts as high season, although it will be considerably quieter than in July and August. Accommodation options in Cádiz include the University dorms and residences, apartments and hotels. Most of them can be found on popular booking sites as www.booking.com or through www.airbnb.es/. A list of hotels provided by the Cádiz tourist office can be found here [link to word with hotels], marked in yellow are hotels that are in 5 – 15 min walking distance of the conference venue. A map with hotel locations and the conference and dinner venues can be downloaded here [link to pdf of map].

Probably the cheapest options are the university residences and dorms, some of which are open to the general public or visitors with an academic purpose outside class season (most classes do not start until October).

The Colegio Mayor in the centre of the city, right next to the conference venue, is run by the university and open to visitors with an academic purpose. It has a limited number of rooms. Bookings can be made through <https://colegiomayor.uca.es/external-bookings/#>

The following student residencies can be found in the centre of Cádiz (not all of them might rent out rooms to occasional visitors, but it is worth trying):

Residencia Universitaria Campus de Cádiz

Address: Plaza de la Catedral, 10. 11005 – Cádiz

Tel.: +34 956 254 224 / 956 29 27 20 / 902 400 477

E-mail: cadiz@residencias-estudiantes.com

Website: <https://www.residencias-estudiantes.com/res2/residencias-de-estudiantes-cadiz>

Residencia Universitaria Cádiz Centro

Address: Calle Santo Cristo nº 2, Plaza de la Candelaria. 11005 Cádiz

Tel.: +34 56114792 – 661969507

E-mail: info@residenciaestudiantescadizcentro.es

Website: <https://www.residenciaestudiantescadizcentro.es/>

Residencia Internacional La Caleta

Address: Calle Ángel nº 2. 11002 Cádiz

Tel.: +34 956070372

E-mail: viviendas.universitarias@fueca.es

Website: https://home.fueca.es/?page_id=333

Just outside the old city centre, can be reached by bus:

Casa Caracol

Address: Calle Suárez de Salazar,4, 11006 Cádiz

Tel.: +34 956261166

E-mail: casacaracol1@gmail.com

Website: <https://casacaracolcadiz.com/en/>