

Workshop in honor of Suresh Sethi June 2005

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference calendar

June 2. Official start of the workshop. Welcome buffet from 20:00 on.
June 3 and 4. Talks. Gala dinner June 4.
June 5. Informal working meetings. Possibility of attending an excursion to a winery and to the Calanques, see below.
June 6. Official end of the workshop.

Conference venue

The conference will take place at the:

Hôtel Aquabella
2, rue des Etuves
13100 Aix en Provence
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<http://www.aquabella.fr>

We negotiated for the workshop participants a special price of 125.80 Euros single, 145.80 double, including breakfast and taxes. Parking is 9 euros/day. Participants staying at the hotel will be able to use the fitness center including Sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi and cardio-training, swimming pool, etc. for free. Moreover, there is a direct access at a preferential tariff to the famous Aix spa:

<http://www.thermes-sextius.com/an/index.htm>

Note that in order to be insured a room at this tariff you must imperatively reserve it before March 15, 2005. Please contact the hotel directly, mentioning CONGRES GREQAM in order to get the preferential tariff. Modifications or cancellations will be possible at no costs until shortly before the workshop. Likewise, special treatments at the spa must be booked well in advance.

A list of other hotels within easy walking distance will be posted soon. It will include both less and more expensive hotels.

Rooms are in high demand in Aix en Provence. WE THEREFORE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU BOOK VERY EARLY.

Coming to Aix en Provence

The nearest airport is Marseille (Marseille-Marignane), the nearest high-speed train station (TGV) Marseille or Aix en Provence TGV.

Taxis from Marseilles' airport (Marseille-Marignane) cost about 40 euros, from the train station Aix TGV 30 euros one way, a little bit more at night or on Sunday. There are also shuttle buses from both places, for less than 10 euros one way. The bus stop is within walking distance from the hotels if you travel lightly. Otherwise, a taxi should not cost more than 7 or 8 euros.

We strongly suggest your NOT renting a car for the time of the workshop: Cars are at best useless, at worst a nuisance in Aix. You may, however, want to rent a car before or after the workshop. The country side around Aix is rich in beautiful sceneries and monuments, and well worth a visit. See <http://www.aixenprovencetourism.com/uk/> for information. You can download two brochures on Aix, its surroundings, and the Provence. The site also includes also a list of hotels, restaurants, and sightseings in Aix).

If you are willing to share a room, a taxi, or a rental car, please send a message to all prospective participants saying so and indicating your arrival place and time.

A convenient description and a map of the road itinerary from your point of entry to the Aquabella hotel can be found on www.mappy.com. If you are coming from Marseilles airport, indicate Marignane as the departure place, and rue des Etuves, Postcode 13090, as the arrival place. Aix en Provence TGV (the train station) is halfway between Marseille-Marignane and Aix.

Conference fee

The conference fee will be 350 Euros. It includes a buffet on June 2, luncheons and on the 3 and 4 June, a gala dinner on June 4, and coffee breaks on the 3rd and 4th. It also includes a copy of the book we are editing in honor of Suresh. Drinks with the meals are included.

Details about the payment will be given later. Expect to be asked to pay before March 1st, 2005, with almost total refund possible until April 15.

Accompanying persons

Accompanying persons can participate to the gala dinner against payment of 90 euros. The fee for participating to the buffet, lunches, gala dinner, and coffee breaks is 200 euros.

Payment, cancellation, refunds

The payment modalities will be indicated later.

Excursion

If enough participants are interested, we will organize a full day excursion on Sunday 6. This excursion will include a visit at a well known winery, Chateaux Vannieres, <http://www.chateauvannieres.com> with wine and cheese tasting; a lunch in the very picturesque port of Cassis <http://www.cassis-info.net/> with Bouillabaisse <http://www.starchefs.com/bouillabaisse/html/english/components.shtml> and a boat trip to the spectacular calanques http://www.maartensworld.tmfweb.nl/les_calanques.htm, <http://www.dream-mountains.com/calanquk.htm>

The fee will depend upon the number of registered participants. It should lie somewhere between 110 (40 participants) and 150 Euros (25 participants) per person.

Prospective participants

The following participants are expected:

Alain	Bensoussan	Université Paris-Dauphine
Ludwig	Bogataj	University of Ljubljana
Marija	Bogataj	University of Ljubljana
Janice	Carillo	University of Florida
Dean	Carlson	AMS
Dee	Dechert	University of Houston
Christophe	Deissenberg	Université de la Méditerranée and GREQAM
Engelbert	Dockner	University of Vienna
Ali	Dogramaci	University of Bilkent
Gustav	Feichtinger	Technical University Vienna
Peter	Francis	CAN
Karima	Fredj	HEC Montréal
Gila	Fruchter	University of California at Berkeley
Cheryl	Gaimon	Georgia Institute of Technology
Richard	Hartl	University of Vienna
Alain	Haurie	Université de Genève
Dirk	Helbing	Technical University of Dresden
Dipak	Jain	Northwestern University
Steffen	Jorgenson	University of Southern Denmark
Akira	Katayama	University of Kobe
Eugene	Khmelnitsky	Tel-Aviv University
Peter	Kort	Tilburg University
Jacek	Krawczyk	Victoria University of Wellington
George	Leitmann	University of California at Berkeley
Peter	Leo	University of HongKong
Petia	Manolova	Université de la Méditerranée and GREQAM
Guiomar	Martin-Herran	Université de Montréal and GERAD
Helmuth	Maurer	University of Muenster

Long	Ngo	McGill University
Andreas	Nowak	University of Vienna
Stefan	Pickl	University of Cologne
Ashutosh	Prasad	University of Texas at Dallas
Jean-Marie	Proth	IORIA
Suresh	Sethi	University of Dallas
Gerhard	Sorger	University of Vienna
Sihem	Taboubi	HEC Montreal
Charles	Tapiero	ESSEC
Gerard	Thomson	Carnegie Mellon University
Alain	Venditti	GREQAM
Florian	Wagener	University of Amsterdam
George	Zaccour	Université de Montréal and GERAD
Amos	Zemel	Ben Gurion University