

LaserLab User Meeting

6-8 September 2015, Coimbra, Portugal



The [Coimbra LaserLab](#) has a pleasure to invite you to attend the last User Meeting of LaserLab Europe III, which will be held in Coimbra, Portugal, 6-8 September 2015. This is the premier forum to discuss your work with the experts, strengthen networking with your scientific community and sneak peek the upcoming LaserLab Europe IV.

The user meeting is entitled “*Illuminate – Lasers in the Year of Light*” to celebrate the International Year of the Light, proclaimed by the United Nations to raise awareness about how light-based technologies promote sustained development. It is very suiting to held this users meeting at the University of Coimbra, which has been promoting sustainable development since 1290, and recently was recognized as a world heritage by UNESCO.

Coimbra itself has much longer story. Over the centuries Roman, Visigoths, Moors and Christians were taking part in the ‘game of thrones’. The present-day character of the city is the legacy of the great epochs of the European and Moors culture. Coimbra’s architecture combines Roman (aqueduct and cryptoporticus), Gothic (Santa Clara-a-Velha Monastery), Renaissance (Santa Cruz Monastery) and Baroque (Joanina Library) styles. Walking around the old town you can feel surrounded by history from tempestuous time. For many centuries the former Portuguese capital has had thriving intellectual and cultural life – for that it remains to be called Lusitanian Athens.

In the famous fado song entitled [Coimbra é uma lição](#), city is described as an example of dream and tradition. It is impossible to disagree with this statement while watching students proudly wearing their traditional clothes, and keeping cultural tradition alive through the ages. The city would be never the same without them. Coimbra as a dream city, pamper the inhabitants with a great weather, delicious vine and food.

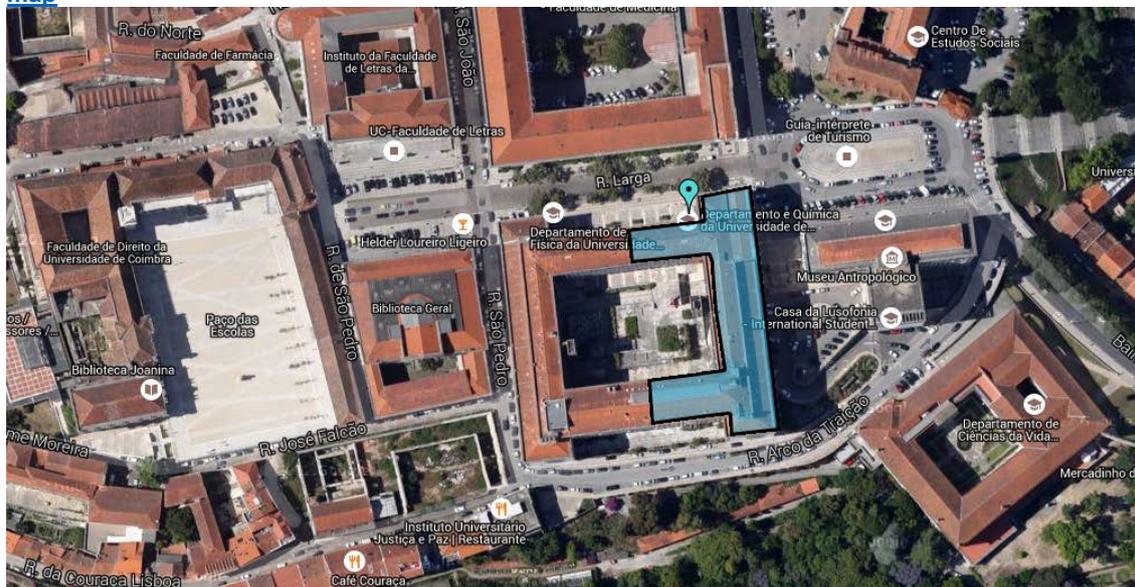
Coimbra is a perfect city to discuss science. During the User Meeting we are going to focus on four topics: ultrafast probing and high energy lasers; structural dynamics and materials; biophotonics and health applications of lasers; advanced laser sources. We would like to invite you to share your scientific results, and also to take part in the open discussion about cooperation between the Users and Access providers. For a meeting registration please visit: [User Meeting](#)

While in Portugal, enjoy!

Meeting location

Departamento de Química
Rua Larga
3004-535 Coimbra,
Portugal

[map](#)



Travel

• From Lisbon Airport

At the Metro Station in Lisbon Airport (Aeroporto), take a red line metro ("Linha Vermelha") in direction to the São Sebastião. Leave on the Oriente Metro Station (3rd stop, ~10min). For information on metro timetables and ticket prices, please visit [Metro de Lisboa](#). Alternatively, take a metered taxi to the Oriente Railway Station (~5min). There are two taxi stands at the airport, one at the Arrivals and the other at the Departures. At the Oriente Railway Station, take a train to Coimbra (approx. 2 hours journey). Choose train: "Intercidades" or "Alfa Pendular". For reservations, information on train timetables and ticket prices, please visit [CP - Comboios de Portugal](#).

• From Porto Airport

At the light-rail/tram Metro Station in Porto Airport, take an E line (Violet) light-rail train in direction to the Estádio do Dragão. Leave on the Campanhã Railway Station in Porto (approx. 30 minutes journey). Tickets must be validated before entering the vehicle, at the yellow machines at train stops. For information on timetables and ticket prices, please visit [Metro do Porto](#).

At the Campanhã Railway Station, take a train to Coimbra (approx. 1 hour journey). Choose a train: "Intercidades" or "Alfa Pendular". For reservations, information on train timetables and ticket prices, please visit [CP - Comboios de Portugal](#).

• Travelling by car

At all Portuguese airports there are several Rent-a-Car stands.

From Lisbon airport, follow the indications to the A1 Motorway towards Porto. Take the exit to Coimbra-South (Coimbra-Sul).

From Porto airport, follow the indications to the A1 Motorway towards Lisbon (Lisboa). Take the exit to Coimbra-North (Coimbra-Norte).

Public Transportation

Coimbra city center is easily navigable on foot. Nevertheless for some trips to the city suburbs the public transportation (SMTUC) can be used. For more information on buses available, please visit [Bus-Coimbra](#) (page in Portuguese only).

Taxi

Taxis in Coimbra can be consider as relatively cheap. One of the taxi companies:

Politaxi Coimbra: +351 239 499 090

Accommodation

In Coimbra you can find accommodation with various standards. For the room reservation, please visit [Hotels](#) or any hotel booking channel. Note, that September is a high season in Coimbra, for that is advisable to reserve your accommodation early.

Below, are examples of hotels in walking distance to the User Meeting:

- [TRYP Coimbra Hotel](#) - 4 stars hotel, approx. 25 minutes,
- [Hotel Oslo Coimbra](#) - 3 stars hotel, approx. 15 minutes,
- [Hotel Ibis Coimbra Centro](#) - 2 stars hotel, approx. 10 minutes.

Tourist Office

Tourist offices in Coimbra:

University Tourist Office

Átrio da Biblioteca Geral da UC

Praça da Porta Férrea

3000-143 Coimbra

T. +351 239 834 158/ +351 939 010 201

Daily opened from 10.00-13.00h/14.00-18.00h

Portagem Tourist Office

Largo da Portagem

3000-337 Coimbra

T. +351 239 488 120

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Monday to Friday: 9.00-20.00h

Weekends: 9.00-18.00h

Praça da República Tourist Office

Praça da República

3000-343 Coimbra

T. +351 939 010 084

Monday to Friday: 9h30-12h30/14h00-18h00

For more information, please visit [Turismo de Coimbra](#)

Climate

The average temperature is 20 °C in September.

Smoking

The Portuguese law does not allow smoking in any public transportation or in any closed public areas (some restaurants, bars and discos may have a designated smoking area).

Currency

Euro (€) since 1 January 2002.