# SDS 2008 Conference proposal Donostia-San Sebastian (Spain)





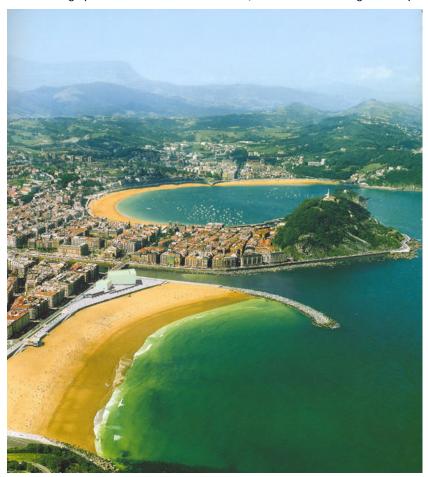
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### Meeting facilities

San Sebastián is a very attractive city, placed in the north coast of Spain, 20 km from the French border. It holds an A category film festival, an international jazz festival and many other cultural activities. Its excellent gastronomy is also well known. Two of the four best Spanish restaurants are located in San Sebastian.

Conference will take place at Kursaal Convention Centre, a Rafael Moneo architect's building, placed in front of the sea (the white building in the photo).

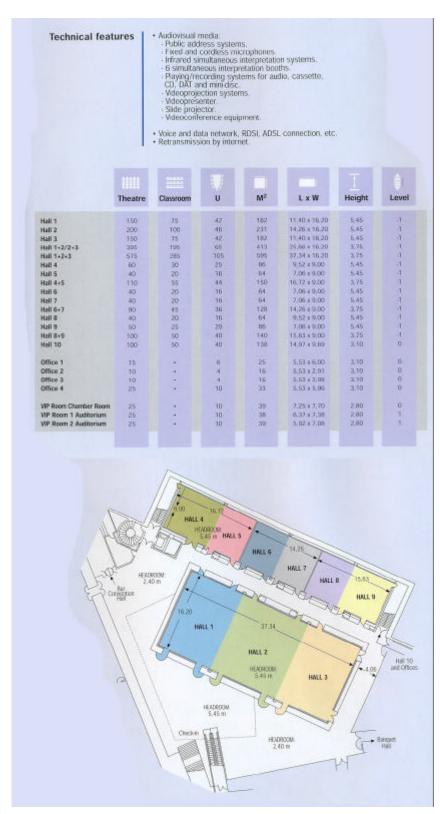


Kursaal

More information about the city can be found at <a href="www.donostia.org">www.donostia.org</a> and information about the Convention Center at <a href="www.ssconvention.com">www.ssconvention.com</a>.

Next figure shows the selected meeting rooms: Halls 1, 2 and 3 can be joined for plenary sessions and there are also 7 more halls for parallel sessions.





Kursaal meeting rooms



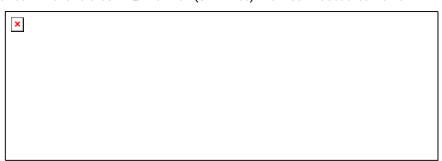
## Traveling to city

San Sebastian has excellent national and international communications thanks to its intensive road and rail networks and 4 airports within a one hundred mile radius.



Location of the main airports

The biggest one is BIO-Bilbao (61 miles) that is connected to main European countries. There is also BIQ-Biarritz (32 miles) well connected to Paris.



Direction from Bilbao International Airport to San Sebastian



Direction from Biarritz Airport to San Sebastian



There are also two local airports: EAS-San Sebastian (14 miles) and PNA-Pamplona (57 miles) well connected to the two main Spanish cities: Madrid and Barcelona.



Direction from San Sebastian Airport to San Sebastian



Direction from Pamplona Airport to San Sebastian

It is possible to book a flight from Boston, Amsterdam and Tokio directly to San Sebastian throughout Madrid or Barcelona but it increases the price.

The companies which travel to Bilbao are: Aer Lingus, Air Berlin, Air Europa, Air France, Alitalia, Easyjet, Hapag Lloyd Express, Iberia, Lufthansa, Portugalia, SN Brussels Airlines, Spanair, Vueling.

lberia is the only airline which travels to San Sebastian from Madrid and Barcelona.

Air France and RyanAir travel to Biarritz.

A good idea could be to arrange shuttles for attendants coming from Bilbao's and Biarritz's airports. This could reduce transportation time from 2 hours to 1 hour. This idea will be considered an additional service and will be paid apart from the conference fees.



#### **Meal and Accommodation**

Martin Berasategi, one of the most prestigious Spanish cookers, serves a daily menu in Kursaal Conference Hall. Its price is currently  $25 \in$ . This could be paid apart from regular fee, as some cheaper restaurants can be found near Kursaal. For the conference banquet there are many alternatives.

San Sebastian has a great variety of hotels, from luxury to cheaper ones (From 75 to 120 \$). Nevertheless, in our opinion it could be a good idea to concentrate attendance in Olarain College (<a href="www.olarain.com">www.olarain.com</a>). It has more than 200 rooms that could be booked at a cheap price.



Olarain College

There are some data about hotels and rates.

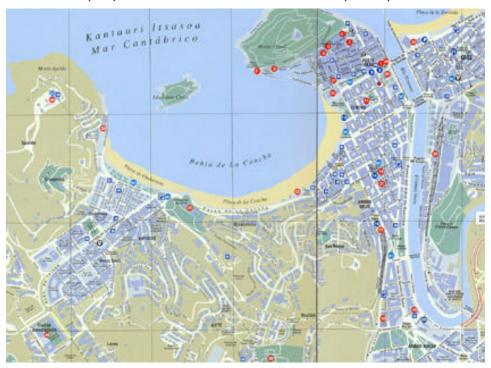
Hotel (Category)	Price (Single-Double)	Distance to Kursaal
Maria Cristina (5)	175-230 €	100 m
Londres (4)	177-212	800 m
Aranzazu (4)	136-136	2000 m



## **Local Transport**

Access to the city centre is both quick and simple, with almost everything located in a walking distance. There are also three beaches in the city (one of them, Zurriola, next to Kursaal Conference Hall).

The map represents downtown and all the blue spots represent a hotel.



Downtown

Olarain College is placed 2,5 km from Kursaal and well connected through regular buses. There are 2 main buses that connect Olarain with Kursaal (5 and 25)



4 bus lines connect Olarain with Kursaal with a 10 minutes frequency each one

All the information about the bus timetable is located at www.ctss.es



## **Budget**

	Proposed Dates of the c	conference: 2008, july, 20-25		
2. Travel Costs in US\$		rt Near Conference Venue		
From Boston				
From Amsterdam	(to be comple	(to be completed by SD Home Office)		
From Tokyo				
Cost and Time from Major Airport to Conference	change € -> \$ (may 05) Major Airport to Local	1,27		
Venue	Airport	Local Airport to Conference Venue		
Mode		ee anexed sheet (travel costs)		
Cost	\$0,00	\$11,43		
Travel Time	0	2 h		
Frequency of trips	0	every 30 min		
3. Meal and Accomodation Costs	Main Hotel / Site:	Alternate Hotel / Site:		
	Regular Attendee	Student Attendee		
Room including taxes	\$114,30	\$68,58		
Breakfast	\$10,16	\$3,81		
Lunch	\$31,75	\$8,89		
Dinner	\$31,75	\$8,89		
Total M & A Cost 4 Days	188	90		
M & A Cost 4 Days	752	361		
4. Direct Conference Costs				
4. Direct Conference Costs  Meeting Rooms	<del> </del>	\$29.210		
AV Equipment		\$13.335		
Other Supplies		\$4.000		
Subtotal Facilities	\$4.000 \$46.545			
Estimated Attendance		400		
Per Person Facility Cost	\$116			
Local Transport per person		\$8		
Coffee Breaks (2 per day *4) per person	\$38			
Subtotal Conference Variable	\$46			
Total Direct Per Person Cost	\$162			
Total M&A Plus Direct Cost	\$914	\$523		
5. Program Features				
Program Chair	Jose Mari Sarriegi, Jose J. Gonzalez			
Welcome Reception		not included		
Banquet	not included			
Other				
6. Facility Characteristics				
Maximum Capacity Hotel Sleeping Rooms  Maximum Capacity Plenary Theatre Style		unlimited		
Distance between rooms	625			
Space for posters/exhibitors	from 100 m to 3 kms			
7. Manageablity of Risk	unlimited Sunday activities could be held on the University			
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8 Local Host				
Chapter/University sponsor	Tecnun -	University of Navarra		
Local Co-hosts	Agder University College - Norway			
Conference Partners	(Identify)			
Likely number of student or other				
volunteers		20		
Cost Summary	Regular Attendee	Student Attendee		
Total Direct Per Person Cost	\$162	\$162		
Estimated Head Office Cost	\$313	\$313		
Projected Registration Fee	\$475	\$285		
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Projected Registration Fee				
	\$752	\$361		
Total M & A Cost 4 Days	\$752	\$361		



#### **Travel costs**

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	Cost and Time from Major	Major Airport to	Local Airport to
	Airport to Conference Venue	Local Airport	Conference Venue
OPTION 1	Airport	MAD-EAS	EAS
	Mode	flight	bus
	Cost	\$381,00	\$4,00
	Travel Time	1 h	30 min
	Frequency of trips	3/day	each 30 min
OPTION 2	Airport	BCN-EAS	EAS
	Mode	flight	taxi
	Cost	\$304,80	\$76,20
	Travel Time	1 h	20 min
	Frequency of trips	3/day	continuous
OPTION 3	Airport	BIO-conference	
	Mode	bus	
	Cost	\$11,43	
	Travel Time	2 h	
	Frequency of trips	every 30 min	
OPTION 3	Airport	BIO-conference	
	Mode	taxi	
	Cost	\$279,40	
	Travel Time	45 min	
	Frequency of trips	continuous	
OPTION 4	Airport	BIQ-conference	
	Mode	bus	
	Cost	\$8,89	
	Travel Time	2 h	
	Frequency of trips	every 30 min	

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#### **Alternative Plans to reduce costs**

Kursaal Conference Hall is an innovative resource for hosting conferences. It has received several architectural prices, including the 2001 Mies Van der Rohe award to the best European building. There are 12 rooms into it and the renting price varies significantly depending on the amount of rooms booked. For the current budget we have estimated a room for 400 people, one for 150, one for 110, two for 100 and one for 80. Hence, the price could vary depending on the attendance.

The PhD colloquium could be hold at the University (3 km from the Kursaal building, 500 m. from Olarain college). This would subtract aprox. 3000 \$ from the Kursaal budget. If Thursday's activities were also moved to university, there would be an additional 2500 \$ reduction in costs (as compared to the Kursaal's base budget).

The University venue holds several rooms for 150 people, but there is neither a plenary room for 400 people, nor a suitable place for coffee breaks for large numbers of people. Those two aspects are less important for Sunday and Thursday.

Note: We have used an Exhange Rate of 1.27 \$ = 1 €