

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION 5 – 8 April 2019

Hotel location GPS **38°34'10.8"N 7°54'48.5"W**

M'AR De AR MURALHAS Hotel, Travessa da Palmeira, 4/6. 7000-546 Évora



Our conference base is the Four Star **M'Ar de Ar Muralhas Hotel**, in the historic heart of the city and set on the ancient city walls of Évora. It is a five minute walk to the famous Giraldo Square and Roman temple of Diana. There are 85 rooms and 6 suites, an extensive hotel garden, cosy bar areas and excellent restaurants. On site facilities include an outdoor pool and the "Sabores do Alentejo" restaurant where you can taste the innovative Alentejo gastronomy of Chef António Nobre. There is garage parking and street parking outside the hotel. Conference attendees will have full access to all hotel facilities.

The core conference programme runs **from Friday 5 April evening drinks reception to the end of the afternoon visit on Sunday 7 April**. Lunches do not include wine or drinks from the bar but do include water, tea and coffee. Dinner on Friday and Saturday does include house red and white wine or sangria, beer, water, tea, coffee, soft drinks etc. Any other drinks should be paid for in cash or charged to your room. The **Residential Package includes 3 nights accommodation**, from Friday 5 April, booking out after breakfast on Monday 8 April

Lunch and dinner will be buffet meals and our group has been allocated tables in the restaurant which has a lovely outlook over the hotel gardens and an extensive terrace.

Hotel accommodation includes breakfast in the hotel. There are also many restaurants & cafes close by. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. On request it will be possible to upgrade to a hotel suite opening onto the gardens. There is a secure hotel garage which should be reserved directly with the hotel.

If arriving by car - Directions are available on Google maps as the hotel is marked as a location.

More information on the hotel facilities www.mardearhotels.com/en/mar-de-ar-muralhas/
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Airport Transfers - the closest airport is Lisbon. Évora is approximately 1h 20 min drive from the airport. There is a good train service from the Lisbon Oriente station which takes approximately 1h 30 mins through the Alentejo countryside. Train tickets and seats can be booked online via <https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en> Advance booking gives very generous discounts on already reasonable ticket prices. There is also an airport and rail shuttle service which can be reserved via the hotel.

If you wish to book your own alternative accommodation there is a selection available very close by at lower cost. If you would like any further details, please let us know. We can recommend the following but suggest that you book as soon as possible as Évora is a very popular destination year round :-

MOOV hotel provides rooms only and has no bar or restaurant facilities but there is a breakfast buffet. It is approx. 160m from the conference base hotel. <https://hotelmoov.com/en/hotels/evora/>

IBIS hotel Évora also has good basic facilities and is approx. 500m from our conference base hotel. <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1708-ibis-evora/index.shtml>

All bookings will be administered together with our partner travel agent in Faro, **Rotatur Lda**. They can accept debit/credit card payments. Full details will be circulated on receipt of booking forms.

Évora is a lively University city, and classified as UNESCO world heritage. It is the capital of Portugal's south-central Alentejo region, famous for its cork oak forests (Montados). In the city's historic centre stands the ancient Roman Temple of Évora (the Temple of Diana). Nearby, whitewashed houses surround the Cathedral, a massive Gothic structure begun in the 12th century. The Igreja de São Francisco features Gothic and baroque architecture. There are many historic sites, arcaded streets and lovely green spaces, cafés and restaurants. The location of our hotel allows easy walking access to the historic centre of the city. <http://www.visitevora.net/en/visit-evora/>

The University of Évora was the second university to be founded in Portugal. After the University of Coimbra in 1290, a second university was needed for the Southern part of the country. The inauguration took place on November 1st 1537, and the anniversary of the University is celebrated on that day. The main auditorium of the University in the historic Colégio Espírito-Santo will be the venue for our keynote speakers on Saturday morning, April 6.



Conference Programme 5 - 8 April 2019

All subject to confirmation, full details will be circulated.

DATES / SPEAKERS	TIME	EVENT	NOTES
Friday 5 April	9.00 – 17.00	OPTIONAL Visit the private garden of Conde de Monsaraz, lunch at Restaurante Sem-Fim and boat trip to Alqueva Lake for island wildflower walk, and visit to hilltop mediaeval town of Monsaraz. Guides - Marion ter Horst and Gerald Luckhurst,	ALTERNATIVE - Free day to explore Évora. Information supplied to book guided town walks in Évora - historic buildings, public gardens and the antique tiled classrooms at the University.
	16.00 – 18.00	Registration Desk open at M´Ar dar Muralhas Hotel	Early Registration available depending on travel arrangements.
	17.30	Welcome Reception, drinks and introductions	
Ana Margarida Fonseca of Évora University	18.00-19.00	TALK <i>Montado Landscape - from survival to sustainability</i> the history, culture and ecology of the cork oak forests	IN HOTEL MEETING ROOM
	19.30	Buffet dinner in hotel included for all attendees	Dinner included in the programme.
Saturday 6 April	09.00 doors open	At Colégio Espírito-Santo, main Auditorium, Évora University	Shuttle bus service / 15 min walk from the hotel
James & Helen Basson of Scape Design	9.30 – 10.30	TALK - Good Design with Climate in Mind	http://www.scapedesign.com/
	10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break with light refreshments MGAP book shop open	
Olivier Filippi	11.00-12.00	TALK - Bringing the Mediterranean Landscape into the Garden followed by	http://www.jardin-sec.com/
Olivier Filippi & James & Helen Basson	12.00-12.30	Q&A session on both talks	
BOOK SIGNING	12.30-13.00	<i>Bringing the Mediterranean into your garden</i> <i>How to capture the natural beauty of the garrigue</i> by Olivier Filippi.	Sales and signing of NEW English edition of Olivier´s latest book To be confirmed
	13.15 prompt	Bus departs from Colégio Espírito-Santo for travel to Herdade da Maroteira, Redondo	http://maroteira.com/en/inicio/
	14:00 – 15:00	Buffet lunch at Maroteira in Events Centre	Local dishes and wines from the Herdade available.

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Philip Mollet	15.30 – 17.00	Herdade da Maroteira, 540ha situated in the Montado cork oak forest. Introduction and talk on the organic management of the estate by owner Philip Mollet. Guided walks and jeep tours on the estate with spring wildflower displays.	Includes wine/olive oil tasting and opportunity to buy wine and local products http://maroteira.com/en/inicio/
	18.00 approx.	Return to hotel	
	20.00	Gala Dinner for all attendees	Included in programme
Sunday 7 April		At M'Ar dar Muralhas Hotel	HOTEL MEETING ROOM
Dr Paulo Farinha-Marques	9.30 – 10.30	TALK - Greening the Urban Spaces of Porto, project to plant the boundary of the botanic garden using native plants, and with student involvement.	Director of Porto Botanic Garden
	10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break MGAP Book shop open	
Paula Maria Simões Marilyn Medina Ribeiro	11.00 – 12.00	TALK - Contemporary Portuguese Gardens – the waterwise approach using diverse climate-appropriate planting, with Q&A to follow	Lecturer at Évora Uni. presents her work and Professional Garden Designer presents some projects
Jessica Gomes	12.00 – 12.30	PRESENTATION of Masters Dissertation on Wild and Natural Mediterranean Gardens	Young professional, currently working with Landscaping company in Sintra, Lisbon
	12.30 – 14.00	Buffet lunch at hotel	Lunch included in programme
	14.00	Travel by bus to afternoon visits	
	14.40 – 16.00	Visit privately owned historic garden and playful 'mannerist' domestic farm at Jardim Quinta do General, Borba	
	16.30	Refreshment stop at historic Sao Paulo Convent/Hotel, Serra da Ossa	To be confirmed / Visit Borba - depending on weather
	18.00	Return to hotel	End of Conference Programme
	19.00	Dinner not included in programme. Overnight accommodation included in Residential package	Free to go into town. Info on recommended restaurants provided.
Monday 8 April	10.00 – 17.00	OPTIONAL Full day of visits in the Alentejo region, including Quetzal Winery and restaurant, Alcáçovas Garden and Paço dos Henriques and the BeAromatic organic Herb Nursery, with Marion & Arnold ter Horst	Lunch included https://quintadoquetzal.com/
		Dinner not included in programme	Free to go into town. Info on recommended restaurants provided.