

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Workshop on Statistical Data Dissemination and Communication
(Geneva, Switzerland, 28-30 June 2017)

INFORMATION NOTICE No.2

I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

1. The Workshop on Statistical Data Dissemination and Communication will be held in Room XI at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 28 to 30 June 2017. The meeting will commence at 9:00 on Wednesday and is planned to finish on Friday at 12:30.

II. WEBSITE ADDRESS AND DOCUMENTATION

2. The documents for the meeting will be available at the following website:
<http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/x/fAWcBw>

3. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them as no documents will be made available in the meeting room. Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms in the Palais des Nations.

III. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

4. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. We advise you to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting as hotels in Geneva may be fully booked when there are many events taking place. Maps of Geneva, a list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following websites:

www.geneva-tourism.ch

www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html

5. Participants are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to The Workshop on Statistical Data Dissemination and Communication. If necessary, UNECE can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. Please contact Ms. Heini Salonen (e-mail: heini.salonen@unece.org) if you need such a letter.

IV. SOCIAL EVENTS

6. Please notice that there are 2 social events you can join:
a. Tuesday 27 June at 18:00 – Ice-breaker drinks at the Riverside Café

Come and join the Steering Committee members and other colleagues for drinks at the Riverside Café, located at Rue du Rhône 19 (<http://www.riversidecafe.ch/en/>). Please refer to section IX of this note for the location on a map. If you would like to join, please fill in your name (first name, last name) by Monday 26 June in the Doodle poll: <http://doodle.com/poll/uhkzte68hiwgc7fs>

b. Wednesday 28 June at 19:00 – Subscription Dinner

We would like to invite you to a subscription dinner on Wednesday at Café du Centre, located at Place du Molard 5 (<http://www.cafeduceentre.ch/home>). Please refer to section IX of this note for the location on a map. The menu offers a choice of a fish, chicken or vegetarian dish for the main course and a choice of dessert. Drinks include one glass of wine, water, coffee or tea. The price is CHF 45 per person (see annex 1).

Registration is required for this event. **The deadline for registration is Wednesday 21 June 2017.** Register by filling in your name (first name, last name) and ticking the box that corresponds to your choice of main dish and dessert in the Doodle Poll: <http://doodle.com/poll/cbpit32sspv7shua>

Payment will take place directly at the restaurant.

V. ENTERING THE UN BUILDING – ATTENTION, NEW SECURITY MEASURES

7. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you will have to enter the Palais des Nations at the **Pregny Gate**, Avenue de la Paix 14 (buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop “Appia”) (see maps). It is advisable to arrive **1 hour** before the meeting is due to start, in order to allow time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Pregny Gate is opposite the Red Cross (“CICR”) building, approximately 300 meters uphill from the other Nations Gate at the Place des Nations, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen.

8. Please bring your photo ID (e.g. passport) to present it at the Security Office on the first day.

9. Once you have your badge, it will be possible to exit and re-enter the Palais des Nations area through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate, depending on what type of badge you have.

10. Please note the new security measures at the Palais. **Only four doors can now be used by delegates to enter and exit the building: C6, A15, A17 or E40** (see maps). These doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

11. For identification and security reasons, participants are requested to wear their badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations. Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations. Such luggage is not permitted in the building, and there is only limited storage space for it at the Pregny Gate. You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g. computer bags, rucksacks and hand bags.

VI. TRAVELLING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

12. Geneva International Airport offers incoming passengers a **free ticket for public transport**. These tickets, available from a machine in the baggage collection area, allow you to use any public transport (train, tram, bus, boat) in Geneva and surrounding areas for a period of 80 minutes. Look for the machine pictured below after collecting your luggage and before walking out through the customs area.



13. Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The **train** is the most efficient way to travel to the city centre. Follow the signs to the airport railway station from the arrivals area. All trains leaving from the airport stop at the central Geneva “Cornavin” station. The journey takes six minutes.

14. In addition to the train, there are **buses** from the airport to various parts of Geneva:

To the United Nations / Office du Nations Unies (ONU) - Palais des Nations:

- Bus 5 (direction Thonex-Vallard) - stop “Nations”
- Bus 28 (direction Jardin Botanique) - stop “Appia”

To Geneva city centre:

- Bus 10 (direction Onex)

15. **Taxis** are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport into the city centre will usually cost around CHF 35.

16. Tourist and public transport information is available at the [Unireso](#) information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. More information on Geneva’s free public transport initiative is available from:

- Public transport from Geneva Airport - www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/

VII. TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

17. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. Please ask at the reception when you check into your hotel.

18. Geneva is a small city and it is easy to reach places by foot. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from the Geneva-Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations. It takes another 10-15 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

19. **Tram 15** goes from Cornavin train station to the Place des **Nations** (the main square outside the Palais des Nations). From Cornavin take the tram in the direction “Nations”, which is also the name of the last stop where you should get off.

20. **Buses 5, 8, 11, 28, F, V, and Z** serve the Place des Nations, and stop close to the Nations gate. Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z also stop near the Pregny Gate at the stop named “**Appia**”.

21. Further information on itineraries, timetables and fares is available on the site of the **Transports Publics Genevois** (www.tpg.ch/).

22. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, 50 meters uphill from the Nations gate. Taxis are available any time. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: 022 331 41 33. Taxis cannot enter the UN compound - passengers will have to get off at the Pregny or Nations gates.

VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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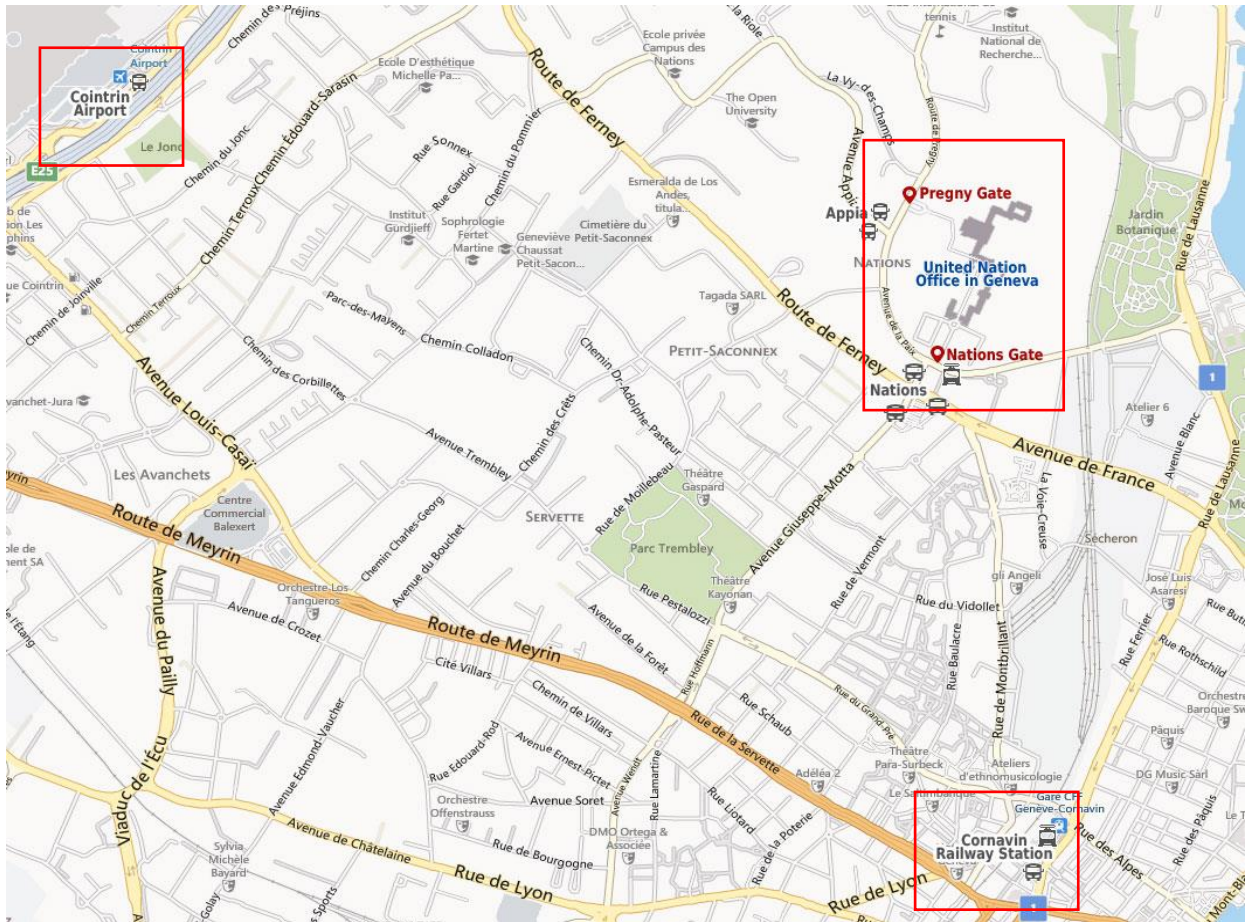
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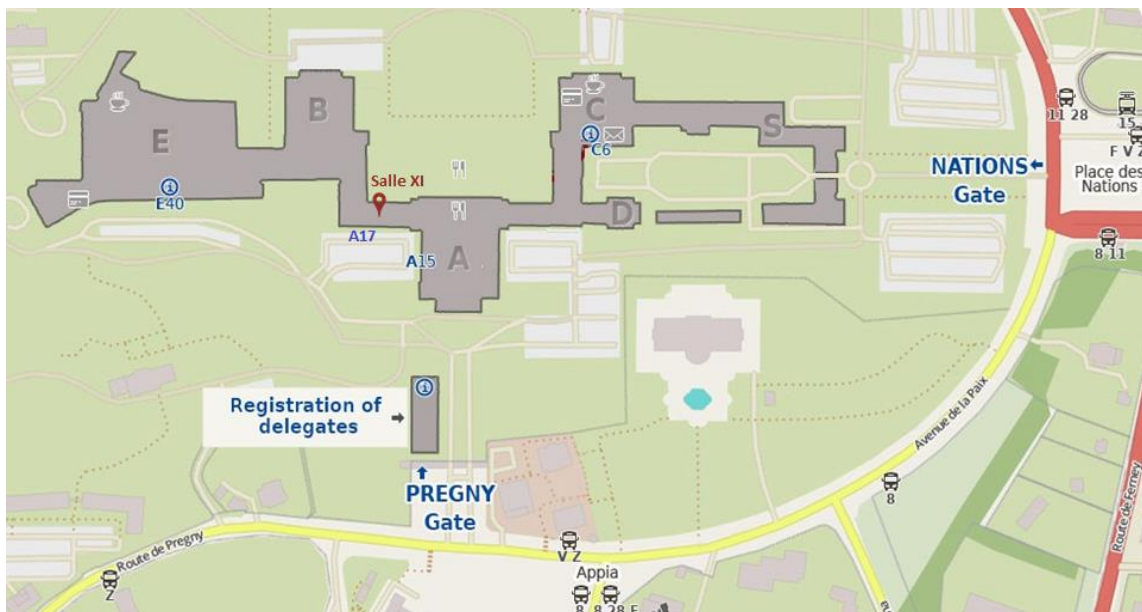
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IX. MAPS

Location of the airport, railway station and the Palais des Nations



Location of Salle XI (third floor)



Obtain your ID badge at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14.

Delegates with a valid ID badge can enter from Pregny Gate or Nations Gate.

Location of the Riverside Café and Café du Centre

How to get there:

- From bus stop “Nations” or “Appia” (Pregny gate) take bus no. 8 (dir. Veyrier-Douane or Veyrier-Tournettes), get off at bus stop “Métropole” (about ~18 mins), then walk.
- From your hotel arrive at bus stop “Métropole” with bus 2, 6, 8, 9, 25 or tram 12/bus 2, 7, 10, 36 - tram/bus stop “Molard”, then walk.

Bus Stop: Nations
Bus 8

Riverside Café
Rue Du Rhône 19,
1204 Genève

Bus Stop: Métropole

Bus/Tram Stop: Molard

Café du Centre
Place du Molard 5,
1204 Genève

ANNEX: Subscription dinner



Menu

Roast fillet of white fish, lemon butter sauce, steamed potatoes and spinach

or

Mushroom risotto

or

Corn fed chicken breast, herb risotto and morel sauce

Taste 3 of our finest desserts with choice of coffee

or

Fresh strawberries, Romanoff style

Mineral water

1 glass of wine (white, red or rosé)

Coffee or tea

CHF 45.00