



## Practical information

This document contains a series of practical information that may be useful to our participants in preparation for or during their stay in Zurich. It will be occasionally updated and a final version will be sent to all registered participants shortly before arrival.

It does not contain specific information on accommodation, travel directions and on the conference venue and, which are available [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. For authors with an oral or poster presentation, guidelines are available [here](#).

## Security

For security reasons, in accordance with ETH Zurich, we will have to ask for a **proof of identity to all registered participants before giving out the badge** and the conference material. Please provide a **valid photographic identification (passport or identity card)** at your arrival at the registration desk.

You will have to wear your badge at all times during the conference and access to the lecture rooms, the posters areas and the lunch/coffee breaks areas will be permitted only to participants wearing the badge.

**Large and closed bags will not be allowed in the lecture rooms.** A guarded cloak room will be available if temporary storage of luggage or large items will be needed.

## Power sockets (very important!)

Please be advised that the power sockets and plugs in Switzerland are rather unique and look like the pictures below.



Ungrounded, 2-pin plugs of the [Type C](#) (used for example in some European countries) will fit, but standards from several EU and non-EU countries (such as France and Germany, UK, USA and many others) will not fit without a proper adapter.

Be advised that adapter will not be available at the registration desk. They will be available at electronics stores in Zurich and at the airport shops, but they will not be very cheap. We

strongly recommend that you organize your adapter before travelling to the conference and make sure your adapter is compatible [with the Swiss \(Type J\) sockets](#).

In Switzerland the standard voltage is 230 V and frequency is 50 Hz.

Information on the various power sockets worldwide is available, for example, [here](#).

## **Internet at the conference venue**

A free Wi-Fi connection will be made available to all participants. Login details will be given upon arrival and printed in the program booklet.

## **Money**

The local currency is the **Swiss Franc (CHF)**. For current exchange rates with your own currency you can find updated information on the internet, for example [here](#).

**ATM machines** are widespread all over Zurich. There is one available near the ETH canteen, a short walk from the areas that will be used for the conference.

Money can be exchanged at the airport and at [Zurich main station](#) (the latter usually has better conditions for exchange rates and fees).

Credit cards can be used to pay almost everything/everywhere in Zurich.

Some shops may accept cash payments in Euro, but they will apply their own exchange rate, which will very likely not be ideal for you.