



The Fifth Workshop
Graph Embeddings and Maps on Surfaces

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Tále, Low Tatras, Slovakia

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Workshop
Graph Embeddings and Maps on Surfaces

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Second announcement

Dear Colleagues,

we are pleased that you plan to attend the workshop "Graph Embeddings and Maps on Surfaces". Here we provide you with more detailed information concerning the meeting.

Venue:

The conference site is Hotel Stupka (http://www.tale.sk/taleweb/tale_uk.nsf/page/Hotel_Stupka) situated in the Tále recreational region with an area of nearly 60 ha and a well-developed infrastructure. All the conference events will take place in the hotel or in the facilities of the Gray Bear Golf Centre.

Tále is tourist resort in the Low Tatra mountains, about 50 km east of Banská Bystrica. Banská Bystrica is a cultural, administrative and educational centre in the middle of Slovakia with good train and road connections from Bratislava, Vienna and Prague. The surrounding mountains offer numerous hiking opportunities. The Tále resort has a lot to offer, including one of the best golf courses in the country. Nearby, one can find other attractions such as caves, an antique railway, the open-air museum of forestry, etc.

Connections

By air to one of the following airports: Vienna (VIE), Bratislava (BTS) or Prague (PRG). From the airports the following possibilities can be used to continue to Banská Bystrica or Tále.

1. From Bratislava (210 km):

- (a) Rent a car in Bratislava and continue by car via Sereď and Nitra, to Banská Bystrica, altogether about 210 km;
- (b) Use regular bus lines starting from Bratislava bus station Mlynské Nivy (autobusová stanica, in Slovak);
- (c) Take a train from Bratislava central railway station (hlavná stanica) to Banská Bystrica.

2. From Prague (600 km):

- (a) Take a train from Prague to Banská Bystrica;

- (b) Take a train from Prague to Ružomberok (in the direction Prague – Košice). Then take a bus (50 km) or train from Ružomberok to Banská Bystrica.

It is possible to take reserve a bed on trains from Prague to either Banská Bystrica or Ružomberok.

3. From Vienna (310 km):

- (a) Rent a car and to get to Bratislava and then continue to Banská Bystrica as it is described in 1);
- (b) Take a taxi to Bratislava (probably expensive);
- (c) Take regular bus line starting at Vienna International Airport.

More detailed information on the connections from Bratislava, Vienna or Prague can be found on the conference website or you can look at <http://www.cp.sk> for information on all available bus and train connections in a large part of Europe.

You can get from Banská Bystrica to Tále either by car (see the map on our webpage) or by regular bus lines starting at Banská Bystrica Central Bus Station. The complete schedule can be find on the conference web page.

Since only two of the registered participants have shown an interest in our offer to arrange special transport directly from Bratislava, we will not arrange it.

For those who are interested in the evening transport from Banská Bystrica to Tále we offer the following: On June 28th (Sunday) there will be a 24-hour service at the rectorate building (Národná 12, Banská Bystrica) where you can leave your luggage, take a little refreshment and possibly take a look at the historical centre of town. We will arrange a transport for the participants from the rectorate building directly to the conference site, the departure is planned at 8:30 PM. You can easily get to the rectorate building from both stations by taxi or walk (15 min, see the map on the web for details).

Visas

Slovakia is a member of the European Union as well as of the Schengen group. For most of the countries around the world including Europe, North America, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea, no visa is required for visits of up to 90 days. If you are unsure whether a visa is necessary, please check the official pages of Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.foreign.gov.sk>). If you need an invitation letter to get a visa, please send your request, including all necessary personal and other data to Ms. Miroslava Crmanova (crmanova@fpv.umb.sk).

Programme

Registration: Sunday (June 28th) 5 - 10 PM,
Monday (June 29th) 8 - 10 AM
at the workshop site.

The conference fee, accommodation and board can be paid either via bank transfer (see the registration form result) or upon arrival (cash only, in Euro).

The scientific programme will start on Monday morning, and will end with the morning session on Friday. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday there will be morning and afternoon sessions. On Wednesday and Friday there will be morning sessions only. Each session will consist of a one-hour invited lecture followed by several 20-minute talks followed by discussions. For more details, see the conference programme on the website. There will be time for informal discussions on research problems in the afternoons and evenings. The participants are encouraged to present open problems in their talks.

Social events

There will be a welcome party on Monday, June 29th and a farewell party on Thursday July, 2nd. On Wednesday afternoon there is no scientific programme. We offer the following options (costs are included in the conference fee):

- (a) A golf lesson for beginners with a professional trainer,
- (b) A visit to a cave called the "Cave of dead bats" combined with a walk to peak of Ďumbier (2048 m above sea level). The excursion in the cave can only be organised for small groups. The cave has been left in its natural state. The excursion is therefore recommended only for people in good physical condition. Suitable clothing, including walking boots, is necessary.
- (c) An excursion to the open-air museum of forestry. The excursion includes transport by bus or car (20 km) and transport by an antique railway through a canyon.

Accommodation and board

The price list for rooms, board and conference fee is generated for each participant by the on-line registration form on the conference website. *Please check your registration data carefully!*

Contributions

If you have offered to contribute a talk, please do not forget to send us an abstract by June 6th. After this date we will not include your contribution in the conference booklet. Please use the registration form on the website or alternatively send a L^AT_EX file to

`gems09@savbb.sk`.

Research problems related to the topic of our workshop are welcome.

Proceedings

Conference proceedings will be published as a special issue of *Ars Mathematica Contemporanea* (AMC), edited by the guest editors Martin Škoviera (main guest editor), Roman Nedela, Stanislav Jendroľ and Jozef Širáň. The deadline for submissions for this special issue is October 30th, 2009. The papers will go through the standard refereeing procedure, following the rules of AMC. We will inform you soon about further details.

Questions

If you have any questions feel free to contact the organisers at

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