

# IFJ PAN Particle Physics Summer Student Programme 2022 Information Set #4

## 1 Reminders

Those, who will attend locally (in Krakow), should read carefully *Information Set #1*:

- make sure that you have a valid personal accident insurance during the apprenticeship (ubezpieczenie NNW). A scan with confirmation or good quality photo should be sent to dr Marzena Mitura-Nowak ([praktyki@ifj.edu.pl](mailto:praktyki@ifj.edu.pl)) as soon as possible, cc-ing [ppss@ifj.edu.pl](mailto:ppss@ifj.edu.pl),
- make sure that you have a relevant health insurance during your stay in Poland,
- make sure that, if needed, you have a valid VISA,
- situation with COVID-19,
- situation in Poland due to war in Ukraine,
- travel information,
- transport in Krakow,
- accommodation – dates.

All of you should read carefully *Information Set #2*:

- laptops, Linux, C++, ROOT,

and *Information Set #3*:

- cooperation agreements.

## 2 Accommodation

Those who were granted a partial or full support will be accommodated in the student dormitory *DS3 'Akropol'* managed by AGH University of Science and Technology:

- address: ul. Tokarskiego 1, 30-065 Kraków, Poland
- phone (reception): +48 12 617 37 03
- e-mail: [ds3@agh.edu.pl](mailto:ds3@agh.edu.pl)

Accommodation will be possible from Saturday 02/07 until Sunday 31/07. Reception is opened 24/7. A list containing your names and amount of granted support will be delivered to the reception shortly before Saturday. The payments for rooms will be done upon agreement with our Institute – you are not expected to pay for your room at dorms. However, you should pay for any additional expenses / services (if they are not included in the room price, *e.g.* laundry; ask for details at the reception after arrival). In case person at reception does not speak English, ask polish PPSS participants who will be accommodated in dorms to help you.

## 2.1 Rooms

You will share a double or triple room with other participants. Rooms will have a basic standard:

- single with bedclothes,
- (most probably) a small fridge and electric kettle in each room,
- four rooms are connected into one component,
- each component has a shower, two sinks and a toilet,
- no toiletries are provided, you should also have your own towels (although a “medium sized towel” will probably be provided), *etc.*
- Internet should be available in each room (Ethernet cable may be needed),
- there is a common kitchen at each floor; note that no kitchen equipment is provided – if you want to cook/prepare meals you have to arrange all necessary equipment (cutlery, plates, pots, pans, glasses, *etc.*) yourself,
- laundry room is available in dorms – ask at the reception desk; such service is paid separately.

## 2.2 Meals

You are expected to organize all meals on your own. Since during the working days & usual working hours you are expected to be in IFJ PAN, you should consider having lunch in vicinity of the Institute. You will have several options:

- restaurants around IFJ PAN, *e.g.* KFC, MCDonalds, Ikea, Galeria Bronowice, *etc.*,
- your own lunch box (possibility to use a microwave at Institute – ask us for details upon arrival).

In the Institute you will also have access to our coffee machine.

## 3 Transportation in Cracow

Buses and trams are probably the most convenient way of transportation in Cracow. Connections can be checked on *e.g.* <https://jakdojade.pl/krakow/trasa/>. Important stops:

- airport: ‘Krakow Airport’ (zone 2),
- dorms: ‘Miasteczko Studenckie AGH’ (zone 1),
- IFJ PAN: ‘Rondo Ofiar Katynia’ (zone 1).

Prices:

- one way tickets:  
<http://www.mpk.krakow.pl/pl/bilety2/cenniki-biletow-jedno-i-wieloprzejazdowych/>

- monthly tickets (note: you need to get a special pass first: <http://www.kkm.krakow.pl/pl/informacje-podstawowe/wydawanie-karty/>):  
<http://www.mpk.krakow.pl/pl/bilety2/cenniki-biletow-okresowych/>.

If you would like to benefit from the reduced ticket prices, you will need to have:

- polish students: valid student card,
- foreign students: ISIC (International Student Identity Card).

## 4 Internet and Mobile Phones

The most convenient way is to have an active EDUROAM certificate. In dorms Internet should be provided by AGH operator (Ethernet cable may be needed). At IFJ PAN you can either use eduroam or our guest network.

Owners of EU-registered phones should profit from the special EU arrangements. Usually, phone calls and text messages are not more expensive than in your home country. Also, you should have some GBs of Internet. Please check with your operator what are the roaming prices when connecting from Poland. Finally, **remember to switch on roaming options**.

Owners of non-EU registered phones may expect higher prices for connections, Internet *etc.* If you would like to use your phone while in Poland, you may want to consult your operator to check for the actual prices, special roaming offers, etc. You may also consider buying a prepaid polish SIM card.

Organizers of PPSS will not provide solutions nor mediate with phone operators. If you are interested in further details, please ask consultants in the service points and/or consult your polish room-mates in dorms.

## 5 Currency

**Polish currency** is called złoty (zł / PLN). Currently 1 EUR is about 4.70 PLN. See *e.g.* [here](#) for recent, official exchange rates.

Please note that payment in EUR is possible in only few shops / restaurants (mainly in city center). In most of the cases you will be asked to pay in PLN or by credit card.

Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks (usually only EUR, USD, CHF, GBP) or exchange offices (*pl.* kantors). There are many exchange offices in the strict city center (around the main train station, Florianska and Slawkowska streets). There is also one close to IFJ PAN – in Galeria Bronowice (this one usually have one of the best exchange rates in Krakow). In the exchange offices most of the currencies can be exchanged to PLN. However, please check the exchange rates in a few places as they may significantly differ between various agencies. For example, the rates at the airport are usually much worse than the ones in the city center (if you must buy PLN at the airport to reach city centre I suggest to exchange bare minimum, *e.g.* 20 EUR).

Some hints:

- usually, if the spread (buy-to-sell difference) is small (below few % compared to amount) the rate is OK,
- exchange rates for the major currencies (EUR/USD/CHF/GBP) are OK in the majority of exchange offices,

- the spread for less popular currencies is usually higher (even up to 20-30%) and highly depends on the agency,
- in case spread for *e.g.* EUR is small in your country you may consider exchanging to EUR before coming to Poland and then exchange EUR to PLN,
- a good practice is to ask directly ‘how much PLN I will get for XXX EUR’ to be sure that you had read out the exchange rate correctly,
- usually there is no commission fee, but see above.

Other option is **payment via credit card** – most of the places (restaurants, shops, cinemas, museums, *etc.*) have terminals. Credit cards may also be used to **take PLNs from ATMs**. Please consult your bank in order to learn about the rates and commissions.

## 6 Law

Rules in Poland are in general very similar to the ones in other EU countries, *e.g.*,

- you have to carry your ID with you,
- it is good to have your vaccination certificate (although it is currently not required to be shown),
- it is good to have face-masks with you, but except hospitals they are not required to be worn,
- you must not cross street on the red light,
- you must not smoke nor drink in public areas,
- smoking in restaurants and pubs is forbidden except dedicated areas,
- selling / using / possessing drugs (including marijuana) is illegal,
- ...

You can search more through Internet, ask your polish friends in dorms or, in case of doubts, consult Organizers.

## 7 Access to IFJ PAN

In the first week you will only access via the main gate (from E. Radzikowskiego street). Access will be on a basis of a list provided by Organizers to guards. Please note that guards may ask you to show your ID.

Once your agreement with IFJ PAN is signed you will receive an access card. More details about the access cards will be provided during the first week.

On the first day you should go to the main lecture hall (aula) – see map. Organizers can be found in rooms: 0207 – dr Maciej Trzebiński, 0218 – dr Dominik Derendarz and 0204 – dr Rafał Staszewski.



**Lecture halls:**

- A MSD – first floor,
- B 0108 – ground level,
- C 4402 – fourth floor,
- D main lecture hall – first floor.

Key code to find a room.

For example: 0108:

- 0 – building,
- 1 – floor,
- 08 – room.