



VENUE INFORMATION

IPICS 2012 SUMMER SCHOOL

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ABOUT VIENNA

Vienna is Austria's principal city – and one of the country's nine states – with a population of about 1.7 million (2.3 million within the metropolitan area). It is by far the largest city in Austria, as well as its cultural, economic, and political centre and the tenth largest city by population in the European Union. As of 2008, Vienna was listed by Mercer Human Resource Consulting as having the second highest quality of living.

Vienna is host to many major international organizations and various international institutions and companies; and is the seat of a number of United Nations offices. It is currently the world's 4th "UN city" (after New York, Geneva and The Hague). In 2001, the city centre was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The city has a multi-faceted cultural life as it offers a choice of theatres, opera houses, stages for musicals, museums and numerous theatre, music and dance festivals. The Museumsquartier, with its Baroque façade, is home to one of the biggest cultural districts in Europe.

With its worldwide reputation as a city of music, Vienna's first-class orchestras and ensembles give the city its seal of excellence. Alongside contemporary music, classical music continues to play a vital role, as is made evident by the Vienna Philharmonic, the City of Vienna Concert Orchestra, the Vienna Symphony Orchestra and many others. The regular appearance of international artists and ensembles on Vienna stages, compliment the city's cultural life.

During the summer months the Vienna Film Festival on Rathausplatz attracts music lovers from all corners of the world. The City Hall provides a perfect backdrop for classical music performances, and the various food stalls dish up an excellent international culinary experience.

Almost half of Vienna's municipal area is green. Parks and gardens, recreational areas, the Vienna Woods, Danube Island and the Old Danube offer a variety of sports activities, such as running, skating, biking, swimming, surfing, golf and tennis. Vienna also has its own national park, of which approximately one-quarter is within the city boundaries. The park provides a habitat for many endangered flora and fauna right near the city.

The café is Vienna's favourite place to relax in, where visitors can escape daily stress, meet friends,

read the papers or simply enjoy a good cup of coffee. And, for night-time entertainment, there are plenty of bars, restaurants and event locations to choose from.

For more information see: <http://www.wien.info/en>

THE IPICS 2012 ACCOMMODATION

The full registration pack includes accommodation. Participants will be accommodated in the Guesthouse of the Vienna University / Molkereistraße

([http://housing.oead.at/01_housing_folge_e.asp?RECORD_KEY\[Housing\]=id&id\[Housing\]=1](http://housing.oead.at/01_housing_folge_e.asp?RECORD_KEY[Housing]=id&id[Housing]=1)) which is located next to the *Prater*.

Address of the IPICS 2012 Accommodation:

OeAD Guesthouse Molkereistraße

Molkereistraße 1

1020 Vienna

Provided rooms will be one-bedroom units in a 2 bedroom flat.

Facilities:

- free Bedlinen
- free internet access (LAN cable required)
- TV set
- Telephone
- Apartment facilities:
 - *Kitchenette
 - *Bathroom

Note: Students have to bring their own towel and a LAN cable!



HEREABOUTS

Praterstern

At the Railway Station *Praterstern* (which is also a metro stop) you can find a lot of useful shops and little restaurants. There is also a supermarket (*Billa*) located where you can buy everything you need

(food, toiletries,...). This supermarket is not more expensive than others, although it is located directly at the railway station. Open daily (also on Sunday) from 06.00 to 21.00.

The Viennese Prater

The OeAD Guesthouse is located close to the Viennese Prater (walking distance of a few minutes).

An amusement park for many, place of nostalgic dreams for some, oasis of greenery for almost everyone – and the location of the Giant Ferris Wheel, one of Vienna's most famous symbols. The Vienna Prater is in season from March to October. But the world-famous Giant Ferris Wheel and a few other attractions are open all year.

For more information see: <http://www.wien.info/en/sightseeing/prater>

HOW TO GET TO THE IPICS 2012 ACCOMMODATION

From the airport to the IPICS 2012 accommodation:

The Vienna International Airport (VIE) in *Schwechat* is about 20 km away in the southeast of Vienna. Train lines S7 and S2 connect the city center with the airport. You need a single ticket for two zones (4 Euro) between the airport and any place in the city. To go from the airport to the accommodation of IPICS 2012 take the line S7 in direction *Floridsdorf*. Get off at *Praterstern* and take the metro U2 (purple line) in direction *Aspernstraße*. Get off at the first stop at *Messe-Prater* (see map 1).



Map 1: metro - accommodation

See: <http://goo.gl/maps/SVAYW>

The City Airport Train (CAT) is a more comfortable line connecting the airport with *Wien Mitte* (8 to 10 Euro one way). Furthermore, there are bus services to and from several places in the city. You can also use taxis for your convenience, the taxi fare is at around 25-30 Euro.

IPICS 2012 VENUE

IPICS 2012 Summer School will be held at the Vienna University of Technology (TU) in the 4th district of Vienna close to the city center. More precisely, the conference takes place in the *Freihaus* of the Vienna University of Technology.

Address of IPICS 2012:

Vienna University of Technology - *Freihaus*

Lecture Hall: HS 5 (2nd floor)

Wiedner Hauptstraße 8-10

1040 Vienna

HOW TO GET TO THE IPICS 2012 VENUE

Public Transportation:

The IPICS 2012 Venue is conveniently close to the underground station *Karlsplatz* (U1, U2, and U4) providing fast connection to most places.

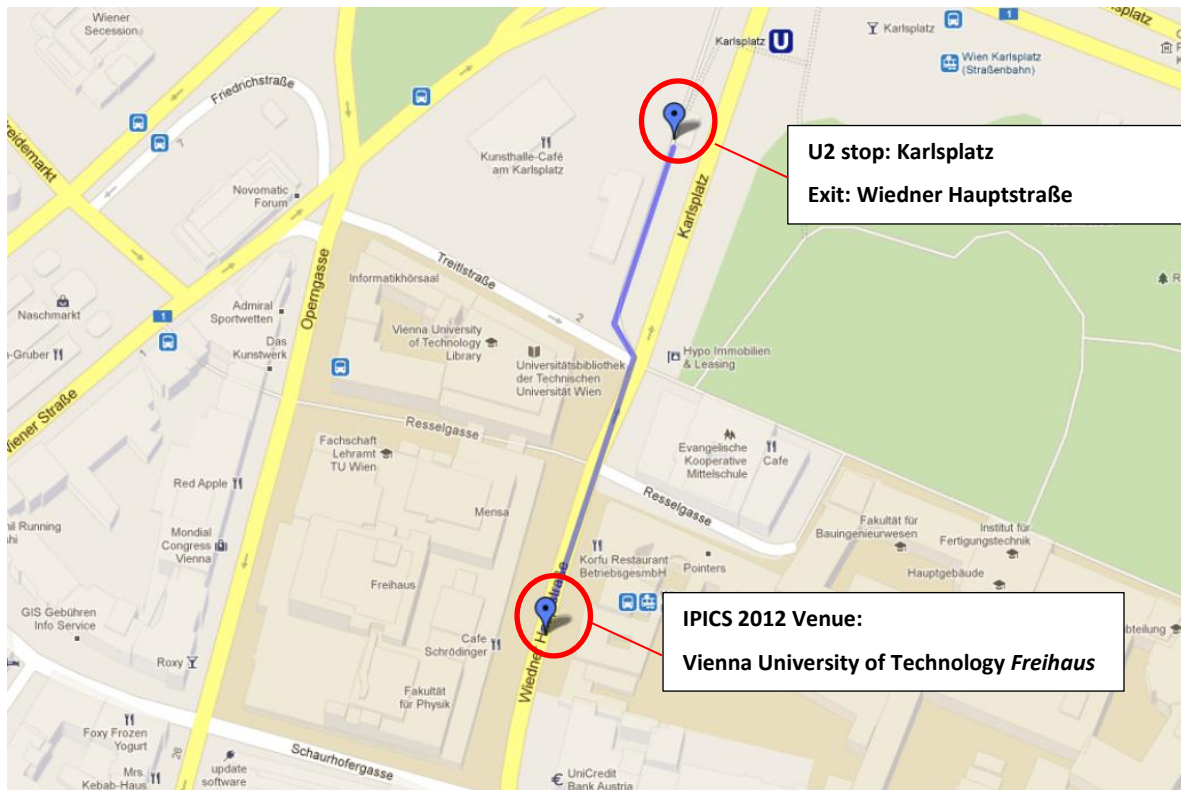
To find a connection see: http://efa.vor.at/wvb/XSLT_TRIP_REQUEST2?language=en

From the airport to the IPICS 2012 Venue (Vienna University of Technology):

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From the accommodation to the IPICS 2012 Venue (Vienna University of Technology):

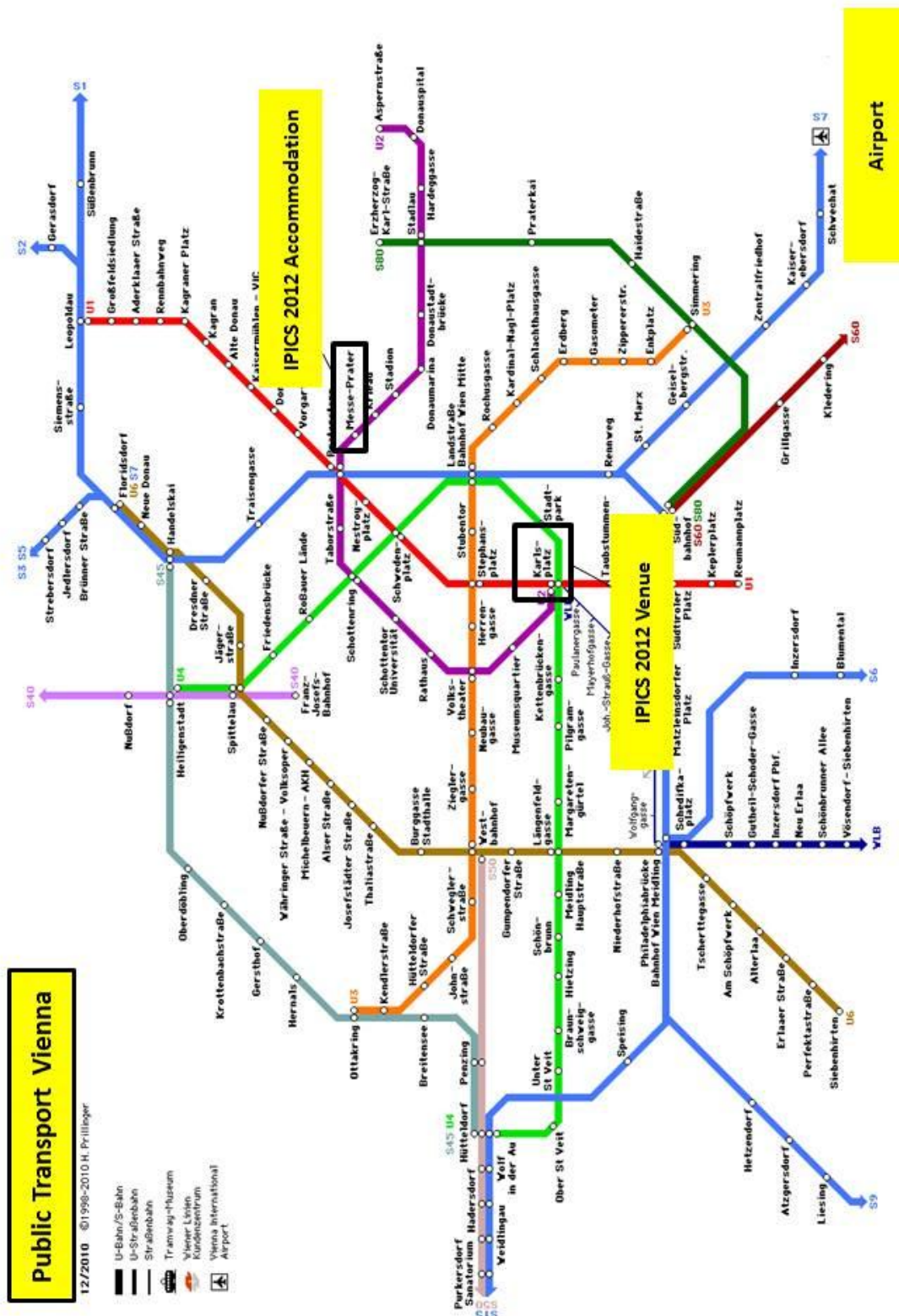
Take the U2 at *Messe-Prater* (in direction *Karlsplatz*) until *Karlsplatz* (see map 2).



Map 2: metro - Vienna University of Technology

See: <http://goo.gl/maps/swRUz>

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



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