

Practical information

„Conference on Invasive alien species in the Danube Region – IAS of regional concern”

Date: 04-05/03/2026

Venue: Hungary, Tata, Palm Event House of Hotel Kristály Imperial****

Address: 2890 Tata, Angolpark



The Venue

Tata is located 70 km NW from Budapest and the settlement was selected to the Capital of Biodiversity in Hungary (among the settlement with 10-30thousand inhabitants) in 2010. Tata also received the Wetland City Award of the Ramsar Convention in 2018 and hosted the 4th Roundtable of Wetland City Mayors in November 2025.

The Palm Event House belongs to the Hotel Kristály Imperial, the oldest Hotel of Hungary which is corresponding to 254-year history. The Palm Event House is located in the heart of an English Garden. It is only 5 min. by walk from the Kristály Hotel itself.

How to get there?

If you arrive by plane:

The closest airport is located in Budapest (HU) and there are regular shuttle bus services to Tata eg. ShuttleDirect, CityAirportTaxis. Airport of Vienna can be reached via train or with shuttle busses. Another international airports are located nearby in Vienna (AT) and Bratislava (SK).

If you arrive by car:

- from Budapest take the M1 motorway, the current M1 motorway reconstruction works can cause traffic jams and delays (70 km, approx. 1h)
- from Vienna take motorways A4 and M1 (185 km, approx. 2h 30min),
- from Bratislava take motorways E75-M15-E60 -M1 (140 km, 1h 50 min)

Tata municipality (incl. Palm Event House) provides free parking places for the participants of the conference.

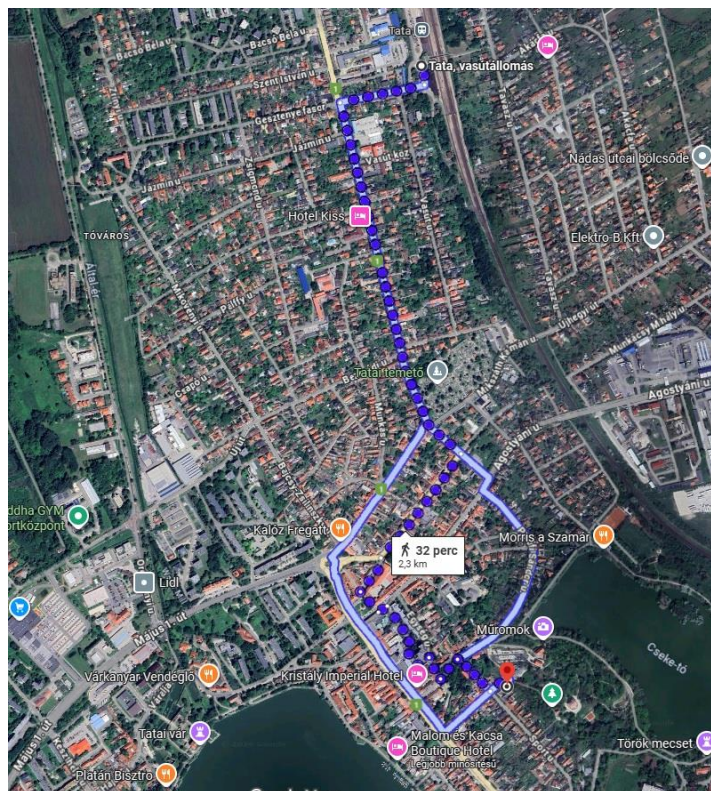
If you arrive by train:

Tata is easily accessible (1h) by train from Budapest – from where there are regular direct trains from Déli and Kelenföld train stations. From Vienna one transfer (in Győr), or from Bratislava two transfers (at Hegyeshalom and Győr) will be necessary and the travel takes 2h10-2h20min.

When you arrived a taxi rank is located by the main entrance of the train station. One fare to Palm Event House is approx. 3000-3500 HUF (8-10 EUR). When taking a taxi, you should avoid hailing unmarked taxi cabs. Several official taxi companies are operating in Tata:

- Taxi 4 Tata – Tel: 06 30 713 4513
- Gerecse Taxi – Tel: (06 34) 325 325

In front of the train station local public bus connections are also available 1 or 1M, 1R, 1T, 9 or 9M (to Tata Városcsözpont) than 13-15 minutes walk to the Palm House. Bus tickets are available at the bus station from the bus driver for cca. 400 HUF (approx. 1 EUR).



Accommodation

In Tata there are several hotels, pensions, apartments available. Some ideas are listed below:

Hotel Kristály Imperial****

H-2890 Tata, Ady Endre utca. 22

<https://hotelkristaly.eu/?lang=en>

*Please kindly note that in Hotel Kristály Imperial**** there are discounted hotel rooms available for the conference participants until 15 February in limited number, under the reference code „KKM”.*

Malom és Kacska Boutique Hotel****

H-2890 Tata, Tópart u 10.

<https://malomeskacska.hu/en/>

Hotel Kiss***

H-2890 Tata, Bacsó Béla u. 54.

<https://hotel-kiss.hu/eng/hotel-en/>

Platán Manor****

H-2890 Tata, Kastély tér 6.

<https://platantata.hu/en/platan-tata/>

Guided field trip on the second day of the conference (5th March)

Hotel Kristály is located 3 km (7 min. by car) from the Fényes Educational Trail and the organizers will provide bus transfer back and forth for those participants who requested it during registration.



The 1,5 km long study trail is under Ramsar protection and winds above a submerged alder forest, which is completely unique in Hungary, from where you can constantly peek at the aquatic world of wonderfully clear 20-22 °C karst springs erupting from the depths. These waters were utilized already by the Romans, but their discharge decreased heavily due to mining activities during 1950-2015. A lookout tower, hanging bridge and hand-operated ferry adds to the experience of the boardwalk trail. Professional English guidance will be secured by the Danube-Ipoly National Park Directorate detailing the challenges related to the management of IAS discovered at the site as well. Please be prepared with proper shoes. Depending on the weather conditions raincoat, or umbrella would be necessary.

Other useful information

Currency: HUF (currently 1 EUR = 377 HUF)

Time zone: Central European Summer Time - CEST (UTC+1)

Sightseeing in Tata: <https://platantata.hu/en/sights-of-tata/> or information in Hungarian is also available here: <https://visittata.com/>