

## **Value Conference 8th-9th June 2011** **Information Sheet**

**PLEASE BRING THIS INFORMATION SHEET WITH YOU**

**Rebekah Hughes from the University of Liverpool will be available during the conference to help with queries but the following information should be useful before you arrive.**

### **Transport from Ankara airport**

Esenboga airport is located outside the city centre (c. 40 km)

#### **TAXI**

If you are arriving late at night you may wish to use a taxi to get to your hotel but it will probably cost more than 100 TL. Prices are also subject to extra charges after 00. On the value facebook page you can alert others of your arrival time or alternatively use the email list by which this sheet has been sent. We are not arranging this for you – so you need to contact each other if you wish to share a taxi.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

If you arrive earlier in the day and can use public transport to your hotel then the following link to HAVAŞ (airport transport company) may be helpful. They adjust bus departures according to the flights so there will be a bus for late flights also. See <http://www.havas.net/en/shuttle-parking/ankara/>

At the airport take the bus named HAVAŞ - it is waiting just at the arrival exit. This bus takes you to the central bus station named AŞTİ. Trip takes approximately 40 minutes and costs 10 TL. At the AŞTİ you could take a taxi to the hotel. This trip takes about 10 minutes and costs roughly 20 TL.

If you are going from the airport to METU a taxi from the central bus station would cost as follows

- Bus station to convention centre is about 15-20 TL.
- Bus station to guest house (near conference centre) is about 15-20 TL.
- Bus station to Aysel Sabuncu guest house (further away from conference centre) is about 25-30 TL.

If you are staying at the METU **Aysel Sabuncu** guesthouse and use a taxi to get there then you can tell the taxi driver the following information: **Aysel Sabuncu Yaşam Merkezi, Bilkent tarafına yakın olan misafirhane.**

For the METU guesthouse near the conference centre the information is: **ODTÜ misafirhanesi, PTT ve İş Bankası yanı**

### **Welcome on Tuesday night**

For those of you who arrive earlier on the Tuesday (7 June) members of the VALUE Management Group will be available in the lobby of the Dedeman Hotel from 17.00 – 18.30 to welcome you and answer any immediate queries.

### **Evening meals Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

These two evenings are free for you to explore your own options for dinner.

Shown below and on the website is a map of the local area near the Dedeman hotel showing the busy shopping area with many eating options.

A popular option for the Tuesday night may be the Gumusluk Restaurant, Yorum Büklüm sok. 7/c kavaklidere – just up the same road as the Dedeman Hotel.

### **Getting to the Conference Venue – METU Conference Centre**

We are organising buses to transport conference delegates from the city centre to METU Conference Centre each day in the morning and back to the city centre at the end of each day.

The buses will leave the Dedeman Hotel at:

- 8.45 on Wednesday 8 June
- 8.30 on Thursday 9 June

If you are staying at the Royal Hotel, it is just up the same road from the Dedeman and so you should walk to the Dedeman to join this conference bus.

The buses will leave METU at:

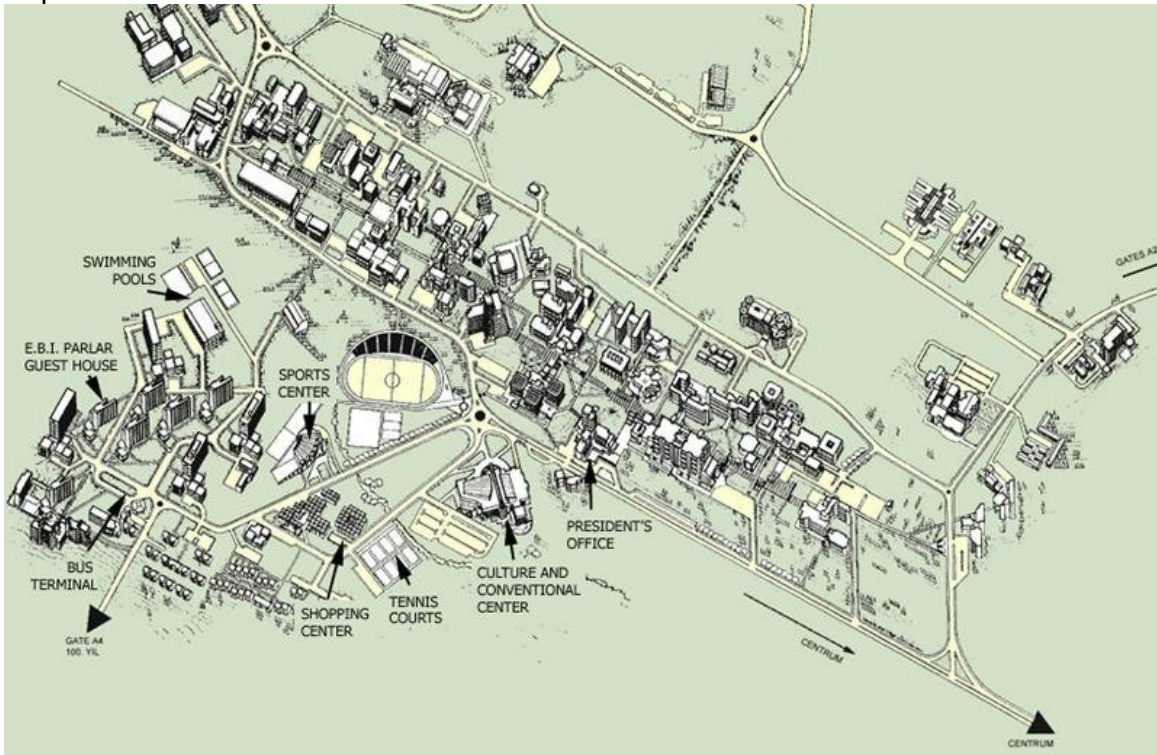
- 17.45 on 8 June
- 17.00 on 9 June

**Please be there on time to catch the bus as we will have to leave promptly.**

### **Conference location – Middle East Technical University (METU)**

There will be a map of the METU campus in your conference bags, which will be given out at the VALUE registration desk in the Cultural and Convention Conference Centre : <http://www.ccc.metu.edu.tr/>

The map below shows part of the campus with the Centre. On the VALUE website there is an interactive map also.



If you need help to find the Centre when on the METU Campus then the following translated phrase may help:

**Kültür Kongre Merkezinde VALUE Toplantısına katılacağım. (I am attending the VALUE Project meeting in the Convention Centre)**

## **Independent travel to the Conference Centre**

If you are not staying in or near the Dedeman Hotel but are staying in the city centre and wish to make your own transport arrangements to the conference centre you may find the following information helpful:

If you miss the bus to the conference centre and have to take a taxi then the address to show the taxi driver is: **ODTÜ Kültür Kongre Merkezi, Rektörlük karşısı**

There is also some information attached, which will help you take public transport to the venue if you choose to do this.

If you are staying in the Aysel Sabuncu guest house on the METU Campus there will be a minibus organised to take you from the guesthouse to the conference centre. Please contact Nuray Yildirim by email to let her know you wish to use this service at [ynuray@metu.edu.tr](mailto:ynuray@metu.edu.tr)

If you need to get a taxi back from the conference centre to the airport or city centre please ask at the conference centre's reception desk and they can help by calling the taxi. Also there is a taxi station in front of the centre (to the right when leaving the convention centre and climb up stairs). The address to show to the taxi driver for the Dedeman Hotel is **Dedeman Hotel, Kavaklı Dere Mah.Büklüm Sokak, No:1**

## **Access to METU**

There is a security point at the entrance to METU's campus and security staff require METU identity cards when going inside the university. In order to prevent any confusion our METU hosts will provide the names of the participants to the security staff so there won't be any problem. However if you are asked, you should say that you are attending the VALUE Project Conference in the convention centre. There should not be a need to speak in Turkish but just in case the phrase is: **Kültür Kongre Merkezinde VALUE Toplantısına katılacağım**

## **Conference Dinner**

This will be in the Dedeman Hotel starting at 19.45

## **Day 1 - Translation**

On Day 1 of the conference we are welcoming a large number of delegates from Turkish universities. In light of this there will be simultaneous translation into Turkish in the plenaries and informal translation into Turkish in the workshops.

## **Transport back to Ankara airport**

We are aware that many of you will be leaving Ankara on the Friday and may wish to share a taxi back to the airport. There will be a sheet on the board near the registration desk where you can leave your contact details, times of flights etc and arrange with other delegates if you wish to share a taxi with them.

## **Contact telephone numbers**

In case you need to get in touch with any of us during your time in Ankara:

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Dedeman Hotel 0090 312 416 8800



Ataturk Blv – main road through city

A=Dedeman Hotel on Buklum Sok

Tunali Hilmi Cadessi is a main shopping street, going south towards the Kugulu Park

Kugulu Parki – near the Sheraton and Hilton hotels and Karum Shopping Mall