

International Workshop on Electrochemistry of Electroactive Materials WEEM-2019

**Borovets, Bulgaria
June 16th - June 21st, 2019**

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Dear Colleagues,

We are glad to inform you that the preparation stage of WEEM-2019 has passed successfully: many top experts and young participants announced their intention to participate in this meeting. Effectively, we have received over 110 submissions. This shows that WEEM-2019 enjoys a high attraction.

The number of requests for oral presentations (83) turned out to be much higher than the maximum number of available time slots. The tradition of all WEEM conferences is to dedicate about half of the session time to discussions. This represents one of the most important features of this **workshop**. Each member of the Scientific Committee and the Advisory Board of WEEM evaluated independently all abstracts submitted for oral presentation. The total score of each presentation represented the principal criterion determining its final status. These evaluation results are distributed now among all corresponding authors of presentations.

In view of the high scientific prestige of this series of workshops the International Society of Electrochemistry (**ISE**) has granted its sponsorship to WEEM-2019, on the basis of the positive assessment by ISE Divisions 1 and 4. WEEM-2019 has also been supported by a conference grant of **Bulgarian Science Fund**.

Borovets and Workshop venue:

Borovets is situated about 70 km southwest from Sofia in the foot of Rila mountain. Borovets, known as Chamkoria until the mid 20th century, is the first mountain resort of its kind, in Bulgaria and on the entire Balkan range. Its origin dates back to 1896, when Kniaz Ferdinand – Bulgaria's monarch at the time, had his summer residence and several hunting lodges built there. His example was followed by aristocrats and members of the Bulgarian elite, who subsequently built their summer cottages and chalets in Borovets. In the 60s and 70s, the resort expanded to become the largest winter sports centre on the Balkans – new ski drags and lifts were erected, the ski slopes were widened and numerous alpine-style hotels were built. Today Borovets is a modern four-seasons resort with an excellent network of ski slopes and lifts, cosy alpine hotels at the backdrop of breath-taking nature.

The workshop will take place in **Hotel Rila** (<http://www.rilaborovets.com/en>) . The hotel provides comfortable accommodation, suitable conference facilities, and opportunities for good relaxation:

- single and double rooms to accommodate all workshop participants in the same hotel
- new conference and events center with 8 meeting rooms
- several restaurants and a lobby bar
- in-door swimming pool and hot tub with direct view to the mountain

Travel Information.

By workshop organized transport: There is no direct regular public transportation between Sofia (in particular, Sofia airport) and the conference place (Borovets). The transportation of all participants arriving at Sofia airport will be arranged by bus/microbus according to the flight schedules. All information concerning arrival/departure should be communicated to New Event Company, the partner in the workshop organization (see **Accommodation, full board and transportation** below).

By public bus: Every 30 minutes, a bus departs from South Bus Station (Avtogara Yug), Sofia to Samokov Bus Station (duration: 1 hour). The easiest way to reach avtogara Yug from Sofia airport is to take a taxi.

A shuttle service from Samokov to Borovets is available every 30 minutes. In Borovets, the shuttle stops in front of Hotel Samokov. On the way back from Borovets to Samokov Bus Station, the shuttle leaves from the Hotel Ela in Borovets.

Visas and Formal Invitation Letters

All participants that need visas for their stay in Bulgaria will be provided with Invitation letters. Please fill the necessary information in the registration site of New Event

<https://form.jotformeu.com/81922338578366>

Invitations do not imply any financial responsibility or any other kind of obligation from the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Schedule

- Arrival: Sunday, June 16, 2019. Welcome cocktail is planned at 6 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm.
- Lecture sessions: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning, Thursday, Friday morning (till noon)
- Excursion and conference dinner: Wednesday afternoon.
- Departure: Friday, June 21, 2019, after lunch

Registration fees and accommodation

The total conference fee consists of two parts to be paid independently.

Accommodation, full board and transportation

Accommodation (five nights), full board (from Sunday dinner till Friday lunch) during the conference and local transport (Sofia airport-Borovets-Sofia airport) costs:

	before March 1
Single room	385 EUR
Double room (shared)	320 EUR / per participant
Double room	640 EUR (participant + accompanying person)

The accommodation and transportation fee should be paid to New Event company after registration at the web-site: <https://form.jotformeu.com/81922338578366>

Payments can be made by debit/credit card, bank transfer or money transfer.

Cancellation policy for accommodation, full board and transportation costs is announced on the web-site <https://form.jotformeu.com/81922338578366>

For all questions concerning accommodation and transportation please contact New Event Company (e-mail: weem2019@newevent.bg).

Workshop fee

The workshop fee covers participation in the workshop scientific program, conference materials, coffee breaks, welcome cocktail, conference dinner, excursion and amount to:

	before March 1	after March 10
Participant	145 EUR	180 EUR
Accompanying person (non-attending the scientific program)*	50 EUR	80 EUR

**Accompanying person participation fee covers welcome cocktail, conference dinner and excursion*

The workshop fee should be paid by bank transfer to Institute of Physical Chemistry, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences at the following bank account:

Account holder: Institute of Physical Chemistry, BAS

Bank: Unicredit Bulbank

IBAN: BG17 UNCR 7630 3400 0011 57

BIC: UNCRBGSF

For registration please fill in the Registration form available at the conference web-site: <http://ipc.bas.bg/page/en/home/weem-2019.php?lang=EN> and send it to weem-2019@ipc.bas.bg.

Cancellation policy:

50 EUR administration costs will be charged on the workshop fee for cancellations received before May 15, 2019. Thereafter, no refund of workshop fees will be possible. Cancellations must be made by e-mail.

Invoices

Invoices for the payments will be received from New Event company for accommodation and transportation and from Institute of Physical Chemistry for the workshop fee.

Please fill the correct **billing address** in your registration forms.

Extended Abstracts

The abstracts of presentations for the conference proceedings should be submitted in electronic form (*.doc, *.docx,) by May 15 to weem2019@ipc.bas.bg. It should not extend 3 pages including embedded figures and references. Please use the template file provided at WEEM-2019 web-site. Larger files can be send in compressed form (.zip). If no extended abstracts are received by May 15 the corresponding abstracts sent for preliminary registration will be included in the conference proceedings.

Electronic conference proceedings will be available as downloadable file before the beginning of the conference.

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Next steps

The Organizing Committee asks all participants to send:

- **As soon as possible** confirmation of participation with filled in **Registration form** available at the website: <http://ipc.bas.bg/page/en/home/weem-2019.php?lang=EN>
- **A soon as possible** registration for **accommodation and transport** via the New Event company web-site
- **Till March 1:** Payment of both conference fee and accommodation, full board and transportation fee
- **Till May 15:** Submission of abstracts for the electronic conference proceedings

Preliminary program of WEEM-2019 will be distributed via email early in June, 2019.

Important Dates

March 1, 2019	Registration and payment of the conference fee (two parts)
May 15, 2019	Submission of extended abstracts for conference proceedings
June 5, 2019	Distribution of the preliminary program
June 16, 2019	Arrival in Borovets. Welcome cocktail and dinner
June 21, 2019 noon	Closing ceremony. Lunch. Departure from Borovets