



UNIVERSITATEA
BABEȘ-BOLYAI



ALTE 51st Meeting & Conference Day

11th – 13th April 2018 – Cluj-Napoca, Romania



Practical information for delegates

Welcome to Cluj-Napoca!

Welcome to Cluj-Napoca, the unofficial capital and the official heart of Transylvania! Cluj-Napoca (or Cluj) is a university city with more than 70.000 students, who bring dynamism and liveliness to the place. Rich history, cultural events and good food – you can find them all here.

We welcome you with an exciting programme of the ALTE event, a nice tour through the city centre and social events.

Currency

The Romanian currency is called **leu** (pl. **lei**) or RON and its value is approximately 1 euro = 4,6 lei.

You can change euro to lei in any bank, in exchange houses or at ATMs (including upon arrival at the airport).

Travel Information

The easiest way to reach Cluj is by plane. The city is connected directly to more than 40 destinations around Europe and the world. If you have enough time, you can take the train or you can drive here; however, if you choose one of these options, be prepared for unexpected stops and possible delays.

By plane

You can fly directly to Cluj from numerous cities in Europe (http://airportcluj.ro/passenger-information/destinatii?id_limba=2). You can also fly to Bucharest or Budapest and get from there to Cluj. However, if you travel through Bucharest, it would not be such a good idea to try and reach Cluj by train. You might actually miss the conference and get here by the time everyone else is leaving. There are between 8 and 10 flights from Bucharest to Cluj every day (<http://www.bucharestairports.ro/>).

From the airport to town

Once you get to the airport in Cluj, take bus **no. 8** (runs every 20 minutes) or trolleybus **no. 5** (runs every 10 minutes). They will take you to the centre of the town (the distance is of 8 km), for a fare of 2 lei (less than 50 eurocents). You can get tickets from kiosks, from ticket machines or by SMS (before getting on the bus, send a message to 7479 with the number of the bus you are getting on). The journey takes about 30 minutes (<http://www.ctpcj.ro>).

You can also take a taxi. You will find one at the exit from the international arrivals terminal. The journey will cost maximum 10 euros from the airport to the door of your hotel. Only take company taxis (avoid, however, Activ Taxi) and ask the driver about the price first. You can download the app **Clever Taxi** on your phone, which you can then use for ordering a taxi, confirming the order and tracking the trip to your destination.

By train

There are train connections to most Romanian cities, including fast InterCity trains to Oradea, Timișoara, Brașov, and Bucharest. The average trip from Cluj to Budapest is around 8 hours. Cluj to Bucharest can vary between 8 and 14 hours. When planning a train trip in Romania, please keep in mind that you need to allow 2 hours for each hundred kilometers of journey.

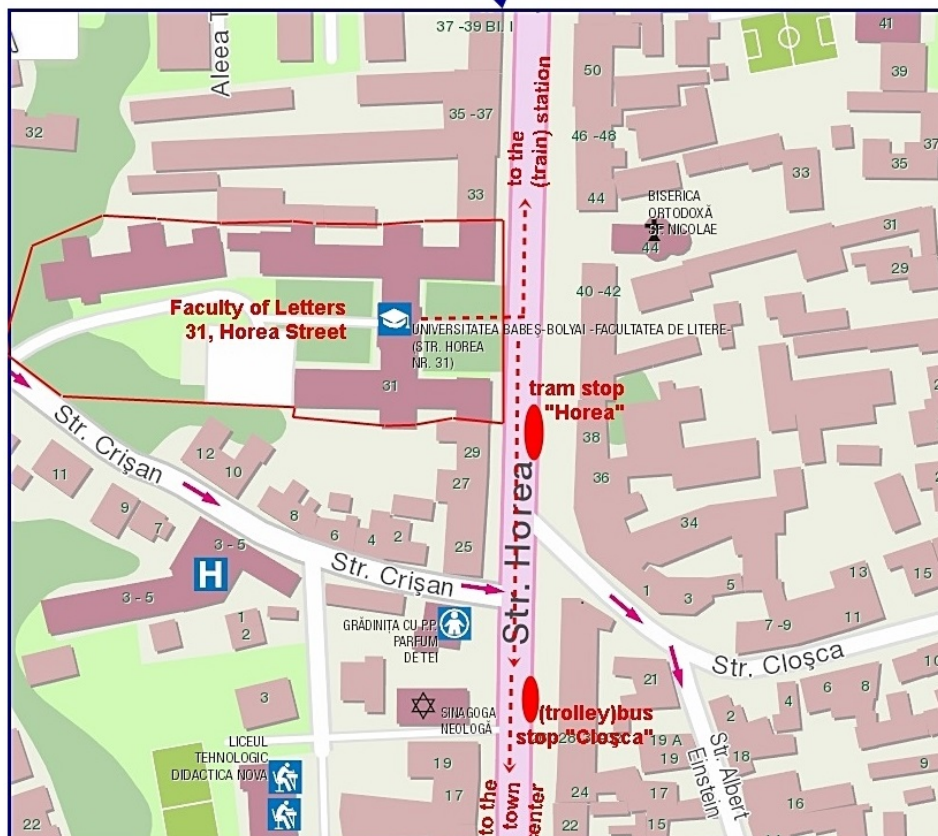
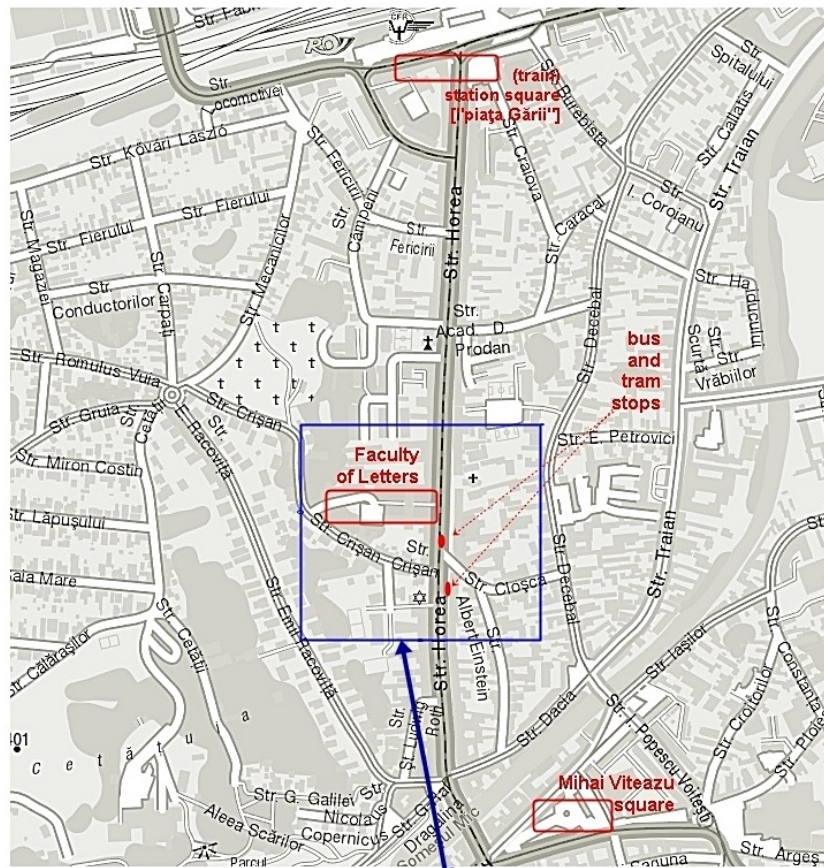
By car

The European road E60 links Cluj-Napoca to Bucharest and Brașov to the south, Oradea and Budapest to the west, through Borș customs. E81 leads to the north and to Brașov and Bucharest to the south. E58 links Cluj-Napoca to Baia Mare.

Maps & directions

Faculty of Letters, 31 Horea St. (venue)

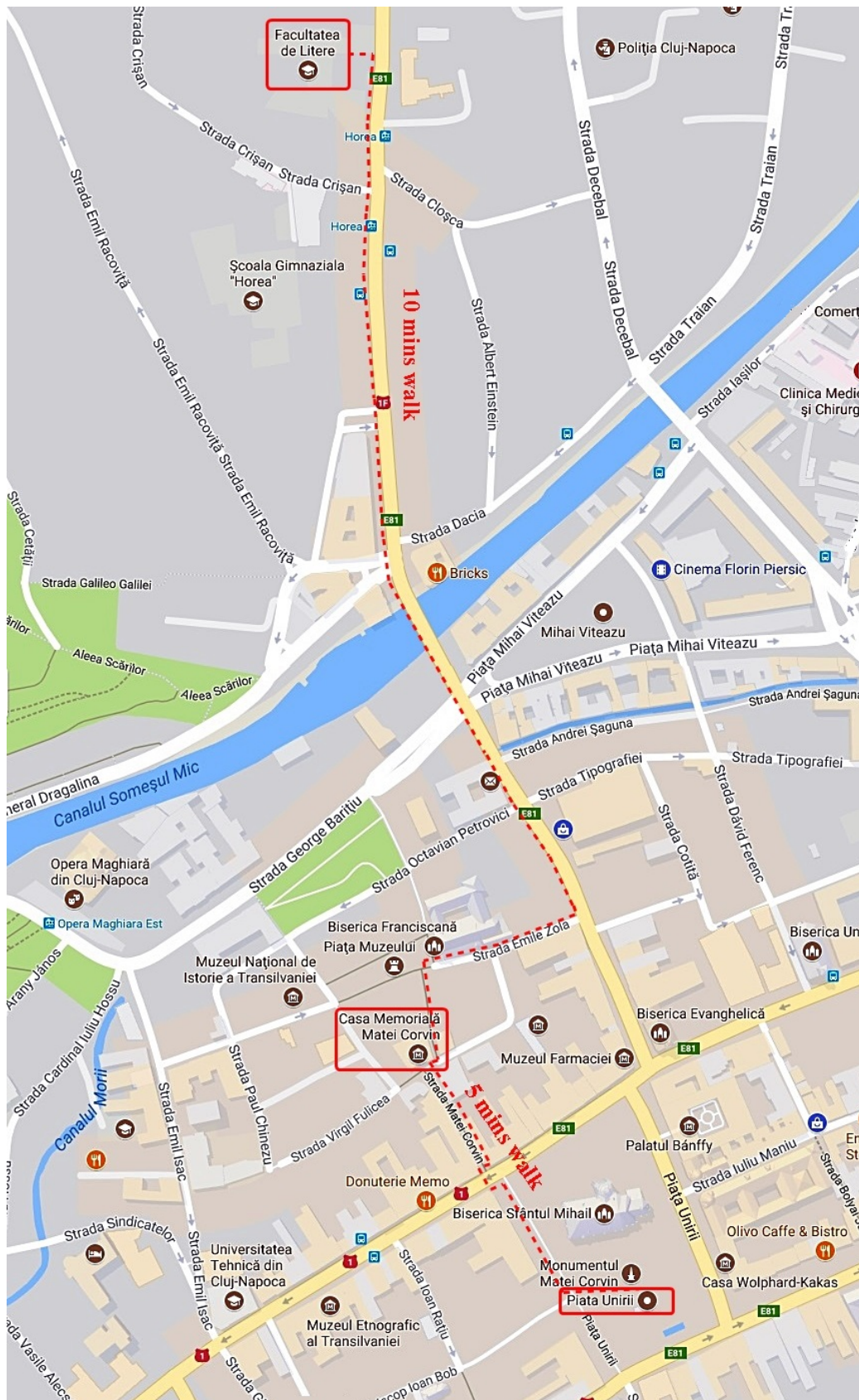
This map indicates the Faculty of Letters in relation with the train station and Mihai Viteazu Square, in the centre of the town.



Faculty of Letters – Museum Square (Piața Muzeului)

Museum Square is the meeting point for the city tour.

5 minute walk from Museum Square is Unirii Square (Piața Unirii), the best meeting point if you want to be in the city centre.



Faculty of Letters – Capitoliu Restaurant

Lunch will be served at the [Capitoliu Restaurant](#) (Str. Decebal 22, Cluj Napoca) on all three days of the 11th, 12th and 13th of April.



Social events

Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm: Conference Dinner

The ALTE delegates are invited to the conference dinner offered by the hosts: the BBU-RCI Consortium for Testing Romanian as a Foreign Language (Babes-Bolyai University and the Romanian Cultural Institute).

The dinner will take place on the 12th of April, at [Piramida Restaurant](#), which is the restaurant of Babeș-Bolyai University. Situated in the centre of Cluj, the place combines over 60 years of experience with modern facilities, having been totally renewed a couple of years ago. It is an elegant room, covered with a glass pyramid, placed in a quiet, green area close to the headquarters of the university. The menu is extremely varied, ranging from traditional dishes to refined international foods.

There will be a meeting point at 7.15pm at the Unirii Square (Piața Unirii, see map on page 5), where our colleagues will escort us to the restaurant.

Saturday 14th April: trip to Turda salt mine

You are invited to participate in a trip to Turda salt mine on Saturday 14th of April.

The salt mine, which is now a tourist site, is situated at about 30 km from Cluj-Napoca.

The visit to the salt mine will take place **between 9am and 3pm**. More exactly, the bus will leave Cluj at 9am, getting at the venue of the site visit at around 10am. The visit will last 4 hours, until 2pm. The expected arrival in Cluj should be at **3pm**, but please take into account possible delays due to the traffic.

Transportation and the guided tour will be provided for free by the organisers of the conference. Lunch and drinks are not provided. More information on the mine and the exact pick up/collection places for the transport arrangements will be provided at the conference.

Please, wear warmer clothes because the maximum temperature in the mine is 12 degrees.

Turda salt mine is an impressive site to visit, bathed in refreshing air and full of activities. You can play billiards, take a boat on the interior lake in the mine and have fun in the echo room.

For more info, please, visit <http://salinaturda.eu/home/?lang=en>.

Internet facilities

There is a Wi-Fi network on the premises of the Faculty of Letters. The participants in the conference will receive a password once they arrive and register for the event which will allow them to connect to the wireless network.

Hotels

Besides the hotels recommended here, you might want to check the apartments available for booking in the central area of Cluj. Some of them have exceptional rating and would be within walking distance from the venue (5–15 minutes).

Hotel Universitas - 7 Pandurilor St.



This is the hotel of Babeş-Bolyai University. For booking rooms in this hotel, please, write a message to me (dina.vilcu@yahoo.co.uk). There is no possibility to book a room directly at the hotel or through a booking site.

The price of a room with a double bed is 32 euro/night and of a bed in a twin room is of 26 euro/night (breakfast included). There is a tram stop right next to the hotel. In 10-15 minutes you

are at the Faculty of Letters. The stop is right in front of the faculty.

Hanul Fullton (Fullton Inn)***



22-24 Decebal St.
+40264 484 748, +40728 333 322
www.hanulfullton.ro

Email office@hanulfullton.ro

Booking reference: ALTE2018

The price of the rooms might vary in comparison with the one now listed on the website of the hotel. However, you will get a discount of 5–15% with the booking reference ALTE2018.

Hotel Beyfin****



3 Piața Avram Iancu
+40264 403 804

www.hotelbeyfin.com

Booking reference: ALTE2018

You will get a discount of 10% from the price of the room with the booking reference ALTE2018.

Le Petit Paris****



27 Bulevardul Eroilor
+40735 401 806

Email bistrolepetitparis@gmail.com

Booking reference: ALTE2018

You will get a discount of 10% from the price of the room with the booking reference ALTE2018.

Lunch & Dinner

Local cuisine

Zama, Napoca 16
Traditional soups; polenta in different combinations
15 minutes from the venue



Hanul dacilor, Constantin Brancusi, 86A
Famous for its beans soup in a bread bowl
Reachable by taxi



Matei Corvin, Matei Corvin 3
Romanian and Hungarian dishes
10 minutes from the venue

Roata, Alexandru Ciurea 6
Rich meat dishes, tasty desserts
10 minutes from the venue



Valahia, Govora 27
Smoked pork, grilled sausages, gulash
Reachable by taxi

Vegetarian and vegan

Samsara Foodhouse, Stephan Ludwig Roth 5
Great variety of dishes, amazing fruit juices
5 minutes from the venue



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Gandhi – Piața Mihai Viteazu 1
Tokio – Profesor Gheorghe Marinescu 5
Asia Paradise – Ioan Rațiu, 2
Napoli Centrale – Dobrogeanu Gherea 17
Jaxx American Restaurant – Emil Isac
A Camponeza – Emil Zola 2

Indian
Japanese
Chinese
Italian
Mexican, American
Seafood

Drinks, coffee, cakes

Coffee & tea
Olivo Caffe & Bistro, Eroilor 7
Roots, Eroilor 4
Café Francesca, Museum Square 6
Meron, Napoca 3
Koffer, 21 Decembrie 1989, 46



These are places with good coffee, tea and cakes,
maybe also a light dinner

Beer

Fabrica de bere, Calea Mănăştur, 2-4

Off the wall, George Clemenceau 3

O'Peter's Irish Pub & Grill, Vasile Goldiș 4

Klausen Burger, Regele Ferdinand 22

Bulgakov Café, Inocențiu Micu Klein 17



Wine

Cabinet de Vin & Cocotte, Eroilor 5

Crush Wine Bar, Victor Deleu 1

Bruno Wine Bar and Bistrot, Constantin Daicoviciu 1

Wine O'Clock, Ploiești 17

Cocktails

The Soviet (The Cocktail factory), Clemenceau 2

Moonshine, Regele Ferdinand 5

Joben Bistrot, Avram Iancu 29

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If you have any questions about the programme, the events or the town, or you are unable to attend the ALTE Meeting and Conference, please do not hesitate to contact us.