

Conference Location:



**"G. Enescu" University
Str. Horia 7-9, 700126,
Iasi, Romania**

<http://www.arteiasi.ro/en/index.htm>

How to get to Iasi

By Air:

Iasi is easily accessible from Bucharest by plane approximately 1 hour trip.

Iasi International Airport (IAS): www.aeroporto.ro

Important Note: During the month of June 2012, the Iasi International Airport scheduled a runway complex repair and therefor between June 4th, 2012 at 08:00 and June 14th, 2012 24:00 (local time), the airport activity will be closed for the public. Please check your airlines for the flight status during this period.

By Train:

Daily Trains departes from Bucharest Train Station to Iasi. The trip takes approximately 6 hours.

Iasi Train Station (Gara de Nord Iasi): <http://www.cfrcalatori.ro/>

Address: Str. Garii 1, Iasi

By Bus:

Several public and private buses leaves from Bucharest every day with direction to Iasi. You may reserve your tickests through the online system of the company. The trip lasts approximately 7hours and the single ticket costs 70,00 Lei.

Iasi Bus Stations (Autogari Iasi): <http://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en>

International Bus Companies serving Iasi:

- **Eurolines Company:** www.eurolines.ro (Metchim SA Coach Station - West Iasi)
- **Atlassib:** www.atlassib.ro (Str. 14 Decembrie 1989 Nr.3-5, Iasi)

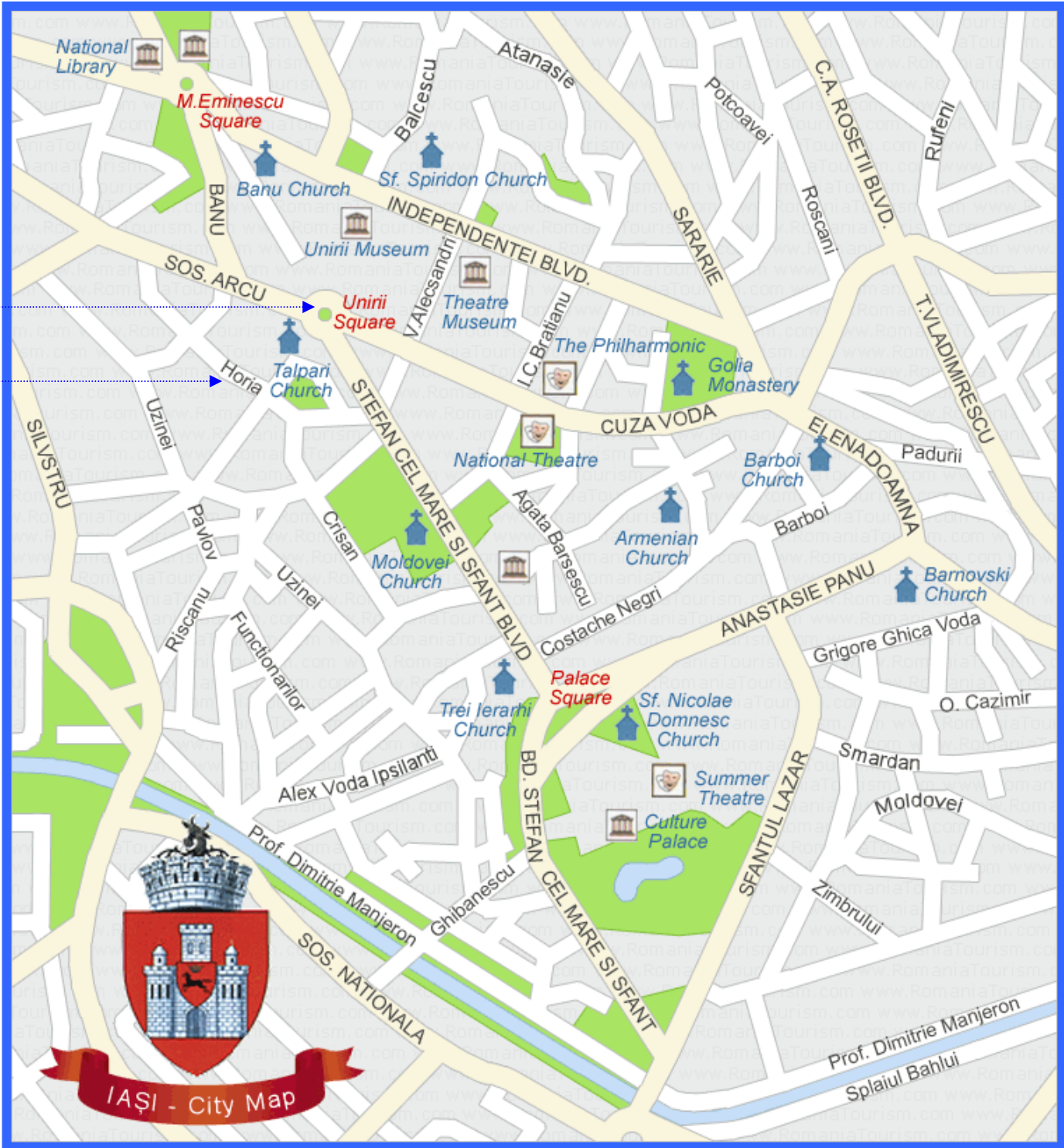
By Car:

The fastest route from Bucharest to Iasi is via E85- E 581: Bucharest - Urziceni - Buzau - Tecuci - Vaslui - Iasi. The driving distance is approximately 395 Km and the trips can last up to 6 hours depending on the conditions.

City Map

Hotel Traian

G. Enescu University



Iasi

Location: 47° 09' 25"North 27° 35' 25" East

Population: 318,014

Area: 93.9 km² (36.3 sq mi)



History:

Iasi is the most important political, economic and cultural centre of the province of Moldavia as well as one of the oldest cities in Romania. Located in the northeastern part of the country, Iasi was for many centuries the crossing point of the most important commercial routes linking Poland, Hungary, Russia and Constantinople.

Deeply rooted in history, Iasi has been the main centre of Moldavian culture since 1408. The city prides itself with publishing the first Romanian newspaper and establishing the first Romanian university. Today, Iasi is home to five universities.

Over the past 500 years, history, culture and religious life have molded the city's unique character. Iasi boasts an impressive number of Orthodox churches, almost 100, most of them located in the so-called Golden Plateau (Platoul de Aur). The oldest, the Princely Saint Nicholas Church, dates from the reign of Stephen the Great (Stefan cel Mare, 1457-1504). The finest, however, are the 17th century St. Paraschiva Metropolitan Cathedral and Trei Ierarhi Church, the last a curious example of Byzantine art, erected in 1635-1639 by Vasile Lupu. Its outer walls and twin towers are intricately carved in what many think of as stone lace.

The Golden Plateau represents the nucleus of the city, around which the entire settlement developed over the centuries. With the Palace of Culture at one end and the Union Square (Piata Unirii) at the other, the Golden Plateau features churches and princely palaces on both sides of Stefan cel Mare si Sfant Boulevard, which runs right through its centre. Many other important sites can be found on nearby streets.

Source: <http://www.romaniatourism.com/iasi.html>

Official Web Page of Iasi: <http://www.romaniatourism.com/iasi.html>

Access to the Conference Venue

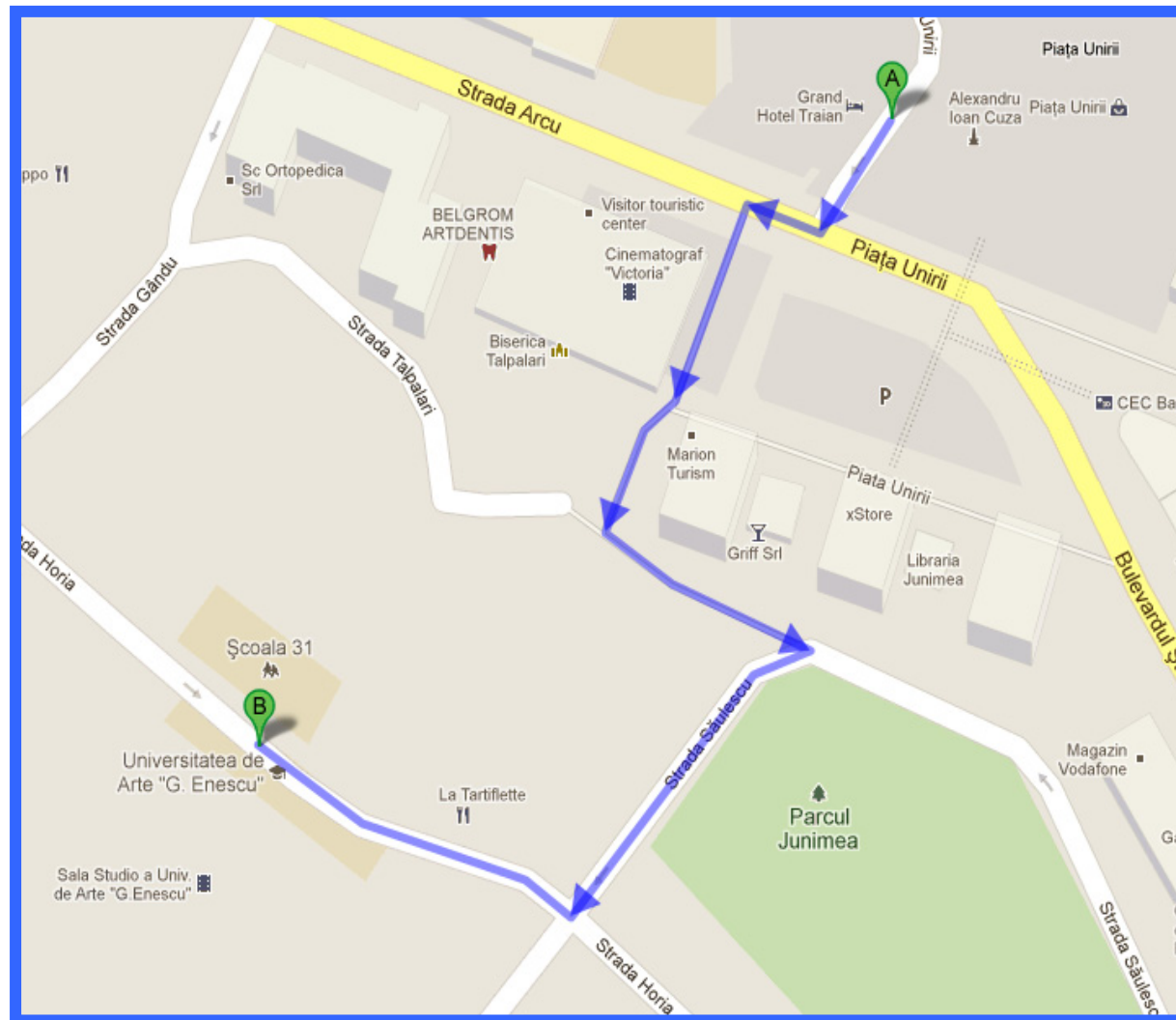
"G. Enescu" University is located 400m (approx. 3-5 minutes) from the main square of Iasi, Piata Unirii

The Conference Banquet will be on June 14th 2012 @ Grand Hotel Traian

Address: 1 Unirii Square, 700056, Iași, România.

Time: 20.00-23.00

Restaurant: "Eminescu"





Information



Weather

The weather forecast during the days of the conference is:

Source: <http://www.accuweather.com/en/ro/iasi/287994/month/287994?monyr=6/01/2012>



Time

Iasi is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).



Banks

Banks in Iasi are open between 08.00 – 14.00 hours during working days.



Post Office

Post office is open from 08:00-19:00 (Monday-Friday) and 08:00 - 13:00 (Saturday).

Tel.: (232) 252.544, Address: Str. Cuza Voda 3, Web: www.posta-romana.ro

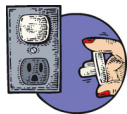


Shopping

Usual operating hours for shops in Iasi are:

- Monday, Wednesday & Saturday from 08:30-14:30 hours
- Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 08:00-13:30 hours and from 17:30-20:30 hours

The Malls are open Monday to Sunday 10.00-22.00 (Hala Centrala, Iulius Mall, Moldova Mall)



Electricity

Outlets and voltage (220 volts) are the same as in most of Europe (except UK). Small appliances such as hair dryers, irons, razors, etc. can be used in Romania. For those from USA or Canada or other non-European countries adapters are required. The frequency of electrical current in Romania is 50 Hz.



Special Needs

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.



Pharmacy

The Pharmacies are working from 08.00-15.00 daily and many of them are working 24h.

ALOE PHARMA (29 Alexandru cel Bun Street, X5 building, Tel: +40.232.257.939), ROFARMA (Piata Unirii, Tel: +40.232.220.549), ROSMARIN (44 Tudor Vladimirescu Blvd. staircase A, ground floor, Tel: +40.232.263.365), STAR FARM 1 (2 Primaverii Street, Tel: +40.232.232.299), TERRA FARM (2 Carpati Street, building 908 PT4, Tel: +40.232.217.437), FARMACIA ST LAZAR (4 Saint Lazar Street, Tel: +40.232.230.153), MELISSA MONTERO (2 Nicolina Street, Tel. +40.232.234.099), SENSIBLU (49-51 Saint Lazar Street, A1- A3 building, ground floor, Tel. +40.232.240.011)



Lei is the currency of Romania. It is subdivided into 100 bani (singular: ban). The name of the currency means "lion". 1 RON is equal to 10,000 ROL.

Transportation in Iasi

Public Transportation:

Several bus, tram and trolleybus routes connect Iasi's main areas and tourist attractions. The bus and trolley system is operated by **R.A.T.P. Iasi**. (<http://www.ratp-iasi.ro/>)

Tram and Bus Line Map: <http://www.ratp-iasi.ro/harta.html>

Tram and Bus Line Route and Timetable: <http://www.turism-iasi.ro/index.php?id=243>

Iasi Tourist Information Centre

Address: Piata Unirii Nr.12

E-mail: turism.iasi@gmail.com

Telephone: +40 (232) 261.990

Web: www.turism-iasi.ro

Place of Interest

Palace of Culture

The Palace of Culture in Iasi is the main attraction point of the Moldavian capital. We can't even imagine a touristic folder without the image of the famous building that shelters four museums, **The Moldavian Museum of History, The Moldavian Museum of Ethnography, The Museum of Art, "Stefan Procopiu" Museum of Science and Technology, and "Gheorghe Asachi" District Library** in the North-East side of the building.

In the beginning of the 19th century (1806 – 1812), on the old ruins of the Royal Court of Moldavia, a palace in neo – classic style was built, at the wish of Prince Alexandru Moruzi. At the end of the same century a fire destroyed completely the building. Then, the construction of the present building started in 1906, after the plans of architect I.D. Berindei. In 1926 the Palace of Culture was opened by Ferdinand of Hohenzollern, the second king of modern Romania.



Roznovanu Palace (The City Hall)

Roznovanu Palace is the former residence of the Rosetti-Roznovanu family, built at the initiative of Iordache Neculai Roznovanu. It was inaugurated on 23rd April 1832 and at that time it was considered the most beautiful building in Iasi. The master of the palace had 3 wives, and the last of them, Maria, was the one that opened the gates of the palace for musicians and literates. Here George Enescu and Hariclea Darcle had concerts, and also here Mihai Eminescu read his poems, and the balls offered by lady Marghiolita were renowned in the whole region. In 1891, Vasile Pogor buys the palace from the Roznovanu family and establishes the headquarters of the City Hall.

Today, in the former ball room of the Roznovanu family the meetings of the Local Council are held, as well as the great balls of the City Hall.

Museum of Moldova (Complexul Muzeal National Moldova)

Address: Piata Stefan cel Mare si Sfant 1 (housed in the Palace of Culture / Palatul Culturii)

URL: www.muzeul-moldova.ro

Open: Tue. - Sun. 10:00am - 5:00pm (closed on Mondays)



Natural History Museum (Muzeul de Stiinte al Naturii)

The Moldavian Society of Physicians and Naturalists opened their collection to the public in 1834. Today, the museum features 50,000 exhibits, illustrating fauna from around the world, and is one of the largest of its kind in Europe. A special section is dedicated to Moldavian geology. Apart from its minerals, the museum also has a collection of prehistoric fossils containing fragments of mammoth, cave bear and rhinoceros.

Interesting facts: The museum is housed in the 18th century Russet House, where Alexandru Ioan Cuza was elected Prince of Moldavia in 1859.

Address: Blvd. Independentei 16

Open: Tue. - Sat. 9:00am - 4:00pm; Sun. 10:00am - 5:00pm. (closed on Mondays)



Church of the Three Hierarchs (Biserica Sfantilor Trei Ierarhi)

The Church of the Three Hierarchs (constructed 1637 - 1639) is highlighted as a must-see in every guidebook. Nothing can prepare you, though, for its stunning ornate decoration: the entire exterior of the church is covered in delicate and intricate patterns sculpted into the stone and spread over 30 friezes. This "stone embroidery" is a mixture of western gothic, Renaissance and Oriental motifs.

Address: Str. Stefan cel Mare 62, Iasi

Open: Daily 09:00- 13:00 and 15:00 - 19:00

Restaurants

- **“La Tartiflette” Restaurant**
Address: Str. Horia Nr. 8, Iasi (Opposite to the G. E. University)
Tel: +40.332.408.688
URL: <http://www.tartiflette.ro>
- **Baron Restaurant (Romanian traditional food)**
Address: 52 Sf. Lazar Street, Iasi
Tel: +40.744.543.234
- **Belvedere**
Address: 103 A Bucium Road, Iasi.
Tel: +40.232.239.464
- **Clubul Bursei (Romanian and Internation food)**
Address: 3 Alexandru Lapusneanu Street, Iasi
Tel: +40.232.270.904
- **Bolta Rece**
Address: 10 Rece Street, Iasi
Tel: +40.232.212.255
- **Panoramic Restaurant**
Address: Piata Unirii (Hotel Unirea, 13th floor).
Tel: +40.232.205.013