

FOLIATIONS 2005

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Uniwersytet Łódzki
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Third Annoucement

FOLIATIONS 2005 is an international conference on the foliation theory and related fields. The conference is hosted by Uniwersytet Łódzki, Wydział Matematyki, Łódź, Poland and organized by Uniwersytet Łódzki, Katedra Geometrii, Łódź and Centrum Banacha, Warszawa.

The conference begins in the morning of Tuesday June 14, 2005 and ends in the evening of Thursday June 23, 2005.

1. Arriving to Łódź

We recommend you to arrive by plane to the Warsaw airport Warszawa–Okęcie (the official name is The Warsaw Fryderyk Chopin International Airport).

If you have no Polish currency (złoty) we suggest to take some of them from a cash machine or an exchange office at the arrival hall.

1.1. Shuttle bus

After passing the arrival hall you can find a shuttle bus stop. It is on the third lane of the way along the airport. You ought to go left ca. 100 m and see a yellow bus stop named "Polski Express". From there many shuttle buses to Polish cities depart — be sure that you have chosen the correct one.

The schedule of shuttle bus departures to Łódź is as follows:

11:20, 13:20, 15:20b, 17:20b, 19:20

The route takes approximately 2 hours.

A one-way ticket to Łódź costs 32 zł (or 35 zł for courses indicated "b"). It covers one person, his/her luggage (one piece) and hand luggage. Additional luggage has to be paid in amount of 7 zloties per piece.

1.2. Rail

In the arrival hall there is a newspapers shop where tickets for local Warsaw buses can be bought. You must find a local Warsaw bus number 175 which departs from the front of the arrival hall and go by it to the city center, especially to the railway station Warszawa Centralna (or simply Dworzec Centralny). The route takes about 30 minutes and depends on traffic. From there many trains go to Łódź Fabryczna railway station.

The schedule of train departures to Łódź is as follows:

5:35, 6:40w, 7:35, 8:35w, 9:35, 10:35w, 11:35, 12:35w, 13:35, 14:35w, 15:35, 16:40w, 17:35, 19:05w, 20:15, 21:15

The route takes approximately 2 hours and costs ca. 30 zł . The courses indicated "w" are valid only on the week days (i.e. no on June 12, 18 and 19). The train timetable is also available at <http://rozkład.pkp.pl> (also in English).

1.!

Remember that the name of Łódź has a pronunciation close to the word *wood* followed by a very soft *sh* or *ch*.

2. Local transport in Łódź

2.1. Public transport

In the Łódź public transport system (MPK) time tickets are used. They can be bought at kiosks (newspaper shops) or vending machines (a few of them are located in the city). The Polish name for a ticket is bilet.

1,50 zł ticket is for routes up to 10 minutes

up to 30 minutes route 2,20 zł, up to 60 min — 3,30 zł , up to 120 min — 4,40 zł

You have to punch a ticket at the tram/bus. Last four digits of puncher's printout indicate a time of starting a journey.

Detailed timetable and tracks are available at <http://www.mpk.lodz.pl>. We attach only a map of tram tracks ([tramwaje.pdf](#)).

2.2. Taxi

The standard price for a taxi is 5 zloties for the first kilometer and 1,80 zloties for every next one (2,70 at nights). Some taxi drivers have their own prices and it will be better to ask them for the cost before using a taxi.

If you want to call for a taxi we suggest two taxi corporations speaking some English:

Taxi 22, phone +42 9622

Euro Taxi, phone +42 9667

3. How to get to the university hotel

The bus stop for the shuttle bus and the railway station Łódź Fabryczna are very close to each other. Our map `station.jpg` covers both of them with a way to the tram stop.

If you arrive by shuttle bus you must simply go back about 200 m and you are at the tram stop.

If you arrive by train you must leave a station along train tracks, then go to the right, once again to the right after the station building and after the next 50 m to the left you join the way from the shuttle bus.

During the way to the tram stop you can buy a ticket for a tram (for 10 min is enough, see 2.2) and go by any tram from the stop i.e. line 7, 9, 12 or 13.

You leave a tram on the third stop Narutowicza/Kopcińskiego and go to the left. On the right (east) side of the street you can see a 11-level building of our university hotel in orange and yellow (300 m from the tram stop). Consult the map `hotel.jpg`.

The address of the hotel is ul. Kopcińskiego 16/18, phone +42 6355490. There is a restaurant at the hotel.

4. Conference venue

The conference venue is located at the building of the Faculty of Mathematics, University of Łódź, ul. Banacha 22. The building of the Mathematics is in (short) walking distance from the hotel, see attached map `venue.jpg`.

4.1. Registration desk

The registration desk is located at the room D 102, phone +42 6355983.

Registration starts on Monday, June 13 at 2 p.m. The registration is possible to 6 p.m. on Monday, from 8 to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14 and of course just after arrival if you arrive later.

We will collect registration fee in amount of 500 zł or 120 euro and payment for the hotel (in zloties or euro — cash only) if you did not transfer money to our account.

The conference office is open during all the lecture hours of the conference, i.e. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 14-17 and June 20-23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 18. The office is closed on June 19.

4.2. Lecture hall

All the lectures will take place at the aula of the Faculty of Mathematics, entrance from C-D corner of the building. The aula is equipped with

2 big blackboards,

an overhead projector and a computer projector,

a computer with internet connection and some standard software,

a connection for a laptop.

4.3. Computer room

The computer room C 107 is devoted only for participants of the conference. There are Windows machines with internet connection. It is possible to connect your own laptop.

5. Scientific program

The preliminary version of the scientific program is available at our website <http://fo12005.math.uni.lodz.pl> and in the version June 2 is attached as `program.pdf`.

Note that a Saturday afternoon is devoted to informal seminars. Organizers will provide all the facilities for organizers of such seminars on demand.

Extended abstracts of talks can be viewed from our web site. Those who have not sent us an extended abstract of their talk are requested to do it urgently.

6. Proceedings

A volume of proceedings will be published by World Scientific Publishers. The deadline for submission of papers (L^AT_EX only) is October 31, 2005. The papers will be read by referees.

The volume will appear in the middle of 2006 and will be distributed among participants by mail.

7. Social events

7.1. Welcome party

The welcome party starts at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14 at the university hotel restaurant. All the participants are cordially welcome.

7.2. Sightseeing

The sightseeing excursion is on Sunday, June 19. We will go by buses through the most fascinating places of former industrial Łódź with huge textile manufactures and palaces of his owners. We will see 19th century Łódź of four nations: Polish, Jews, Germans and Russians.

The provisional schedule is as following:

9:00 start from the university hotel

10:00 Poznański's palace — Museum of the City History

12:00 Księży Młyn — industrial self-contained "town" of Grohman and Scheibler

13:30 lunch

15:00 The Old Cemetery with Scheibler's chapel

16:00 The Radegast station — a fragment of Jewish ghetto in Łódź

17:00 The Jewish Cemetery — the biggest one in Europe

18:00 finish at the university hotel

The lunch at the excursion is paid separately in amount of 25 zł .

7.3 Good-bye party

The good-bye party starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 23. The details will be provided later.

Accompanying persons are supposed to pay for social events at the registration.

8. Eating

8.1. Lunch

Participants can eat at the university hotel, in a few simple places around the conference venue and in several restaurants in the city center (see 8.2)

8.2. Dinner

All the life of Łódź is concentrated along the main street Piotrkowska. It is easily reached from the hotel by tram lines 12 (stop on Narutowicza st.) and 9, 13 (stop on Kopciskiego st., see the map [hotel.jpg](#)). It is 10 minutes (4 stops) route ending at the stop Zielona/Zachodnia. Then you must go back 200 m and Piotrkowska is on the left and on the right.

Along the street and its transversals there are variety of restaurants and pubs when you can dinner.

We suggest trying on your own. Some of our favourites are:

Akropol, Traugutta 9 — Greek cuisine

Anatewka, 6 Sierpnia 2/4 — Jewish cuisine

Esplanada, Piotrkowska 100

Irish Pub, Piotrkowska 77

Karczma u Chochoa, Traugutta 3 — Polish cuisine

Klub 97, Piotrkowska 97

Klub Spadkobiercw, Piotrkowska 77

Restauracja Polska, Piotrkowska 12 — Polish cuisine

Quattro, Piotrkowska 44

Typical tip at restaurants is 5-10%.

9. Other useful information

9.1. Power

In Poland there is a continental European power voltage/frequency 230V/50Hz.

9.2. Currency

Polish currency złoty has banknotes 200(yellow), 100(green), 50(blue), 20(red), and 10(gray) and coins 5, 2(both dual-coloured silver+yellow), 1(silver). $\frac{1}{100}$ zł is called grosz (abbr. gr). Coins 50 gr, 20 gr and 10 gr are silver and 5, 2, 1 gr are yellow.

The current exchange rate is about 4,20 zł for 1 euro and 3,20 zł for 1 USD.

You can exchange money at banks or in the exchange offices (kantor) which offer usually better rate. Unfortunately there are concentrated in the strict city center (to reach it compare 7.2).

Credit cards are usually accepted in shops and restaurants (mainly Visa and MasterCard). Cash machines are densely located.

9.3. Contact

Conference venue

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