

RE: International Year of the Soil - Celebration in Vienna, 7 December 2015,
at the IAEA Headquarters (VIC UNO-City)

THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (VIC)

The Vienna International Centre (VIC) or 'UNO City' was designed by the Austrian architect Johann Staber and inaugurated on 23 August 1979. It is located on the banks of the River Danube, only a 10 minute ride by underground (U-Bahn) to the city centre. The Austrian Government is leasing the building for 99 years to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and to the other United Nations and international organizations in Vienna at a symbolic rate of €0.07 per year.

The VIC comprises several buildings, labelled A to Q. Buildings A and B house the IAEA. Building M is the main conference building. Buildings D and E house UNOV, UNIDO, CTBTO and other UN entities, and buildings F and G house various IAEA support services such as the computer centre, the print shop, the medical centre and the library, as well as the VIC restaurant. Container L is used as a 'swing space' during the ongoing asbestos removal project throughout the VIC.

The official address of the IAEA is: International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna International Centre, PO Box 100, 1400 Vienna, Austria.

HOW TO REACH THE VIC

By public transportation

The VIC can be reached with the U-Bahn by taking the line U1 (marked in red on city maps) towards Leopoldau and getting off at the stop Kaisermühlen-Vienna International Centre. Single tickets, multiple tickets for 2, 4 or 8 rides or for 1, 3 or 8 days, and weekly tickets can be purchased from vending machines in all U-Bahn stations or at tobacco shops marked Tabak Trafik, and also at the VIC newspaper stand located in building G. The weekly ticket is valid Monday through Sunday with unlimited use of all Viennese public transport facilities (U-Bahn, bus, tramway, S-Bahn).

Further information can be obtained at: www.wienerlinien.at

Please find below a link for a map of fast connections in Vienna:

<http://homepage.univie.ac.at/horst.prillinger/ubahn/m/largemap-s-wien.html>

By taxi

As all participants will have to go through the registration formalities, passengers should ask the driver to drop them off at Wagramer Strasse 5, Gate 1. For departures, a taxi may be requested at Security Services, Gate 1. An additional fee is charged for taxis ordered by telephone. The customary

tip in Austria for taxi drivers is 10% of the fare. Please note that there may be an extra charge for luggage, which is not shown on the meter.

There are certain taxi companies which offer reduced fares, if you book your taxi in advance. You can do it by telephone or online, e.g. visit <http://www.cundk.at/index-en.html> or <http://www.airportdriver.at/en>

From Vienna Airport

By bus: The Vienna Airport Lines operate seven days a week, at hourly intervals, from 6:10–20:10. The VIC bus station is located on Wagramer Strasse in front of Gate 1. The trip takes about 30 minutes.

By train: There are two options: First is the S-Bahn (Schnellbahn) from the airport to the City Air Terminal located next to the Hotel Hilton. The S-Bahn leaves approximately every 30 minutes. The trip takes about 25 minutes. After arriving at the City Air Terminal, change to the underground line U4 and then U1 (see info listed under public transportation) to get to the VIC. The second option is the City Airport Train (CAT), linking the airport with the City Air Terminal. The trip takes about 16 minutes (passenger fare is €9 for a single ticket and €16 for a return ticket).

For further information, please visit: www.cityairporttrain.com and www.tripadvisor.com.

MEETING REGISTRATION

IAEA meeting participants should arrive at the VIC one hour before the start of the meeting on the first day, in order to allow sufficient time for registration and issuing of grounds passes.

Upon arrival at Gate 1, meeting participants are requested to identify themselves with their national passport or a valid official identification document at the IAEA registration desk. Meeting participants should bring their invitation letter to facilitate the check-in process. Unannounced meeting participants or visitors will only be admitted to the VIC if they can produce evidence of the purpose of their visit or an invitation letter from the IAEA.

The UN Pass Office will issue a grounds pass with photo. Please note that it is mandatory to wear the grounds pass visibly at all times while on the VIC premises.

In the case of an unannounced arrival, the UN Security and Safety Service needs to obtain confirmation of participation in a meeting. This may delay the registration process.

Meeting participants who have special requirements should notify the Scientific Secretary of their meeting or the Conference Services Section in advance about the kind of assistance they require. Based on the information received, these will make the necessary arrangements with the UN Security and Safety Service.

Map of the Vienna International Centre

