

Joining instructions

We look forward to welcoming you to the second ANDROID Conference in Limassol, Cyprus, starting 23rd October 2013. Provided below is important information for delegates.

1. Welcome message from conference chair



Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2nd Android Conference in Limassol, Cyprus.

The annual Android Conference gives us all a great opportunity to be informed about the progress of the work that has been going on in the different work packages of the project and to discuss and exchange ideas and views on disaster resilience. These are highly valuable gatherings, bringing together experts from 64 European institutions from 24 EU countries as well as 3 institutions from non-EU countries (Canada, Australia, Sri-Lanka), as well as a representative of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).

The event venue and accommodation are in the same glorious setting of the Amathus Beach Hotel in order to foster team working and to maximise opportunities for interaction among the Android conference participants.

Cyprus is a beautiful island, with very rich history, many archaeological places to visit, tranquil beaches and beautiful forested mountains and I hope you will have the opportunity during your stay to explore some of the sights of the island and to enjoy its hospitality..

I wish everyone an enjoyable and fulfilling conference and a memorable stay in Cyprus.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Skevi Perdikou'.

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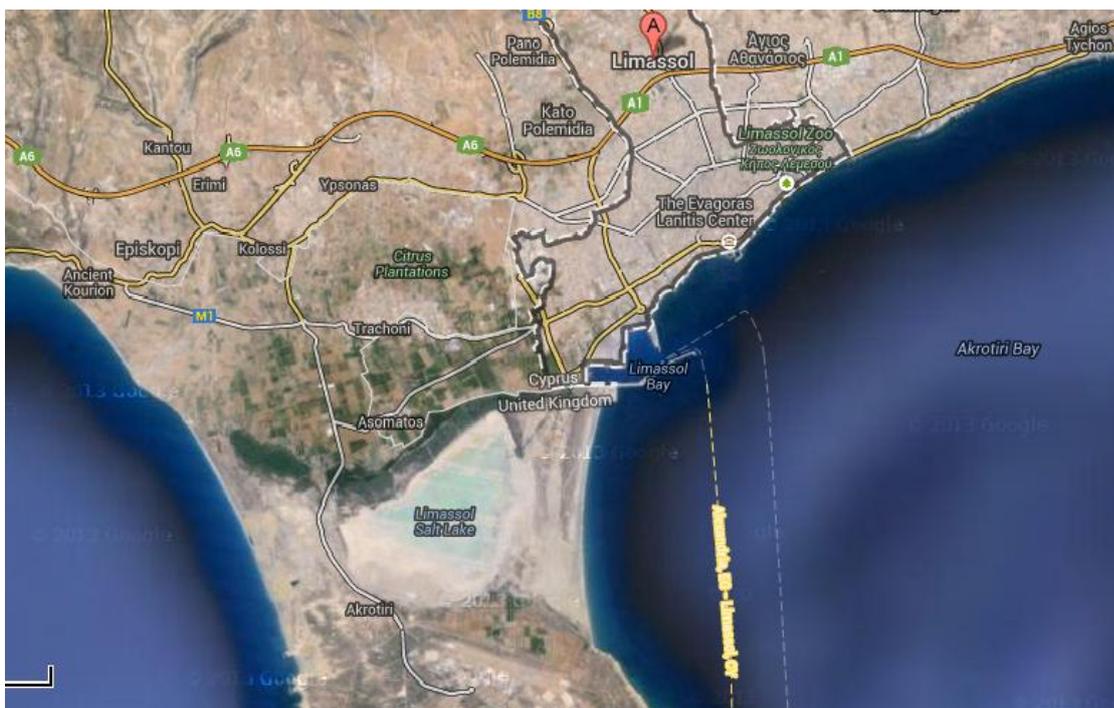
2. ANDROID Conference Venue Information

The conference venue and delegates' accommodation are at Amathus Beach Hotel in Limassol.

The venue is in the city of Limassol which is located about equidistant between Larnaca and Paphos airports. Transportation to and from the airport has been arranged for the conference participants that have requested this, with the company Abelair.



Map of Limassol



The Amathus Beach hotel (<http://www.amathuslimassol.com>) is located at the entrance of the city of Limassol and has direct access to the Mediterranean beach. The ancient Amathus ruins are only 1 km away.



The city of Limassol:

Limassol has a modern, cosmopolitan appearance. However, the protected ancient monuments of the city and surrounding area portray a rich history and mythical stories:

- **Kourion Archaeological Site** - Originally built in the 2nd century B.C., it houses a magnificent Greco-Roman Theatre, with exquisite mosaic floors and an early Christian Basilica among other treasures. There are also stunning views of the coastline from the high vantage point at the site.
- **Amathus archaeological site or Ancient Amathunta** is located 1km from the hotel and was one of the most significant ancient city kingdoms of Cyprus which dates back to 1100 BC. According to mythology the site was founded by King Kiniras and it is here where Theseus left the pregnant Ariadne to be cared for after the battle with the Minotaur. Various attractions at the Amathus site include, the ruins of the Temple of Aphrodite and the Tombs dating back to the early Iron Age period of Graeco-Phoenician.
- **The castle of Limassol** - As it appears today, it is a structure rebuilt under the Turkish rule (early 19th century). The architectural features of a much more extended Medieval Museum have been included. The oldest report on the existence of the Castle of Limassol dates back to 1228 when Frederick the Second of Germany and his supporters sent to prison the hostages seized by Ibeline, the king regent of Cyprus. This Castle was likely to be an ancient Byzantine Castle or the one that took its place over the early Frankish period. According to Stephen Lusignan, Guy de Lusignan had the original Castle built in 1193. This original fort, if it really existed, has not yet been located by archaeologists. It is more likely to have been given up to the knights for administration purposes on behalf of the crown in 1308. Richard the Lionheart is said to have married and been crowned the Lord of Cyprus in this incredibly regal fortress.

Information about Limassol as well as information about Cyprus, can be found on <http://www.visitcyprus.org.cy/wps/portal/cities/lemesos>

Welcome Reception - 23rd October 2013 from 19:30 to 22:00

The Reception will be at Amathus Beach Hotel hotel, either outdoors or indoors depending on the weather. This will be clearly sign posted in the hotel and you can also be informed at the reception. Those who are arriving later in the evening also can join the welcome reception

Conference Dinner - 24th October 2013 from 19:00 to 22:30

The Conference dinner will be held at the traditional taverna 'Ayia Anna' where a Cypriot feast of many dishes ("meze") will be offered. The taverna is located in a village between Limassol and Larnaca.

3. Transport

Transfers to and from the airport

We have arranged for a taxi to transport you from the airport to the hotel. A taxi driver with the Android logo will be at the arrivals at the airport. The payment for the transportation has also been arranged. Similar arrangements have also been made for your departure where the taxi will be transporting you from the hotel to the airport. The taxis will be departing from the hotel 2.5 hours before your flight. Please allow plenty of time and wait at the reception area of the hotel 3 hours before your flight.

Those who have not requested transportation could either arrange a taxi individually or an intercity bus from Larnaca or Paphos airports to Limassol (e.g. <http://www.airportshuttlebus.eu/Etimetable.html>). In this case a taxi will be needed for a short drive from the bus stop to the hotel.

Transport to Conference Dinner

Buses have been arranged to transport the delegates to the tavern and back. The exact meeting point will be announced during the Conference.

Public transport in Limassol

For information about public transport in Limassol, see <http://www.limassolbuses.com/en/>

4. Currency and Money

The currency of Cyprus is the Euro. Payment in most instances can be made with most major Credit / Debit cards and ATMs are widely available (including at the airport).

For some small transactions, such as taxi fares, you will need to pay in cash. It is advisable that you have cash in small denominations (€5, €10 or €20) or vendors may have difficulty finding suitable change for you.

5. Conference Programme

A copy of the provisional conference programme is attached. Please note that this programme is subject to change without notice. The latest programme will be issued at registration.

6. Conference Language

The official conference language is English. No translation services will be provided.

7. Poster Presentations

A limited area within the conference venue will be provided for delegates to display poster presentations of their activities should they wish to do so.

8. Dress Code

The dress code for the Conference Reception and Conference Dinner and the conference is smart casual.

Please note that the weather in Cyprus is expected to be warm but it is advisable to bring light cardigans as it is changeable this time of the year.

Conference Reception

Venue: Amathus Hotel (outdoors or indoors depending on the weather)

Date and time: Wednesday, 23rd October 19:30-22:00

Dress code: Smart casual

Conference Dinner

Venue: Ayia Anna tavern

Date and time: Thursday, 24th October 19:00-22:30

Dress code: Smart casual

9. Internet Access and Mobile Connectivity

WiFi internet access is available free of charge at the conference venue.

10. Power Supply

The electricity supply in Cyprus is 230 volts, a.c. 50 Hz. Sockets are usually 13 amp, square pin in most buildings.