Dear Colleagues,

We would like to thank you for registering for the Banach Center School and/or Conference

# **Complex Differential and Difference Equations**

which will take place at the Mathematical Research and Conference Center, Będlewo, near Poznań, Poland, from September 3 to September 8, 2018 – School, and from September 10 to September 14 – Conference.

In this email you will find some useful information including arrival/departure information.

On the conference webpage \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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you can find the list of registered participants, the list of talks and their abstracts (if already delivered).

#### Abstracts.

We would like to ask those of you who have not send us the titles of the talks and abstracts to do it as soon as possible, but not later than \*\*\*July 31, 2018\*\*\*.

Then we shall update the conference page and the members of the Scientific and Organizing Committees will decide the duration of your talk.

In order to facilitate us preparing a booklet of abstracts please send us also a tex file of your abstract: <a href="mailto:cdde18@impan.pl">cdde18@impan.pl</a>

### Arrival.

In order to facilitate your arrival to Będlewo we shall organize a bus transportation from the airport (Poznań Ławica) and the main train station (Poznań Główny) to Będlewo. But, its your responsibility to catch the bus. As soon as you fix your travel plans, please let us know the following data:

| Arrival by train: train from                    |
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| expected in Poznań Główny on September, at      |
| Arrival by plane to Poznań: flight number from, |
| expected in Poznań on September at              |

The transportation by bus from the main railway station in Poznań will be organized in the evening of the arrival days (02.09.2018 and 09.09.2018).

The participants are expected to arrive to Poznań on Sunday in the afternoon. There will be two buses from the Poznań train station (tentatively at 19:00 and 21:00, exact time of their departure will be fixed after we receive the details of your travel plans, we shall e-mail this information at the end of August).

In exceptional cases, it will be possible to arrive to Bedlewo one day earlier (for additional ~40 euro/night), but we do not guarantee the transport from Poznan and you will need to pay a taxi (the regular price is about 50 Euro, but if ordered earlier by the staff of Conference Center in Bedlewo it could be reduced to about 30 Euro).

The departure from Będlewo is planned on Saturday morning. The transportation back, either by a taxi or buses, to Poznan will be arranged during the school/conference, we just need information on your departure dates. The bus usually departs from at about 8.00 am and is expected to go to the train station and then it will continue to the Poznan airport.

Additional information about the Banach Center and the Conference Center in Będlewo can be found on the web-page <a href="http://www.impan.pl/EN/Bedlewo/">http://www.impan.pl/EN/Bedlewo/</a>.

### Arrival to Poznań by train

You can check the timetable of the trains at <a href="http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en">http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en</a>.

Please note that the train station in Poznań is new (bigger than before, with a big shoping mall), and it might be a bit more difficult to find the bus. Later on we shall send contact phone numbers and more instructions where you are supposed to wait to find the bus to Będlewo.

### Arrival to Poznań by plane

There is a small airport in Poznań - "Poznań Ławica". We shall organize a direct bus or a taxi from the airport to Bedlewo.

The departure of the bus from the airport will be fixed later on when we receive your travel information.

## Travel by car

If you travel by car, you can plan your route using Map of Poland, where you can get more or less detailed maps of regions of Poland (choosing an option zbliz - oddal in the upper-right-hand corner). If you travel by high way A2 you need leave it on the junction "Komorniki" and take road No 5 (E-261), direction Wrocław. Stay on this road about 25 km. After omitting Stęszew (there is a railway, which you cross) stay on the road for about 4 km, then turn left on road No 431, direction Kórnik. After about 2 km you are in Będlewo. Then you enter a large park with a gate and you are on place. See also a map of the neighbourhood of Bedlewo.

### Visa requirements

Poland is in the Schengen zone.

Information whether you need visa to Poland or not can be found on the official web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If you need a visa, then please find the closest Polish embassy or consulate in Polish Missions Abroad, where you can apply for visa either personally or by mail. Of course, citizens of European Union do not need visa to enter Poland, however should have "... a valid travel document or another document certifying his/her identity and citizenship." More precisely you can read on Advisory for citizens of the EU countries traveling to Poland.

### **Currency information**

In Poland you should pay either using Polish currency (zloty = PLN) or credit cards. You can exchange euros or dollars at the airport or train station, but the exchange rate at these places

could be pretty bad, up to 10% lower than the current average (sell/buy) exchange rate. The closest exchange rate to the average can be obtained converting foreign currency in Polish banks or taking PLN at ATM machines from your account or credit cards. At places called *kantor* (but not located in train stations or airports) a better rate can be obtained.

The (average) exchange rate usually is:  $1\$ \sim 3.6$  - 3.8 PLN;  $1\$ \sim 4.2$  - 4.4 PLN. Current exchange rate can be found in <u>Polish National Bank</u>.

Będlewo is a very small village: no banks, exchange counters, or ATM machines. A local (small) grocery store need not accept credit cards, you should be prepared to pay in Polish currency. Also if you decide to visit Poznań on some day, you should be prepared to pay by cash in zloty for bus/train tickets or for a taxi.

#### Weather in Poland

At the beginning of September, usually the weather in Poland is pleasant with high temperature during the day around 15-25 C and low in the night around 5-15C. Occasionally can be showers and thunderstorms. The current weather in the Poznań area can be found on Yahoo weather web page

### **Local excursions**

There are plenty of pleasant walking trails nearby the Będlewo Conference Center, especially in the <u>Wielkopolski National Park</u> (Polish or English version). Good walking shoes are advisable. You could also take a swiming suit (the temperature of water in a lake should be about 15-18 C).

For other information see the web page

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With the best regards

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