Penultimate GPRT circular 😊

Dear All,

Please find (quite) some info of all sorts in this pre-final GPRT circular.

Chapter 1. Recent updates to the webpage:

- How do I get to my hotel / the uni from the coach / train station? (here: https://tinyurl.com/49etfycr)
- Venue info here: https://tinyurl.com/u5vrabkk (highlights on a map; route from Blesk to the uni; photographic guide through the main entrance to the FF building)

Chapter 2. Some practicalities

A **wifi connection** will be set up in our GPRT rooms (the lecture room and the coffee break room) during the day (and you'll also have free wifi at your accommodation).

There will be **coffee and snacks** during the day, a cold buffet (with open sandwiches (both with and without meat), fruit and veg) in the **lunch break**, and the uni buffet will also be open with further offers.

Our **dinners** will be self-paid, where you can make your choice from the á la carte menu and pay for your own food and drinks.

Bring **cash** (euros) bc even in some of the restaurants you can only pay **by card** over 20 or 25 euros. (Of course, there'll be no problem at Tesco and many places incl. public transport buses – should you decide to use them – also have tap-your-bankcard check-in devices located at each door in the vehicle. The instructions on the English site of the public transport company are a bit confusing – note that **ordinary bank cards** can be used to buy single-trip tickets without prior registration. [Reference for speakers of Slovak: https://tinyurl.com/5n9aat5e])

FYI, cash is *hotovosť* ['hotovosc] and card is *karta*. E.g., "Môžem platiť v hotovosti/kartou?" – 'Can I pay in cash/by card?'

And brace yourselves be hardly anyone speaks English in Rk:P

Chapter 3. Info for presenters

There will be a data projector and a laptop in the room, but you can also bring your own laptop (we'll have HDMI and VGA connections). The sound system should also be working, but tell me in advance if you need it, and let's try it out in a coffee break before your talk.

Of course, you can also choose "old-school" methods like the whiteboard and/or handouts © If you need **anything printed out and photocopied**, I appreciate it if you send it over to me beforehand, ideally before you leave for Rk.

I won't be automatically giving out **certificates of attendance**, so let me know in advance if you'll need one.

Chapter 4.

For those who come by car: scroll down to the epilogue for info about parking.

And finally: **Save my phone number** (+36 30 405 3950) for emergencies, but I'll also check my email (all my accounts) and FB messenger regularly, especially on the Wed, when people are arriving in Rk.

There'll be a final circular on Monday about Wednesday get-togethers that you might want to / be able to attend as you arrive in Rk.

See you soon, Kati

Epilogue: info about parking

Your accommodation includes parking, but should you decide to drive to any of our social programmes, please note that parking in Rk is restricted. Here's the official website of the parking system: https://parkovanie.ruzomberok.sk/ (in Slovak, but google translate may help you out:))

Check out the zones where parking fees apply (at certain times of the day) on a map: https://parkovanie.ruzomberok.sk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/RK_parkovacie_zony.jpg

Payments for short-term parking (*Úhrady za krátkodobé parkovanie*): https://parkovanie.ruzomberok.sk/navody/ (in a nutshell: parkdots app OR text (SMS) OR vending machine; short-term parking: €1 / 60 min.) -- scroll down for zones and times.