Dear Colleagues,

We would like to thank you for registering for the Banach Center Conference Complex Differential and Difference Equations II,

which will take place at the Mathematical Research and Conference Center in Będlewo, near Poznań, Poland, from August 27 to September 2, 2023.

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

On the conference webpage

https://www.impan.pl/23-cdde2

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

Abstracts and programme

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 on *****July 15, 2023*****. Then we will put on the conference website a booklet of abstracts. We plan 40-minutes talks and one-hour talks and the duration of your talk will be decided by the members of the Scientific and Organizing Committees.

We are going to put the conference programme on the conference website at the middle of August.

Arrival and departure.

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

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

The participants are expected to arrive to Poznań on Sunday in the afternoon of the arrival day (August 27, 2023). There will be a bus from the Poznań train station (tentatively at 19:00, after the arrival of trains from Warsaw and Berlin), exact time of its departure will be fixed after we receive the details of travel plans of participants, we shall e-mail this information about August 22).

The departure from Będlewo is planned on Saturday morning. The transportation back to Poznan will be arranged during the 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 website

https://www.impan.pl/en/activities/bedlewo-conference-center/about-center.

Arrival to Poznań by train

You can check the timetable of the trains at <u>http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en</u> 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 transportation from the Poznań airport to Bedlewo.

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

Travel by car

If you travel by highway A2 you need leave it on the junction "Poznań Zachód" and take highway S5 (E-261), direction Wrocław. Stay on this road about 16 km to the junction "Mosina" (Exit 38) and turn left on a road in direction Dymaczewo Nowe and Mosina. 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 given here.

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: $1\$ \sim 4.0 - 4.2$ PLN; $1€ \sim 4.4 - 4.6$ PLN. Current exchange rate can be found in Polish National Bank.

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 end of August and 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 5-15 C. Occasionally can be showers and thunderstorms. The current weather in Będlewo can be found on <u>this website</u>.

Local excursions

There are plenty of pleasant walking trails nearby the Będlewo Conference Center, especially in the Wielkopolski National Park. Good walking shoes are advisable. You could also take a swimming suit (the temperature of water in a lake should be about 18 C).

With the best regards,

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