



2026 Conference Social Events

DINNER at “Miesto Laboratorija” restaurant

On the evening of June 25 (Thursday), we are excited to invite you to Miesto Laboratorija (The City Laboratory) in the historic Sapiegų Park. Located in Antakalnis—one of Vilnius's greenest and most beloved historical districts—the venue is easy to reach from the conference hotel. A quick, direct trolley bus ride (bus stop just outside the hotel; no transfers required) will take you straight to the park's gates, offering an easy transition from the city center to a relaxed, leafy retreat.

Miesto Laboratorija is more than a restaurant; it is a grassroots social hub and a laboratory for sustainable urban living. Founded and supported by the active *Antakalnis* neighborhood, the space operates as a community center dedicated to eco-friendly initiatives, from upcycled decor to experimental hydroponic gardens. By dining here, you will get a glimpse into the daily life of the local *Antakalnis* community. It is a place where residents gather to share ideas, host cultural events, and celebrate sustainability.

Expect a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere that prioritizes connection over formality. We will dine in their beautiful, light-filled spaces and expansive outdoor garden terrace, enjoying a menu featuring fresh, seasonal, and locally sourced ingredients. It is the perfect, unpretentious setting to enjoy a fantastic meal, mingle with fellow scholars, and discuss the conference while immersed in Vilnius's local culture.

Cost is €55 (professionals) / €45 (students) per person. It includes appetizers, starters, an entrée, and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar is also available. Click [here](#) to make your payment to be part of this local community experience.



MORNING RUN with the Local Committee

Kickstart your day with fresh air, light exercise, and barrier-free networking! We invite all conference attendees to join us for an informal "Run with the Local Committee." This is a fantastic opportunity to chat with the locals and fellow colleagues in a relaxed, unstructured environment before the day's sessions begin.

On the second day of the conference (June 26th), we will gather at 6:45 AM at the Vilnius White Bridge (*Baltasis tiltas*), just across the street from the conference hotel (AC Hotel Vilnius). From there, we will head out on a paved route along the Neris River. The riverfront is Vilnius's most popular running destination, offering beautiful morning views of the city.

The distance will be roughly 5 kilometers (just over 3 miles). We will maintain a relaxed, recovery-style pace of about 6:40–7:10 min/km (about 10:45–11:30 minutes per mile). The goal is conversation and camaraderie, not setting a new personal best!

No need to register—just lace up your running shoes and meet us at the bridge!



A Night KAYAKING Adventure

Looking for a unique way to finish the conference? On the evening of June 26 (Friday), join us for a scenic and relaxing evening on the Neris River as we trade the conference rooms for the calming waters of nighttime Vilnius.

This isn't your typical kayaking trip. We will depart directly from the conference hotel and head to Valakupiai Beach, one of the city's beloved stretches of shoreline. We will launch at dusk from the sands and pine surroundings of Valakupiai and watch the city lights multiply as the Vilnius skyline begins to glow against the night sky. This journey offers a rare chance to experience Vilnius from the safety of the river, far from the bustling crowds. This is one of the easiest routes in the Vilnius area. The Neris River is much calmer than the Vilnelė or Vokė, making this a safe and relaxing experience for everyone.

Details

We will pick you up from the conference hotel at 9:30 PM on June 26. Although the adventure takes place in the evening, the sun sets very late at this time of year (around 22:00), so it will not be dark during the trip. The entire trip will take approximately 2.5 hours (including transit and ~2 hours on the water). The trip will start at the conference hotel (AC hotel Vilnius), launch from Valakupiai Beach, and finish near the White Bridge, located just 200 meters from the conference hotel.

Cost is €30 per person, all-inclusive, i.e., professional guide/supervision, kayak, paddle, life vest rental, and shuttle transportation.

While we expect warm weather during the conference, it can get chilly on the water after sunset. We recommend bringing a light layer of clothes.

Please register by June 16 via <https://forms.gle/NnMJ5n9sPHDca6ZCA>. No payment is required upfront; payment details will be provided later.

