

## **The 16<sup>th</sup> SESAME Users Meeting of SESAME (15-16 December 2018)**

***Harir Palace Hotel, Amman-Jordan***

The 16th SESAME Users' Meeting will take place at the Harir Palace hotel in Amman-Jordan on 15-16 December 2018 and will cover various disciplines of applied synchrotron radiation research interests of the SESAME users' community. The meeting will bring together scientists from the region and world experts in the various fields of synchrotron applications, and will provide a platform for information exchange and discussions of ongoing collaborative efforts within the community. The meeting will also offer the opportunity to develop new collaborative research projects.

### **1. Scientific Program:**

The scientific program is available on the SESAME website:  
[http://www.sesame.org.jo/sesame\\_2018/docs/provisional\\_programme\\_of\\_the\\_16th\\_SESAME\\_Users\\_Meeting.pdf](http://www.sesame.org.jo/sesame_2018/docs/provisional_programme_of_the_16th_SESAME_Users_Meeting.pdf)

### **2. Venue and Accommodation:**

HARIR PALACE HOTEL  
Amman - Jordan  
Al Wifaq Street, Dahiet Al Rasheed  
P.O.Box 930770, Amman 11193 Jordan  
<http://www.harirpalacehotel.com/>  
The website gives full information on the hotel.

### **4. Meeting room:**

The meeting rooms are in the premises of the hotel. There will be signs to lead you to the meeting rooms.

### **5. Flying into Jordan:**

The closest airport to the hotel is Queen Alia International airport on the outskirts of Amman. Participants are informed that there is no airport tax to be paid in Jordan.

### **6. Transportation from/to the airport:**

Participants can use a taxi to go to/from between the airport and the hotel. The airport taxi (Beige color and marked "Airport Taxi") is available 24/7 at the terminal door. The cost of one direction trip to/from between the Airport and the Harir Palace hotel is about 20 JD (almost 28 USD). The taxi can accommodate up to three persons if their luggage are not huge.

### **7. Weather**

In December, the average maximum temperature in Amman is 15°C and the average minimum temperature is 06°C. You are reminded to bring warm clothing.

## **8. Banking facilities:**

There are currency exchange offices in the vicinity of the hotel, at the hotel and at the airport. However in this case, as always happens at hotels and the airports, the exchange rate will be less favorable than that at a currency exchange office.

## **9. Rate of exchange**

The rate of exchange between the US\$ and JD is fixed at **1 US\$ = 0.71 JD**. The rate of exchange of other currencies fluctuates and is based on the currencies' rate of exchange with the US dollar.

## **10. Visas**

For passport holders of a number of countries, it is possible to obtain a visa on arrival at Queen Alia international airport. However, they should be warned that only Jordanian dinars are accepted when paying for the visa. The cost of a visa is approximately **JD 40.00**. They should therefore purchase Jordanian dinars at one of the banks at the airport before queuing for passport control. Participants are advised to contact their nearest Jordanian Consulate in order to check whether the passport they hold allows them to obtain a visa on arrival in Jordan.

For more information about VISA requirements:  
<http://international.visitjordan.com/generalinformation/entryintojordan.aspx>

## **11. Social Program**

### **Lunch**

You are cordially invited to a lunch on 15 December at 13.00hrs on the premises of the Harir Palace hotel at the terrace in the first floor, hosted by Jordan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC).

### **SESAME Visit**

For the visit to SESAME, service buses will be waiting at the entrance of the Harir Palace hotel. The buses will depart to SESAME site at 11:15 am. Please, make sure to be present in front of the hotel entrance, and the departure time to Amman at 13:45 sharp. Access to buses will be strictly allowed to vouchers' holders.

A lunch will be served at SESAME at 13.00.

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