

## Travel Information FPL2012 in Oslo, 29-31 August, 2012

**Weather** In northern Europe, autumn arrives earlier than it does in the south. Although, there will not be frost at this time of the year, it can still be chilly in the evenings (including on the fjord trip which is a part of the conference). Please make sure to bring some warm clothing and be prepared for the possibility of rain on the walk to and from the social events (10-15 minutes walk).

**Money** Currency: Norwegian krone. 1USD = 6.0NOK, 1EUR = 7.3NOK.

It is possible to pay with debit cards (Cirrus, BankAxept) most places, and many shops also take credit cards (Visa/MasterCard and sometimes also Diners and American Express). However, there are also places (like some bars and some university campus shops) that accept only Norwegian cards or cash. There are lots of ATMs in the city centre, at metro stations and inside many 7-eleven providing cash withdrawals.

### Travel to Oslo from the airports

There are three airports surrounding Oslo with Oslo airport Gardermoen (OSL) being the largest airport, where most airlines fly to.

- Oslo airport Gardermoen (OSL). Approximately 20 minutes from the city centre with the *Airport Express Train* (NOK170, regular and single ticket only, leaving every 10 minutes during the day). Regular train NSB uses 5-10 minutes longer time (NOK 90), and airport bus uses 45 minutes (NOK150). If you need to go directly to the conference venue, you may take the [F3 Flybusssekspressen](#) bus for about 45 minutes and get off at “Gaustad Store Ringvei” (NOK 205). Be aware that taking a taxi from the airport can be very expensive (!), especially with evening/night rates, and will also take much longer than the airport train. [More information](#).

- Sandefjord airport Torp located on the south-west side of the city. Approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes by [bus](#). You save on buying return ticket (NOK 380 regular, NOK 320 student).

- Moss airport Rygge located on the south-east side of the city (serves mainly Ryanair). Approximately 1 hour by [bus](#). You save on buying return ticket (NOK 290 regular, NOK 240 student).

### Travel in Oslo

The city centre of Oslo is defined by the shopping street *Karl Johans gate*, going from the central station (*Oslo sentralstasjon*, called *Oslo S*) to the national theatre (*Nationaltheatret*). These are also the relevant stops for the

airport train but note that every other train departing from the airport ends at *Oslo S* and doesn't go to *Nationaltheatret*.

Oslo has an extensive public transport system, with metro, busses, trams, boats, trains and city bikes. The easiest and most efficient way to get around is probably to use the metro system (T). Tickets for public transport in Oslo can be purchased in a large number of kiosks and shops as well as from ticket machines. You can buy single tickets (NOK 30), a 24-hour pass (NOK 75), or a week pass (NOK 220). The electronic pass ticket should be activated by swiping it in front of the validator before starting the first trip. Although it could be slightly more expensive, *we encourage buying a week pass* for the conference days since it will save time when all attendees are going together to the social events. <http://ruter.no/en/> can be used to plan your travel.

### Getting to the venue

To get to the conference venue by metro from downtown, take *line 3 (Sognsvann)*, *line 4 (Ringen)* or *line 5 (Storo)*. Each runs every 15 minutes and is scheduled to take only 7-9 minutes from downtown. You get off at *Forskningsparken* station and walk *under* the metro line. There you will see a long black building where FPL2012 is taking place. Registration is on the 1st floor. For eager walkers, it takes approximately 50 minutes to walk the 4km from the city centre to the building. More info about getting to the department [here](#).



**Conference venue address:** [Department of Informatics](#), University of Oslo, in the building Ole-Johan Dahls hus, Gaustadalleen 23 B. GPS-location: N 59° 56.582', E 10° 43.060'

### Registration

Conference registration Tuesday 17:00 - 18:30 and starting 07:45 Wednesday. If you want to register Wednesday morning, please show up well in advance of 08:30 to catch the Rector of the University of Oslo opening the conference. There is limited parking on the campus, and we encourage those with cars leaving it at the hotel. If you need to park a car at the campus for transportation reasons, you may park temporarily on a short-term parking in the south end of the building and then get a parking card from registration desk.

### Contacts:

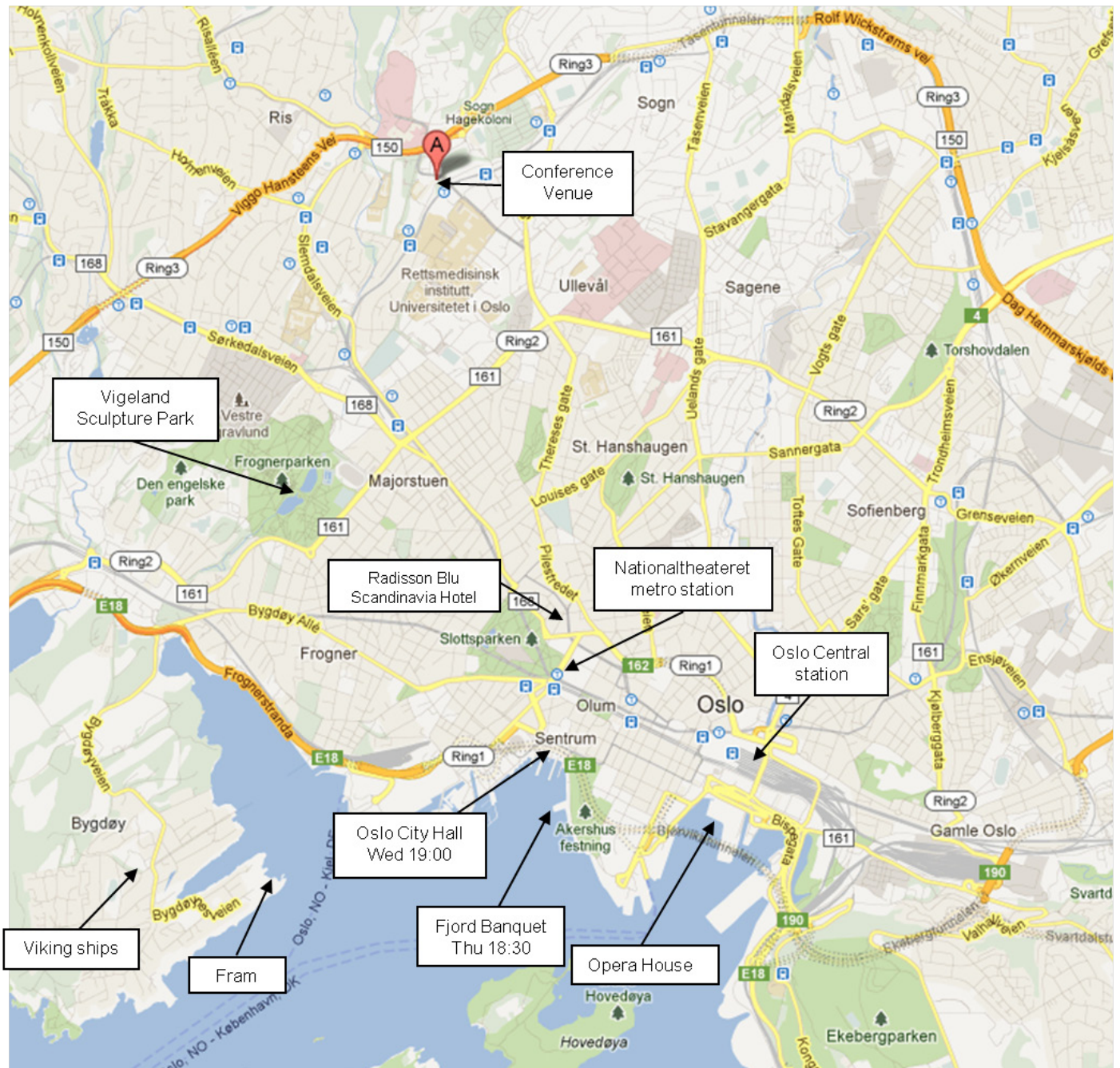
Please direct any general conference enquiries to Dirk Koch (+49 163 1414 633) or Jim Torresen (+47 9284 6669). For technical enquires, please contact Yngve Hafting +47 4112 0878.

Emergency phone numbers in Norway:

- Fire: 110
- Police: 112
- Ambulance: 113



Getting from Forskningsparken metro station to the conference venue



City of Oslo with important locations and some sights.