

FA COST Action FA1307

**Sustainable pollination in Europe - joint research on bees and other pollinators
(SUPER-B)**

Institute of Applied Sciences, MCAST, Malta

4-6th November, 2015

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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Getting to the Malta SUPER-B Meeting

The SUPER-B meeting will be held at the *Institute of Applied Sciences, Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST), Corradino Street, Paola, PLA 9032, Malta.*



Arrival

Malta International Airport plc, Luqa, LQA 4000, Malta.

There are four airport express services, X1, X2, X3 and X4. These routes make it easier for you to get directly to and from the airport. The X2 route takes you directly to Sliema and St. Julian's (Hotel Locations, more details below). For more information, kindly refer to Information booth within the Welcomers' Hall.

Hotel Locations and Transport

Transport from the localities of Sliema and St. Julian's to MCAST is being made available to all registered participants at no additional cost. In order to ensure easy access to the pickup locations, indicated in Maps 1 and 2 (below), it is suggested that the meeting participants select a hotel in Sliema and St. Julian's.

Alternatively, meeting participants can make use of the bus service provided by the Malta Public Transport. More details and a journey planner are available from here:

<http://www.transport.gov.mt/land-transport/bus-service>

Taxi services may be booked from the hotel or online from the following websites:

<http://ecabs.com.mt/book-a-cab-online/>

<http://yellowcabsmalta.com/online-booking/>

Accommodation Options

Sliema



Sliema Marina Hotel (3 star), Tigne Seafront, Sliema, Malta. Telephone: +356 21 3186423 Fax: +356 21 334065. Web: <http://sliemamarinahotel.com/>. Cost estimate: 45 Eur/night

Hotel Fortina (4 star), Tigne Seafront, Sliema, Malta. Tel. +356 2346 0000. Cost estimate: 75 Eur/night. <http://www.hotelfortina.com>

Depiro Point Apartments, Depiro Street , Sliema, Malta. Tel. +356 7940 4000. Cost estimate: 60 Eur/night. www.depiropoint.com/

Preluna Hotel & Spa (4 star), 124 Tower Road, Sliema, Malta. Tel. +356 2133 9366. Cost estimate: 50 Eur/night. www.preluna-hotel.com/

Carlton Hotel (3 star), 261 Tower Road, Sliema, Malta. Tel. +356 2131 5765. Cost estimate: 40 Eur/night

St. Julian's



Le Méridien St Julian's Hotel and Spa (5 star), Main Street, St Julian's, Malta. Tel. +356 2311 0000. Cost Estimate: 90 – 100 Eur/night. <http://www.lemeridienmalta.com>

Spinola Hotel (3 star), Qaliet, St. Julian's, Malta. Tel. ++356 2014 1500. Cost Estimate: 60 Eur/night. Web: www.spinolahotel.com

Cavalieri Art Hotel (4 star), Spinola Road, St Julian's, Malta. Tel. +356 2318 0000. Cost Estimate: 60 Eur/night. Web: <http://www.cavalierihotelmalta.com/>

Conference Dinner and a cultural visit

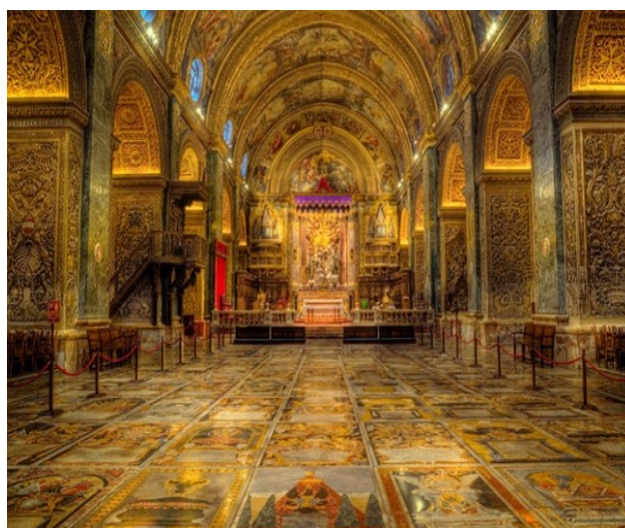
A conference dinner is being organised for Thursday, 5th November. The conference dinner will be held at the historic city of Mdina.

You can book your place at the Conference Dinner through the following link: <http://doodle.com/poll/t2dgfmq2x7b88eab>



Mdina

We are also planning to have a **cultural visit** to Valletta on Wednesday 4th evening for anyone who is interested. Transport from/to hotel locations will be made available.



Valletta

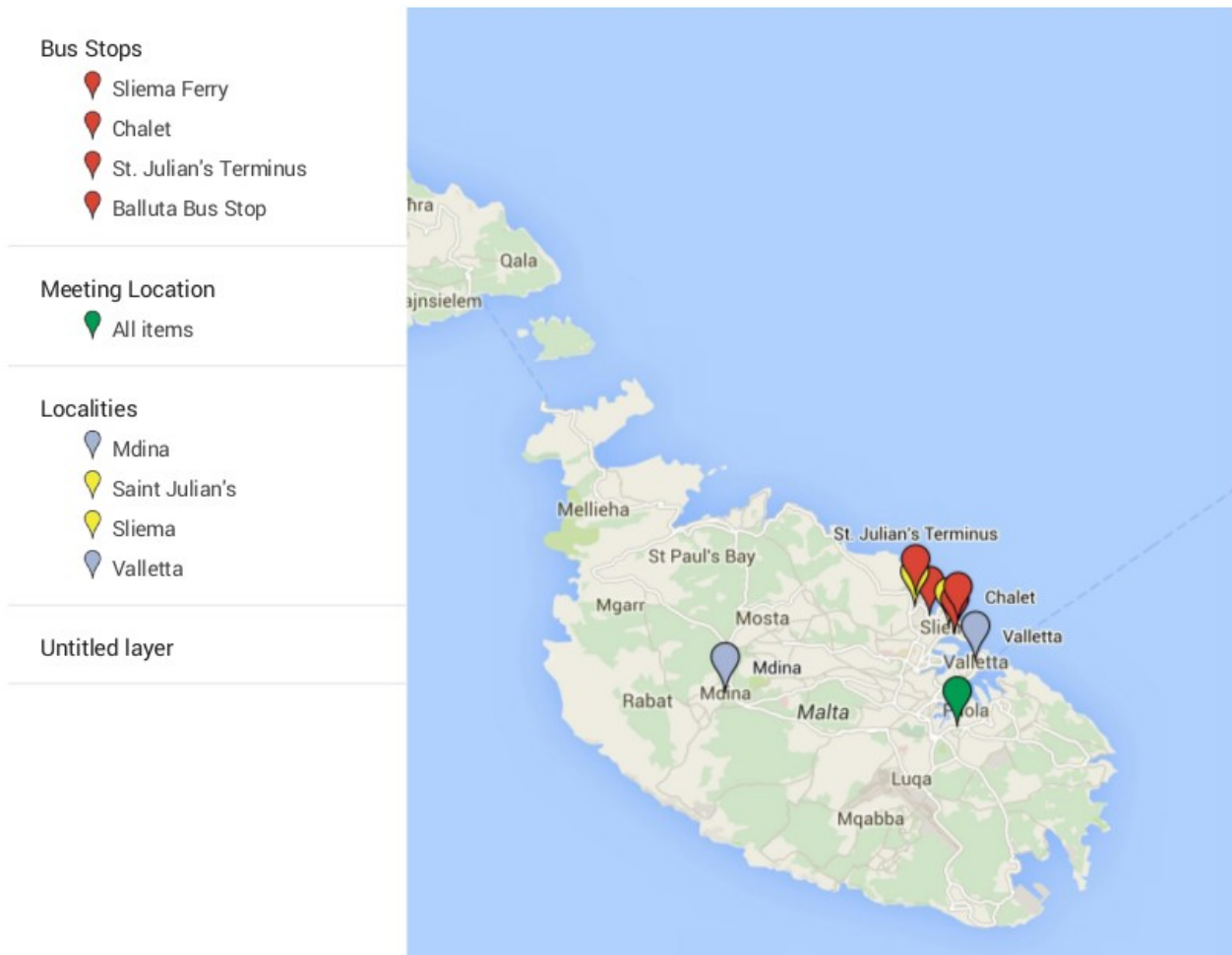
Welcome reception and working lunches

A welcome reception will be held at the meeting venue on the 4th of November between 12 and 13.00. All meeting participants are invited to attend.

A working lunch will be made available on the 5th and 6th of November, at a cost of **20 Eur** per person per lunch, to all meeting participants. The fee will be accepted on registering at the Reception Desk.

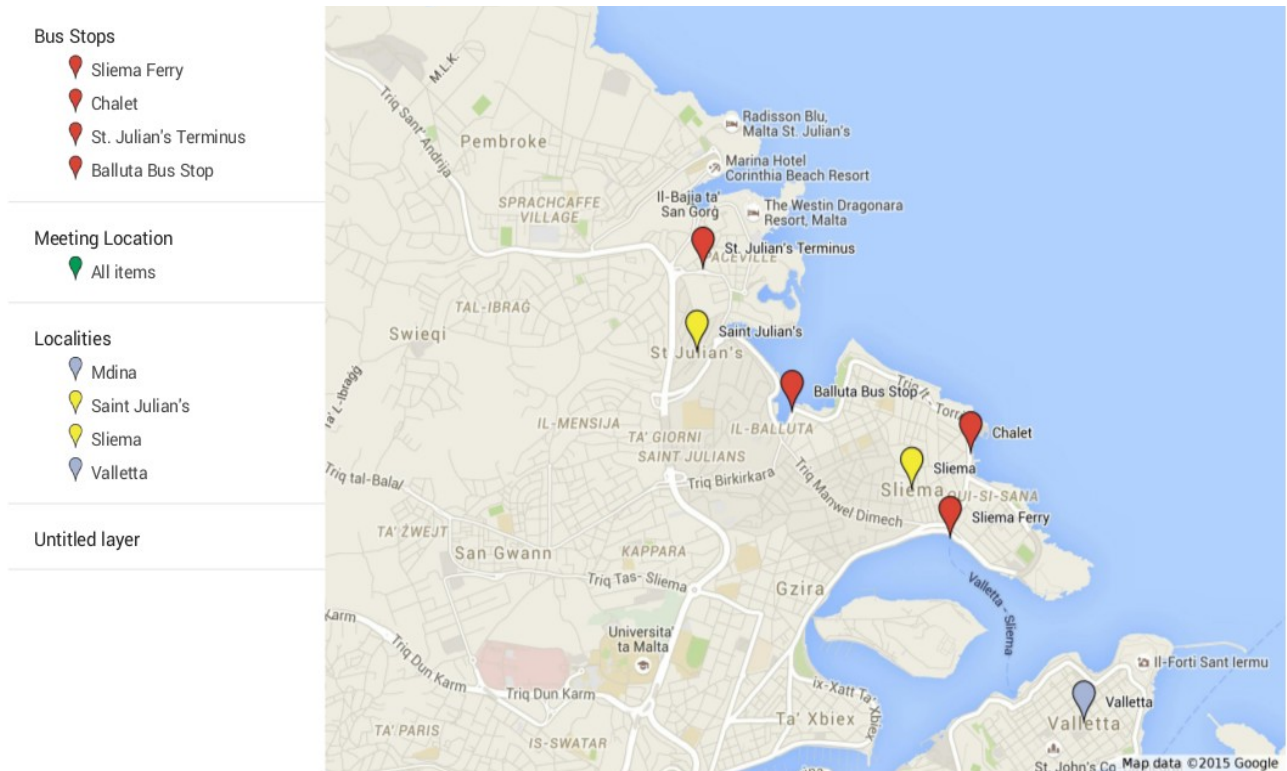
Maps

Map 1 – Meeting Locations. Red icons represent coaches pickup locations; the meeting location at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) is shown in green, while yellow and blue icons indicate localities of interest.



A digital copy of the map can be accessed from: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zvMSciaG0F_E.kToRuvsiP7WM&usp=sharing

Map 2 - Coaches Pick-up locations (Red) in St Julian's and Sliema



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Preliminary Programme

November 4: WG 1 +2 meeting combined

Coaches from St. Julian's and Sliema

11.30 Coaches depart from St. Julian's Terminus (please refer to Maps above)

11.35 Coaches depart from the Balluta Bus Stop

11.40 Coaches depart from Sliema Chalet Bus Stop

11.45 Coaches depart from Sliema Ferry Bus Stop

Welcome reception at the Institute of Applied Science, MCAST: 12.00 – 13.00

Title: Adding value: Assessing the range of benefits from pollinators

13.00-17.00h, max 30 people

17.00 - Cultural visit to Valletta centre

21.00 – Coaches depart to Sliema and St Julian's (Hotel Locations)

November 5: WG 3 and WG 4 meeting

Coaches from St. Julian's and Sliema

08.00 Coaches depart from St. Julian's Terminus

08.05 Coaches depart from the Balluta Bus Stop

08.10 Coaches depart from Sliema Chalet Bus Stop

08.15 Coaches depart from Sliema Ferry Bus Stop

Welcome coffee 8.30 – 9.00

WG 3 title: Matching pollinator supply to pollination demands in insect pollinated crops,

9.00 - 13.00h, max 30 people

The WG3 session of the Malta meeting will be centred around the Super-B study around the ‘Factors affecting the implementation of measures mitigating pollination loss’. This study aims to address, through questionnaires and analyses of existing databases, four research questions: (1) Which crops are preferred by beekeepers for honey bee forage and why? (2) Which crops are preferred by wild bees as forage plants? (3) What crops would farmers like to see pollinated by honeybees? (4) How much are farmers willing to pay for enhancing pollination in different crops (e.g. by hiring honey bee colonies or taking measures to enhance wild pollinators)? We will discuss progress and methodological issues and, if available, show some preliminary results.

Working lunch 13.00 – 14.00

WG 4 title: Horizon scan for bee threats,
14.00 - 18.00h, max 30 people

WG4 will be running two separate sessions. For those involved in the 'Horizon Scanning' exercise, we will be running a session dedicated to finalising the key future threats and promises to bees. In addition, following on from this spring's workshop on pathogen detection, WG4 will run a session dedicated to discussion of this season's sampling for pathogens among wild bees of Europe, laboratory protocols for their detection, and results so far.

18.00 Coaches to Sliema and St Julian's (Hotel Locations)

19.30 Coaches depart from Sliema and St Julian's

20.00 – Conference Dinner and visit to Mdina.

You can book your place at the Conference Dinner through the following link:
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23.30 Coaches to Sliema and St Julian's (Hotel Locations)

November 6: Dissemination Workshop and MC Meeting

Coaches from St. Julian's and Sliema

08.00 Coaches depart from St. Julian's Terminus
08.05 Coaches depart from the Balluta Bus Stop
08.10 Coaches depart from Sliema Chalet Bus Stop
08.15 Coaches depart from Sliema Ferry Bus Stop

Welcome coffee 8.30 – 09.00

Dissemination Workshop title: Dissemination priorities for Super-B,
9.00 -12.00h , max 40 people

Working lunch 12.00 – 13.00

MC meeting, 6 November,
13.00 - 16.00h, max 70 people, MC members only

16.00 Coaches to St Julian's and Sliema (Hotel Locations) and the Malta International Airport