

3rd EU-SOLARIS Doctoral Colloquium & 2nd EU-SOLARIS Summer School

19–23 OCTOBER 2026 · NICOSIA, CYPRUS

Practical Information Guide for Participants

Welcome to Nicosia!

A warm welcome to Nicosia —the brightest capital of Europe — for the 3rd EU-SOLARIS Doctoral Colloquium and the 2nd EU-SOLARIS Summer School, hosted by The Cyprus Institute.

What follows is a practical guide designed to make your stay as smooth, comfortable, and enjoyable as possible. If you need anything during your visit, please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

The Doctoral Colloquium takes place 19–21 October, followed by the Summer School on 22–23 October.



Nicosia Old Town

1 Travelling to Cyprus

Cyprus is easily accessible from most major European and Mediterranean cities through two international airports:

- **Larnaca International Airport (LCA)** – approximately 50 km from Nicosia (≈45–50 minutes by car).
- **Paphos International Airport (PFO)** – approximately 140 km from Nicosia (≈1 hour 45 minutes by car).



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Most international flights arrive at Larnaca Airport, which is the most convenient option for reaching Nicosia.

2 Getting from Larnaca Airport to Nicosia

Please note: airport transfers are not provided by the organisers. Participants are kindly asked to arrange their own travel from the airport to Nicosia. The following options are convenient and reliable:

By taxi or private transfer: approximate cost €50–€60 per trip, around 45 minutes. Taxis are available 24/7 at the arrivals area, and private transfers can be pre-booked.

By shuttle bus: the Kapnos Airport Shuttle operates frequent connections between Larnaca Airport and Nicosia. One-way ticket approximately €8, travel time approximately 45 minutes. The Nicosia terminal is located near the Hilton Nicosia area (around 10–15 minutes by car from The Cyprus Institute). Website: kapnosairportshuttle.com.

3 Accommodation

We have identified a number of hotels in Nicosia offering CYI corporate rates for participants of the event. Our main recommended option is the Semeli Hotel. The following alternatives are also available. Rates below are per room, per night; participants are kindly asked to book directly with the hotel:

- **Semeli Hotel**, Nicosia — *Main recommended hotel · daily shuttle pick-up point*
Single €98 · Double or Twin €118 — booking form already provided.
- **The Classic Hotel**, Nicosia — *~8 min walk to Solomou stop*
Single €125 · Superior Single €135 — book by email at resclassic@gapgroup.com, referring to the CyI SSDC event.
- **Centrum Hotel**, Nicosia — *~5 min walk to Solomou stop*
Single €109 · Double €119 — book by email at reservations@centrumhotel.net, stating who you are and referencing the EEWRC/CyI SSDC event.
- **Cleopatra Hotel**, Nicosia — *~15 min walk to Solomou stop*
Single €120 · Double €150 — book by email at info@cleopatra.com.cy, quoting reservation code EEWRC.

4 Reaching The Cyprus Institute (Conference Venue)

The Cyprus Institute (Cyl)

20 Konstantinou Kavafi Street, 2121 Aglantzia, Nicosia, Cyprus.

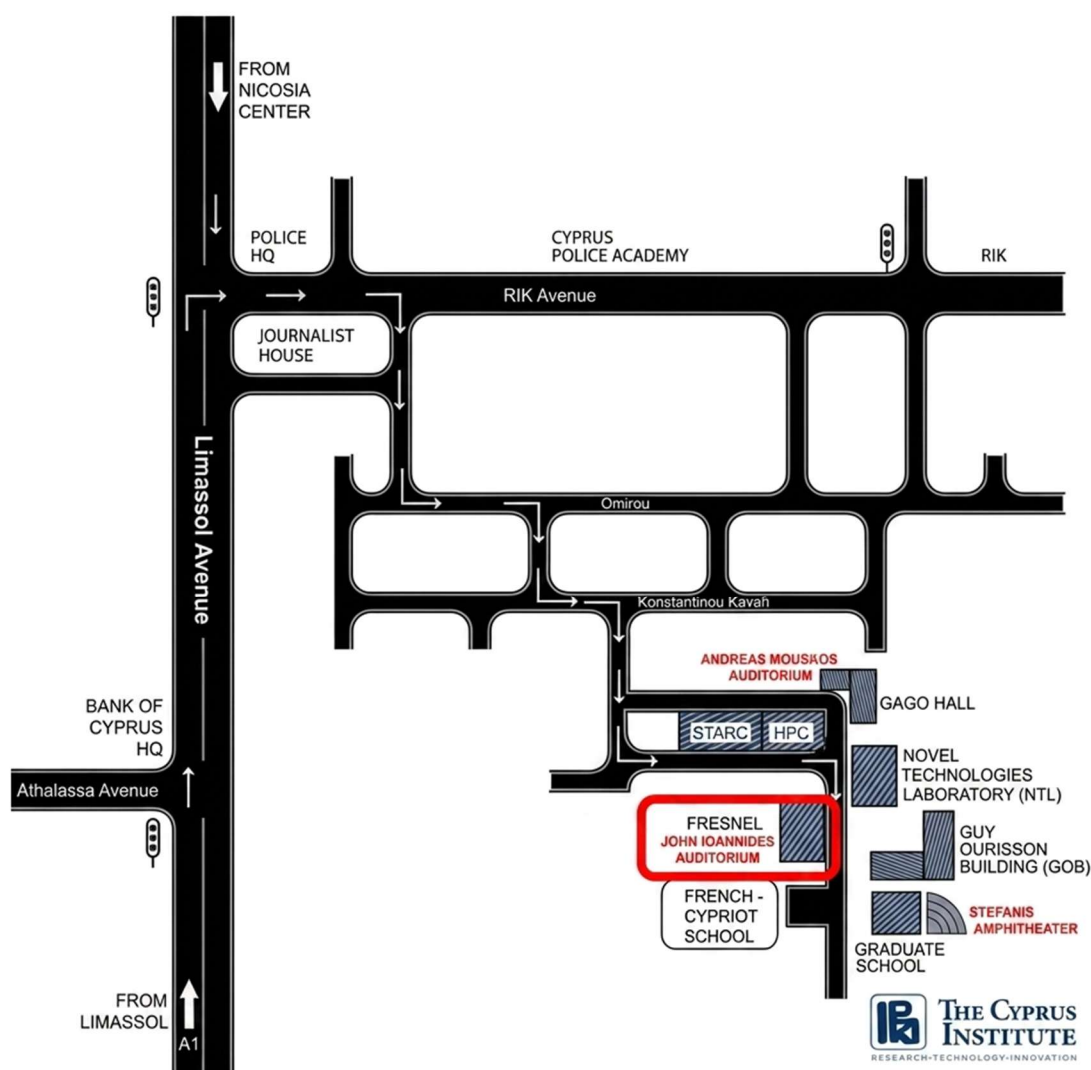
Tel: +357 22 208700 · Website: www.cyi.ac.cy

The Institute is located in Aglantzia, approximately 10 minutes from the city centre and 45 minutes from Larnaca Airport. The sessions will be held at the John Ioannides Auditorium, in the Fresnel Building of The Cyprus Institute.



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How to reach The Cyprus Institute – the Fresnel Building is marked in red

Daily transportation to the venue

A shuttle bus will operate daily between the city centre and The Cyprus Institute (morning and afternoon transfers, with return). There are two pick-up and drop-off points:

- **Solomou Square**
- **Semeli Hotel**

Participants staying at these points — or in nearby accommodation within walking distance — are welcome to use this service. A detailed schedule will be shared closer to the event dates.

Alternatively, the following options are available:

By taxi or ride-hailing apps (e.g. Bolt): the most convenient and flexible way to reach the Institute within the city. Among others, you may contact PRIMO Taxi – Mr. Fotis: +357 99 419378.



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By car: parking is available on site. Visitors are kindly requested to use the main entrance parking area.

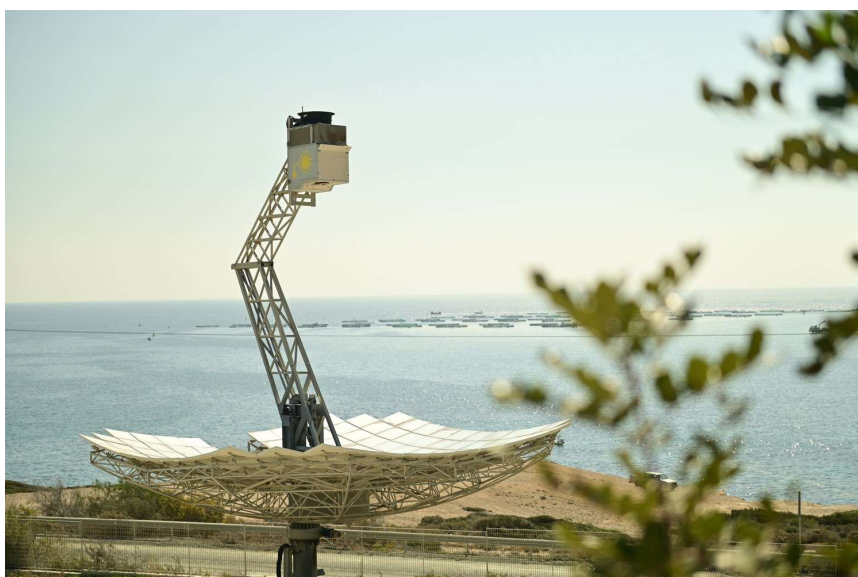
By public bus: local bus routes (e.g. 150, 158) stop near The Cyprus Institute. Service frequency may be limited, so taxis are generally recommended for greater convenience.

5 Meals & Beverages

During the event, coffee breaks, light snacks and lunch will be provided for all participants each day.

Social programme & evening arrangements

- **Tuesday 20 October:** technical visit to the Proteas solar facility, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Bus transfers will be arranged.
- **Wednesday 21 October:** guided tour of Nicosia, followed by dinner at Kathodon in the city centre.



The PROTEAS concentrating-solar research facility at Pentakomo, on the coast near Limassol – site of Tuesday's technical visit.



The solar receiver tower and a view across the facility and the coastline.



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Details of the social programme will be confirmed closer to the event.

6 Tips & Practical Information

Taxi: for local trips you may contact PRIMO Taxi – Mr. Fotis: +357 99 419378.

Public buses: you can explore Nicosia using the public bus system. Routes and timetables are available at publictransport.com.cy.

Solomou Square: the main bus station in the old city, connecting various routes within Nicosia and beyond ([more details](#)).

Exploring Nicosia: if you have some free time, we encourage you to explore the city's rich history and vibrant culture – [Visit Nicosia](#), [Visit Cyprus](#), [Nicosia Museums](#).



The old town of Nicosia

Weather: you can check the forecast at cyprus-weather.com. Late October in Nicosia is typically mild and sunny.

Electricity: Cyprus uses Type G electricity sockets (UK-style plug).

Currency: the official currency is the Euro (€).

Emergency: 112 – the European Emergency Number (free from all phones), covering Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in Nicosia and to an engaging and inspiring event together. If there is anything you may need before your arrival, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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