



Planning a Trip to Gent

The name of Ghent can be written in three different ways: the latter is in English, Gand in French and the most diffused GENT in Flemish. The name Gent is most common because it is adopted on the official maps and the public signs in town such as road signs and rail station name boards.

Gent is the capital of the East Flanders province (Oost-Vlaanderen), it is located within the main Flemish cities of Bruges, Antwerp and Brussels. There are several ways to reach Gent but through public transports the most common is the train. The city of Gent does not have an own airport so it makes reference on Brussels International Airport or on Charleroi Airport (also known as Brussels South Charleroi Airport). The city's main rail station is Gent-Sint-Pieters.

Location of the Congress venue

The congress will take place in the conference room (B0.004) in the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering building, Department of Agricultural economics of Gent University in the Coupure Links 653.

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URL <http://www.fbw.ugent.be>

Fly Connections

Brussels (Zaventem) International Airport is the main reference in order to reach Belgium by fly. All the main airlines from the most European cities are connected with this airport. For those that fly by Ryanair or Wizzair they will landed at Charleroi Airport. The connection between the airports and the city of Gent are illustrate at the next points.

For further information about the connection with these two airports we suggest to visualize the official web pages.

www.brusselsairport.be

www.charleroi-airport.com

Train Connection

Brussels > Ghent

Most international trains (including Eurostar and Thalys) arrive in the railway station Brussels-South (Bruxelles-Midi/Brussel-Zuid).

From Brussels there are numerous trains per day going to Gent - Sint-Pieters. In fact there are three trains per hour with a frequency that can vary between 18 and 26 minutes. Your departure from Brussels can be from one of the three main stations such as Brxl Nord, Brxl Central and Brxl South (Zuid/Midi). The train direction can vary in each train according with the final destination, because Gent is always an intermediate stop. The possible final destinations are Blankenberge, Ostenede, La Panne and Knokke. Nevertheless indication on the time schedule and the platforms

in the train stations are always complete. The duration of the journey is approximately 40 minutes, with a little variation according with the departure station.

For the return from Gent there is a similar situation. From Gent - Sint-Pieters there are three trains per hour every day going to Brussels. The trains' direction can also vary according with the final destination which can be Tongres, Eupen and Landen. All the trains stop to the three main station of Brxl Midi, Brxl Central and Brxl Nord.

Amsterdam > Gent

Every day there are many train connection from Amsterdam Centraal Station to Gent - Sint-Pieters. Approximately one train every hour leaves Amsterdam in direction of Belgium. In order to get in Gent it is necessary to transfer in Antwerp. The duration of the journey is approximately 3 hours. For further information consult the Dutch Railways web page at www.ns.nl or the Belgium one at www.b-rail.be.

Brussels (Zaventem) International Airport > Gent

From 06.00 h till 23.04 h. the Airport City Express links the International Airport with Gent Sint-Pieters railway station. The final destinations of that train can be Blankenberge, De Panne, Knokke or Oostende. All trains pass through Brxl Nord, Brxl Central and Brxl South (Zuid/Midi). You can go to either one of these stations in Brussels (four trains per hour from the airport) and change there to the frequent trains going to Gent Sint-Pieters or you can take a direct train from the airport to Gent (one per hour).

The train station is located on level -1 of the terminal building itself. You will find the stairs and elevators to your right when arriving in the arrival hall. Follow the "train symbols".

Charleroi Airport > Gent

In order to reach Gent from Charleroi Airport by public transports is necessary to go first to Brussels and in order to do that there are two different possibilities: the faster and easiest connection is guaranteed by a shuttle service directly from the airport. Every hour a shuttle coach leaves the airport and it stops in front of Brussels South (Zuid/Midi) railway station. Duration of the bus journey is approximately one hour. For more detailed information about the time schedule we suggest to make reference on the airport web page*.

Second choice in order to reach the Brussels South (Zuid/Midi) railway station is to catch the Bus n° 68 which connect Charleroi airport to Charleroi Sud railway station. From there are several departure per hour in direction of Brussels. We do advise against to choose this option even if you miss a shuttle bus because this path requires an extra step and it takes inevitably longer time.

For further information on train timetables for the whole of Belgium (and international trains) we suggest to make reference on the Belgian Railways website (www.b-rail.be). All the information are available in Dutch, English, French and German.

Car Connections

Belgium is a relative small size country and Gent has a central location in respect of the main Flemish cities. The city of Gent is located at 50km northwest of Brussels, 51km southeast of Bruges and 45km southwest of Antwerp. By car the city is easily accessible by two of the country's main roads:

* <http://www.charleroi-airport.com/doc.php?nd=1101&tid=101&site=1&lg=2>

The E40 connects Gent with Bruges and Ostend to the west, and with Brussels, Leuven and Liège to the east.

The E17 connects Ghent with Sint-Niklaas and Antwerp to the north, and with Kortrijk and Lille to the south.

Arrival by train in Gent-Sint-Pieters

The rail station Gent-Sint-Pieters (tel. 09/222-44-44) is located on Koningin Maria-Hendrikaplein, about 1.6km south of town (see the map). The main exit toward the centre city is near track 1.

Walking distances in town are not prohibitive but in order to reach the centre city or the Congress location we suggest to catch a taxi or a public transport.

Public transport in Gent is organised by “De Lijn[†]”. In order to reach the conference location there are two connections:

Tram 4: you can catch the tram exactly in front of the main entrance of the train station. Tram direction is to Gentbrugge Moscou (but you can only read Moscou on the tram board). Stop at Rozenmarijnbrug, cross the bridge by foot and follow on the right side along the canal (Copure) for few steps to the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering building at Coupure Links 653.

Tram 21: you can catch the tram on the left side of the building when you get out from the train station. Tram direction is Gent Zwijnaardebrug - Melle Leeuw (but you can only read Zwijnaarde on the tram board). The tram stop is Rozemarijnbrug the same of the n° 4. in order to reach the faculty see indication above.

Accommodation

Guest lectures that need to spend more than one day in town, they will be accommodate at the Hotel Flandria in Barrestraat 3, B-9000.

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URL <http://www.flandria-centrum.be/en/>

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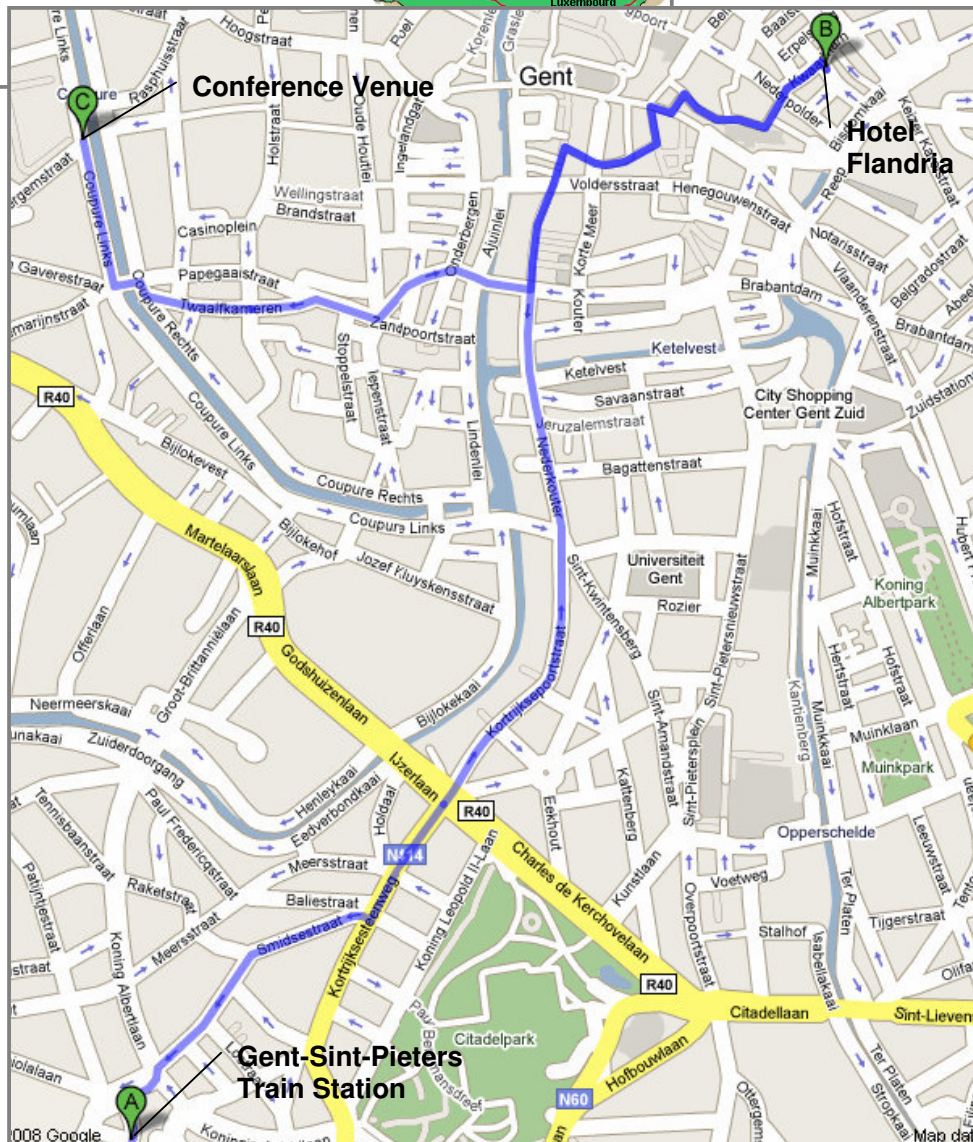
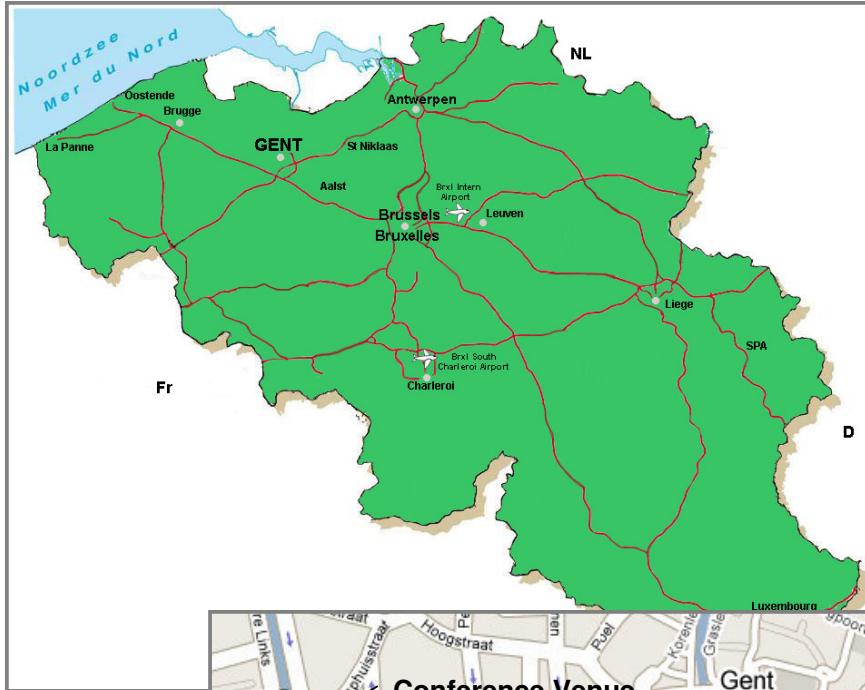
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[†] www.delijn.be (only in Dutch)

Maps



Trains Time Schedule Sample

Brussels > Gent

Gent > Brussels

Station/Stop	Arriv	Depar	Direction	Station/Stop	Arriv	Depar	Direction
Bruxelles Nord		6.56	Ostende	Gent - Sint-Pieters		13.57	Tongres
Bruxelles Central	6.59	7.00		Bruxelles Midi	14.28	14.30	
Bruxelles Midi	7.03	7.05		Bruxelles Central	14.33	14.34	
Gent - Sint-Pieters	7.36			Bruxelles Nord	14.37		

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Bruxelles Nord		7.05	La Panne	Gent - Sint-Pieters		14.15	Landen
Bruxelles Central	7.08	7.09		Bruxelles Midi	14.46	14.48	
Bruxelles Midi	7.12	7.14		Bruxelles Central	14.51	14.52	
Gent - Sint-Pieters	7.45			Bruxelles Nord	14.55		

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Bruxelles Nord		7.23	Knokke	Gent - Sint-Pieters		14.24	Eupen
Bruxelles Central	7.26	7.27		Bruxelles Midi	14.55	14.57	
Bruxelles Midi	7.30	7.32		Bruxelles Central	15.00	15.01	
Gent - Sint-Pieters	8.01			Bruxelles Nord	15.04		

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