LOCAL INFORMATION SHEET

TARK and ICLA

7-12 January, 2013

We cordially welcome all ICLA and TARK participants to the Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc), Chennai. This sheet provides some basic information about local arrangements in IMSc. In case of any query, please approach volunteers or "Information Desk" in front of the Ramanujam auditorium. The volunteers can be identified by the green circle on their conference badge. Contact numbers and mail ids of the volunteers are given in the last page of this information sheet.

Registration and Programme

On January 7 2013, the registration will start at 8 A.M. at the Information desk. Delegates who have not yet paid their registration should pay the registration fee there.

All the talks will held at Ramanujan auditorium. The schedule of the program is available inside the conference kit.

Volunteers, *Ramanathan* and *Ramchandra*, will be in Ramanujam auditorium to help the speakers. Speakers have to load their talks in the laptop in the auditorium. Please contact *Ramanathan* or *Ramchandra* well before the scheduled time of your talk.

Computer and Internet access

A few computers with Internet access have been placed in the LOUNGE, room 200. To reach there walk behind from the Ramanujam auditorium to where the offices are, climb the stairs one floor and then walk to the far eastern end of the corridor. There will be sign boards giving directions. There is no need of any password for these computers.

For accessing the wifi, open any browser and attempt to access the net. You will be automatically redirected to IMSc's hotspot portal. The required passwords will be available at the Information desk or on a notice board nearby.

Another point to be noted that European 2-pins plugs usually work with Indian sockets but the UK/American/japanese 2-pins are flat-pins and will NOT work, so converters are necessary. Please check whether your power plugs can be used in India.

Please contact *Sreejith* for any query related to computer and Internet access.

Commuting to IMSc

For Delegates staying in Raintree hotel, the hotel provides a vehicle to commute to IMSc. Please fill up the form at the hotel reception and give it to them with the timings at which you wish to be taken to the conference and brought back every day. Delegates staying in Gorur apartment (Adyar flats), CLRI, ISI guest house, could avail the IMSc shuttle service to commute to IMSc. The IMSc shuttle service for January 7 to 12 is attached with this information sheet.

If there is any problem with your hotel/guest house, please contact *Anup* (Raintree), *Fahad* (IMSc) and *Swaroop* (Adyar flats).

Conference lunch

During 7-12 January, lunch will be served at the Institute of Hotel Management, which is the second building down the road from IMSc. Its location is marked in the enclosed map. Please wear your badges for identification purposes.

Accessing IMSc library

Delegates can enter the library during working hours (9:00 AM to 6:00 PM) after showing their identity card or conference badge. To visit the library during non-working hours, please contact *Anuj*. Borrowing of books is not allowed, but participants are free to use the reprographic facilities in the library, by placing their requests to *Anuj* before 3:00 PM each day. For any query related to library please contact him.

Travelling within Chennai

The IMSc shuttle service (attached with this information sheet) buses go via Adyar, Thiruvanmiyur, L.B. Road... every 30 minutes during peak hours and every one hour during non-peak hours. From these places one could take bus or train to reach various parts of Chennai. These places have a few shopping centers and a good number of restaurants.

Chennai has an affordable public transport system but travelling in buses during peak hours is a bummer. One may try autorickshaws which may be flagged down on the street but fix the fare, some skill required to negotiate, before the journey begins. One could easily rent a car/taxi for a comfortable and hassle free journey. At times booking a prepaid taxi might be cheaper than autorickshaws. For booking taxis one may contact the following numbers.

- FastTrack Call Taxi: 044 2473 2020

- Chennai Call taxi : 044 2538 4455

For a taxi for a longer duration (eg, a round trip), contact Mr Ramalingam of Pamban Travels". His contact number is given below in the table.

The Indira nagar metro station is very near to IMSc. The MRTS trains run roughly north-south with a frequency of 20 minutes. The last train from Beach reaches Indira Nagar around 10:45 PM and the last train towards beach is at 11:15 PM. The metro time table and more details about travel information can be accessed on the IMSc webpage under "Getting here" and "Suburban trains".

Medical facilities

For medical facilities please contact any person from IMSc. The Voluntary Health Services Hospital (VHS) is a kilometre away (see enclosed map), and one of us can help you get there. We also have a medical consultant visiting on specific days and we can arrange an appointment.

Social and cultural activities

- 7 January, 6:00 PM : Bharatanatyam performance by Renjith and Vijna at Ramanujam auditorium.

- 8 January, 7:00 PM : TARK banquet at MGM Beach Resort, 1/74, East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Chennai 603112. Tel: +91-44-3910-2400 to -2499(100 lines) Mobile: +91-98400-70655
  Before the banquet there will be a banquet lecture by Prof. Rohit Parikh at MGM lecture hall. Buses will be arranged to take participants from IMSc to MGM and to drop the participants in IMSc and Raintree after the banquet. The buses will start from IMSc at 6:00 PM.

- 9 January, 2:00 PM : Excursion to Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram).
  There will be a bus which will leave IMSc at 2:00 PM and will back to IMSc around 7:30 PM. The guests staying at Raintree will be droped around 8:00 PM.

- 10 January, 6:00 PM : Carnatic vocal recital by T. V. Ramprasadh at Ramanujam auditorium.

- 11 January, 7:00 PM : ICLA banquet at Green Meadows Resort, 4/364 A, Anna Salai, Palavakkam, Chennai 600041. Tel: 044-2451-5555 Mobile: +91-96002-44467 .
  Buses will be arranged to take participants from IMSc to GM and to drop the participants in IMSc and Raintree after the banquet. The buses will leave for GM around 6:30 PM.

Things to do

During December to January, Chennai hosts the annual Madras Music festival, featuring Carnatic music and Bharatanatyam performances. The concert schedules, and other news on the music scene in Chennai can be found in Kutcheribuzz and Madras Music Season 2012-2013. Music academy hosts Dance Festival 2013 which will give a glimpse of various dance styles from India.

January 14 is Pongal, the harvest festival, and perhaps the most ancient festival of Tamil Nadu. There will be lot of events around that.

DakshinaChitra is a center for art, folk performing art, craft and architecture of South India. It holds many theme-based events throughout the year. From January 2 to 31, there will be the Margazhi Chennai Village Festival at DakshinaChitra, with Village Mela being the theme.

Cholamandalam Artist Village is a great tourist destination for people who love paintings. They have two galleries of paintings and sculptures. On Sunday mornings, you could meet the painters and sculptors, see them working, and do some painting yourself.

The Chennai book fair, is an annual event. It is massive in scale, and features a lot of English publishing houses as well as Tamil. This year it happens from January 11 to January 23 at YMCA Physical Education College Ground, Nandnam, Chennai.

For eating South Indian cuisine to International cuisine in an appropriate restaurant with good test and reasonable budget there are several places around IMSc and the places of accommodation for the participants. The details with link to the restaurants can be found in
http://www.imsc.res.in/ icla/local-chennai.html .
Some of these restaurants are marked in the enclosed map.

Contact persons

Here is contact information of volunteers for specific queries. If there is any trouble in finding them, please approach any volunteer or the Information Desk.

IMSc Shuttle service (7 - 12 January, 2013)

Start point	Departure time	Route and stops	End point
Adyar Flats	7:30 8:00	Madhya Kailash - Tidel park ,,	IMsc
Neelangari Flat	7:30	Thiruvanmiyur park close RTO signal - 2nd Seaward Road -Singapore Shoppe - Corporation office, Thiruvanmiyur Thiruvanmiyur signal - Tidel park	IMSc
IMSc	8:00 9:00	IIT Gate - Adyar flats - Tidel park ,,	IMsc
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Map legend:

- Institute of Mathematical Sciences
- Institute of Hotel Management
- VHS Hospital
- IIT Madras
- Coffee Shop
- Supermarket
- Medical Shop
- ATM
- Adyar Flats
- ISI Guest House
- Indian/Arabic Restaurant
- IMSc Shuttle Route