

Call for Contributions (Papers and Performative Lectures)

EASTAP Annual Conference 2024 - Ecosystems of Theatre and Performance
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The Hosting Institutions and Sitges

About the hosting institution

We are a world-class performing arts training and higher education institution and conservatoire offering BA (Hons), Foundation and Masters programmes in performing arts validated by Liverpool John Moores University. We offer academic excellence, internationally recognised staff, and a focus on employability, in an environment that fosters creativity and celebrates diversity. Our contemporary way of training is focused on individuality. We believe in finding the artist's own voice giving all the skills necessary to succeed. Our method is learning by doing, which means most of our programmes are about rigorous practical training with a strong theoretical framework. We are an international community, where students from over 60 different nationalities come together with one mission – to learn about the performing arts. We have two campuses, the IAB main building and Mas Alba. Both campuses have studios with wide open windows floating with natural light – for a total of 21 performative and rehearsal studios –, and two 200-seat theatre for performances housing more than 35 performances per year. There are two additional Studio Theatre spaces that provide opportunities for more intimate black-box theatre productions. The IAB Main Campus is a 15-minute walk from the centre of Sitges. The campus consists of the main building and adjacent studios, thereby forming an artistic and performing arts environment where all the main facilities are located. We recently opened a new satellite building – a large, converted warehouse with an industrial feel – situated in the north part of Sitges.

About Sitges

Sitges, a coastal gem nestled southwest of Barcelona, epitomises Mediterranean charm. Known for its picturesque beaches, vibrant nightlife, and historical architecture, this Catalan town seamlessly blends cultural richness with seaside allure. Renowned for the annual Sitges Film Festival, the Carnaval, the Corpus Domini and for its vibrant festivals and museums, it attracts art enthusiasts worldwide. With its quaint streets, lively festivals, and a welcoming atmosphere, Sitges offers a perfect blend of relaxation and cultural exploration along the sun-kissed shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Conveniently close to Barcelona, Sitges is easily accessible. The town is approximately 35 kilometres southwest of Barcelona, with a direct train every 15 minutes (45 min rides) and direct buses every 30 minutes. The Barcelona-El Prat Airport is the nearest international airport, with direct connection via bus (Terminal 1 – every 30 minutes, 25-minute ride) and via train (every 30 minutes from Terminal 2 – change in El Prat – 40-minute ride).

The accommodation list of hotels will be posted on this website in accordance with the Sitges Convention Bureau. Detailed information regarding airport transfers, including timing, bus schedules, and other specifics, will be communicated separately to conference participants via email.

Sitges and sustainability

Sitges has been a biosphere destination since 2016, and is committed to environmental, economic, and social sustainability. Its urban design offers the possibility of moving around on foot with no need to use mass public transport. Enjoying the Mediterranean essence in the streets of the old town, the town centre, or on the seafront promenade with its magnificent mansions, Modernist buildings, unique outdoor venues, and secluded gardens that allow for organising outdoor events and activities

throughout the entire year. The protected Garraf Park and the surrounding DO Penedés and Garraf wine-growing areas offer ideal activities to complement a stay in the destination.

In December 2022, Sitges received the Biosphere Gold certification in recognition of the joint work done by the administration and local businesses. Biosphere, an award that Sitges has been receiving since 2016, is an international certificate that accredits the sustainability of both destinations and their companies, and it is endorsed by the World Tourism Organization. In 2017, the Garraf, Olèrdola and Foix parks received Certification from the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (CETS), managed by the Europark Federation.