



BETWEEN MEETINGS

Gastronomic brilliance

This gourmet's dream offer innovative cuisine using local produce. Specially fish and shellfish is our claim to fame. Cuisine from all over the world is offered at reasonable prices at first-class, gourmet, trendy or traditional restaurants. Six restaurants are awarded with a Guide Michelin star.

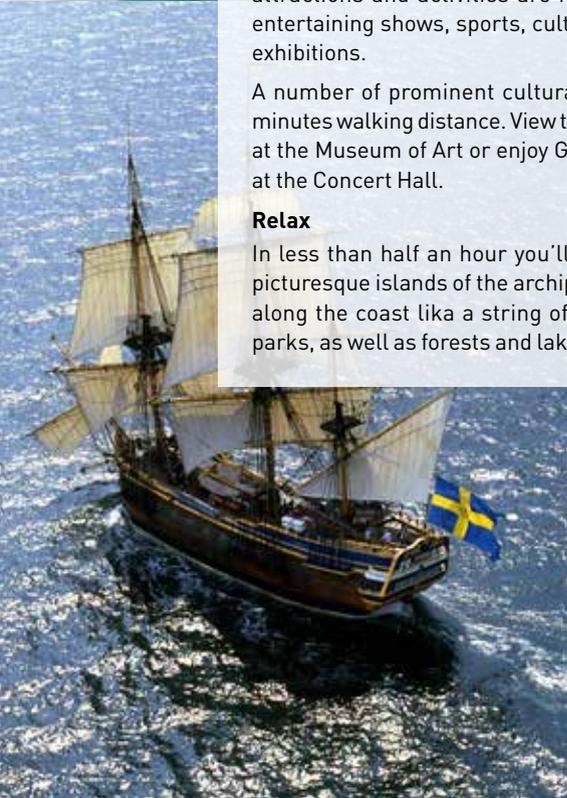
Attractions

Gothenburg and West Sweden offers an exceptional combination of city life, culture and nature. Historical and contemporary attractions and activities are mixed with a wide repertoire of entertaining shows, sports, cultural events, shopping, fairs and exhibitions.

A number of prominent cultural institutions are found on five minutes walking distance. View the unique collection of Nordic art at the Museum of Art or enjoy Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra at the Concert Hall.

Relax

In less than half an hour you'll be on a boat taking you to the picturesque islands of the archipelago. The many islands stretch along the coast like a string of pearls. The many city-centred parks, as well as forests and lakes are only a stone's throw away.



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GETTING HERE IS EASY

- International airport less than 20 minutes from the city centre.
- Direct flights from more than 60 destinations.
- Ferry from Kiel and Fredrikshavn.
- Everything you need within walking distance from the IMC venue.



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WELCOME TO GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

22-25 JUNE, 2020





WELCOME TO IMC17 IN GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN 2020!

Dear colleagues, it is an honour for us in the local organizing committee to welcome you all to the International Mobility Conference IMC17, which will be held in Gothenburg 22–25 June 2020. Coming to Sweden in the summer time also means long bright days and usually very pleasant weather.

In Sweden we have a long tradition of striving for equality. Amongst other things this involves focusing on how people with impairment can have the best opportunities to participate in our society. For this reason the theme “Challenges for an inclusive society” has been chosen for the conference. With this theme we wish to focus on identifying what needs to be done on a worldwide basis in order to achieve an inclusive society with regard to orientation and mobility, based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The conference will build on interdisciplinary professional and academic work. Here we want to bring together researchers, practitioners and people with visual impairment and blindness in order to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and collaboration

across different perspectives on orientation and mobility (O&M).

We want to extend our shared knowledge in the field of O&M in a broad sense; being challenged by new research results, together discuss new interpretations of the function of O&M for living a healthy life, and gain new insights into designing rehabilitation initiatives and programs. Bringing together researchers and professionals from a wide range of disciplines guarantees that the complexity of O&M in daily life will be illuminated in all its facets and dimensions. We want to challenge you all to further broaden the knowledge base for our profession.

But, before we start with the academic program, you are all invited to a traditional Swedish midsummer party, which will create memories for life.

See you in Gothenburg!

Inger Berndtsson
Chair, the Local Organizing Committee

THE 2020 THEME

CHALLENGES FOR AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

THE RELATION BETWEEN THE HUMAN BEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

O&M will be highlighted in their relational aspects, focusing on both the human being and the environment. This interconnection will involve physical, as well as social aspects of the environment.

LEARNING AND PARTICIPATION

The conference will highlight individuals of all ages that have to learn to lead a new life due to visual impairment or blindness, and put focus on the meaning of O&M skills for successful learning, where psychological, perceptual, existential and social aspects will be emphasized.

VISION 2020

The conference will welcome presentations related to VISION 2020. “A world in which nobody is needlessly visually impaired, where those with unavoidable vision loss can achieve their full potential.” (WHO). We hope thereby to uncover new and potential solutions for living a healthy life.

THEORY OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY

We want to expand the O&M rehabilitation practice and theory, and will invite scholars and practitioners to contribute to an enhanced theoretical knowledge relevant for various ages and groups.

GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

- > **The IMC venue, University of Gothenburg, Campus Pedagogen, is city-centred** with walking distance to hotels, restaurants, shopping and culture.
- > **Easy access** with direct flights from 60 major destinations, with Paris and London just two hours away. **Only 25 minutes transport** to the IMC venue.
- > Gothenburg is the **leading destination for sustainable meetings** in the world.
- > **Value for money.** Great quality at a lower cost - prices below average European level.
- > **Green, clean and safe** environments.
- > **Experience a flourishing green city** with some of the best **parks and gardens** in northern Europe.
- > Visit **Liseberg**, Scandinavia’s largest **amusement park** where you’ll find many rides and attractions offering thrills, spills and laughter for kids and grown-ups.
- > Within a tramride you will reach the **archipelago of Gothenburg** with charming villages, stunning nature and beaches. **Seal safaris and boat excursions** are some of the activities available.