

First Announcement



INNOSTORAGE Conference

February 16-18, 2016

 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel**

INNOSTORAGE (<http://www.innostorage.eu/index.php>) is an FP7 European project driven by the need to develop efficient thermal energy storage (TES) systems using phase change materials (PCM).



INNOSTORAGE partners (<http://www.innostorage.eu/participants.php>) include leading researchers in the field from Spain, France, Israel, United States, Australia and New Zealand.

INNOSTORAGE research scheme considers the expertise and capabilities of each partner and also the possibility of creating new synergies among them.

INNOSTORAGE exchanges involve a transfer of knowledge at different levels and training opportunities for early stage researchers.

INNOSTORAGE Conference is an open event, which aims to bring together leading experts in the field from around the world, disseminate knowledge gained within the INNOSTORAGE project and create new opportunities for international scientific cooperation in the field of thermal energy storage.

Initial information about the Conference venue and organization appears below

**Please, express your interest in participation by writing to Dr. Gennady Ziskind
(gziskind@bgu.ac.il)**

Venue

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), Marcus Family Campus,

Beer-Sheva, Israel

(Building 98)



Beer-Sheva

Beer-Sheva (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beersheba>) is a dynamic modern city with the history of about 4000 years (<http://www.abraham.org.il/index.php?lang=en>). Recently, Beer-Sheva has been chosen as one of the “seven locations worldwide as emerging, up-and-coming hubs that technology and life sciences companies should consider as they evaluate their global location strategy” (<https://www.brandeis.edu/global/news/2015/t3-brandeis-study.html>, <http://www.haaretz.com/business/.premium-1.653014>).

Beer-Sheva is connected by a highway to Tel-Aviv (about 100 km) and to Jerusalem (about 110 km). There are two trains per hour from Tel-Aviv (1¼ hour ride, about 8 euros one way).

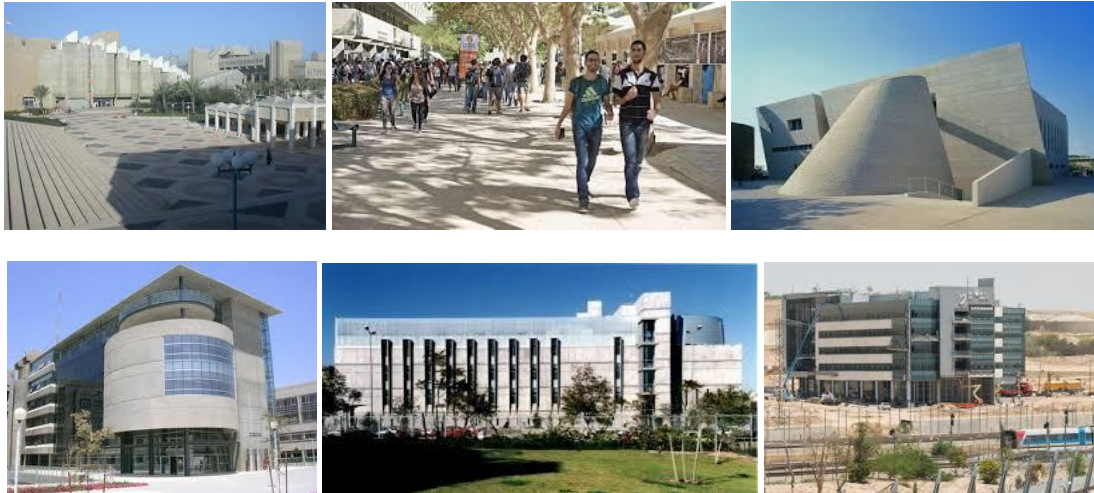


Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (<http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Pages/default.aspx>) aspires to be among the best inter-disciplinary research universities in the world, a leader in scientific innovation, inter-disciplinary research and applied sciences – all of which impact daily life. It is committed to social and environmental responsibility and is working to develop the Negev, Israel and the world.

The University attracts excellent students and researchers from Israel and abroad, original thinkers with a developed social conscience, who integrate into the country's leadership in a variety of ways.



A 3D virtual tour of the University is available at:
<http://vt.panovision.co.il/bgu/welcome.html>

Photo albums of the University are available at:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Pages/Photo_Albums.aspx

You can reach Ben-Gurion University of the Negev by car or public transportation

- **Car** - take highway 4 south from Tel-Aviv, switch to highway 41 East in Ashdod and then follow highway 40 South to Beer-Sheva.
- **Israel Railways** schedule and fares (in [English](#) and [Hebrew](#)) information at 03-5774000 or 04-8564444. Get off at Beer Sheva north station. Take the Mexico pedestrian bridge to the campus.
- **Egged Bus Service** schedule and fares (in [English](#) and [Hebrew](#)) information at 03-6948888. Get off at Reger Road and Ben-Gurion Boulevard intersection (bottom left corner of map above).
- **Metropoline Bus Service** schedule and fares (in [Hebrew only](#)) information at *5900 e-mail: info@metropoline.com. Get off at Reger Road and Ben-Gurion Boulevard intersection (bottom left corner of map above).

Additional information

Accommodation

The participants can contact the Leonardo Hotel in Beer-Sheva (<http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/israel-hotels/beer-sheva-hotels/leonardo-hotel-negev>). It is available in all major internet booking sites.

Alternatively, inexpensive accommodation options (generally below 100 euros per night including breakfast) will be available for the interested participants via the conference organizers.

All the accommodations are in the city, close to the campus or city center.

Letters of invitation

Please, contact the conference organizers if you need an official invitation.

Registration fee

To be announced.

Contribution format

To be announced.

Presentation format

To be announced.

Special events

Conference dinner is planned on February 17.

Food

Lunches will be served at the Conference site. Coffee breaks are planned. Some accommodations have breakfasts. Various food-serving facilities are found on campus. Beer-Sheva has a large variety of easily accessible dining options, located mostly within large shopping areas and malls.