

## Important informations about IBC 2022, Albania, 1.-5. September 2022

The 50th conference of the KfV will start in Albanian Academy of Science, Tiranë (Tirana), city that is surrounded by hills to the east and overlooking the Adriatic to the west, before moving to Gjirokastër (Gjirokastra), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The old part of Gjirokastër is a well-preserved Ottoman style town, with a fortress overlooking the entire city, old wooden houses built against the slopes, and a **Local Folk Festival *Divani lunxhjet*** following the conference.

This 50th conference of the KfV is in some ways a return home for our field of study, since Albania is host to such a significant tradition of epic song. We look forward to welcoming you!

### Travel and Accommodation

Delegates can fly round trip to Tiranë, or *into* Tiranë and *out* of Ioannina, Greece, which is 90km from Gjirokastër. One can also fly to Corfu, take the ferry to Saranda, and then a bus or taxi to Gjirokastër. The organizers are arranging group hotel accommodation close to conference venues at reasonable prices.

More details on both travel and accommodation:

From airport to the center of Tirana city there is a bus every hour, ticket costs 2,5 euro (300 Lekë) (Albanian currency). Taxi from airport to the center costs not more than 15 euro.

Hotels around center have different prizes, but there are some hotels very near of Academy and they are not expensive than 40-50 euro, some are even cheaper. B&B is also a nice and cheap alternative in Tirana.

We advice to book in two hotels in Tirana, very near of Academy of Science. They accept lower prices than individuals, if you tell them that you are part of KfV Conference in Albania:

**Hotel Austria:** <https://www.booking.com/hotel/al/austria.en-gb.html>

and **Hotel Oxford:** <https://hoteloxford.al/en/>.

If you choose hotels very near, you have no need to use public transport. If you choose not to near, than public transport ticket costs 30 cent (40 Lekë).

The same in Gjirokastra: There maybe will be OK even with B&B, if you prefer.

We advice to book here (and to tell them that you are part of KfV Conference in Albania):  
**Hotel Fantasy:** <https://fantasyhotel.al/>.

and **Hotel Bineri:** <http://hotel-bineri.gjirokaster.hotels-al.com/en/>

**Transportation Tiranë-Gjirokastër will be by bus. The same about excursion Gjirokastër-Butrint.**

### - Conference fee: 60 euro (cash)

Amount of conference fee will spend for coffe breaks, printed materials, proccedings book and one meal during conference.

#### Academy of Science will provide:

- Transport and meal during day of excursion
- One meal (after opening ceremony)
- Transportation Tirana-Gjirokastra
- Transportation Gjirokastra- Tirana

### Provisional Conference Schedule

1 September (Thursday)	Arrival in Tirana <b>The opening ceremony in Academy of Science</b>
2 September (Friday)	Papers in Tirana; afternoon travel to Gjirokastra (provided).
3 September (Saturday)	Papers (Gjirokastra).
4 September (Sunday)	Excursion from Gjirokastra to Butrint (provided)
5 September (Monday)	Papers (Gjirokastra) <b>The official closing of the conference</b>
6 September (Tuesday)	Departure from Gjirokastra to Tirana ( provided)