

# Practical Information Participants MAPSP 2009

## Rolduc

The address is: Conferentieoord en Hotel Rolduc, Heyendallaan 82, 6464 EP Kerkrade, The Netherlands. Telephone: +31 45 54 66 888. You can pay the accomodation with credit card or cash. But the bar doesn't accept credit cards. So it is wise to have some Euros in the pocket<sup>1</sup>. Rolduc is somewhat isolated, there's no ATM, supermarket or anything alike, except for vending machines (soft drinks & beer & snacks).

The nearest ATM is about 15 minutes walking distance, in Kerkrade. For a supermarket, you can walk to Herzogenrath (2 km) or to Kerkrade (1.5 km). Supermarkets are usually open until 20:00.

There is free wireless available in Rolduc, although they don't guarantee that it works in each room and every corner of the abbey (just like in Aussois, for example).

A conference secretariat will be open Sunday 13:00-19:30 and 22:00-22:30, Monday 08:00-15:30, and otherwise 08:30-09:00 and during the morning coffee break.

On Tuesday we offer a 1 hour guided tour through the abbey Rolduc, starting at 20:30.

## Arrivals

On Sunday we offer an unscheduled shuttle to get people from stations Herzogenrath (Germany) and Kerkrade (the Netherlands) to Rolduc. The shuttles will commute between these two stations and Abbey Rolduc, starting from 13:00 till about 19:00. Depending on your arrival, you might have to wait a moment for the shuttle to arrive. The stations are small, so there is little chance to miss the shuttle. The drivers are PhD students from Maastricht - they'll wear a MAPSP T-shirt. The same we do on Friday for departure (first-come first-serve lists will be placed somewhere).

If you travel light you can also walk, it is 2.1 km from Herzogenrath, and 1.8 km from Kerkrade<sup>2</sup>.

For information on train connections from and to your airport, please use [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) (for Germany, getting to Herzogenrath) or [www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl) (for the Netherlands, getting to Kerkrade). Tickets can usually be purchased on train stations (ticket machine or counter).

If you come by train from Amsterdam, Utrecht or Eindhoven, you need to change trains in a.o. Heerlen. The train from Utrecht, Eindhoven to Heerlen is split into two parts in Sittard (station before Heerlen). Only one part goes to Heerlen, normally this is the rear part of the train.

If for some reason you want to order a taxi in the area around Rolduc, call "Taxi van Rooy", at +31 45 531 14 94.

There will be a dinner on Sunday evening (19:30 till 22:00), and for late-comers some bread & cheese.

## Program

Plenary sessions take place in the "Aula Minor" opposite of the main entrance of Rolduc. Parallel sessions take place in the main building in rooms 1 and 2, opposite of each other. Recall that regular (parallel) talks have a 20 minutes time slot each, including questions and changeover. Plenary talks have 30 minutes, and invited talks have 50 minutes. Session chairs will receive a reminder of their session upon arrival.

## Equipment

Beamer and laptop will be there. As well as an overhead, and a flipchart. Easiest is to bring a memory stick and put your presentation on the laptop in advance of the session. We'll try to make sure that each room has a remote control and laser pointer, too. There's a fixed microphone installed in the lecture rooms for parallel sessions, and a wireless revers-microphone for the plenary talks.

## ILOG hands-on session

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday ILOG (an IBM company) offers a hand-on session with the CP Optimizer. Times are 12:30 till 14:00. Location is lecture room 1 or 2, where also lunch in form of sandwiches will be served. Some places are still available, please register via email to [alexandre.videt@fr.ibm.com](mailto:alexandre.videt@fr.ibm.com).

## Food

Breakfast is continental; it is included in the price for accomodation. Lunch is served daily at 12:30 (on Wednesday at 12:00). Dutch lunches are sandwich-based, typically with a soup and a hot snack. Dinner is a warm meal which will be served in the form of a buffet. Both lunch and dinner is included in the conference fee. We passed all your diet wishes to Rolduc.

<sup>1</sup>For the North-Americans: it maybe also gives you a good feel to have a strong currency in the pocket.

<sup>2</sup>For walking directions consult [maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com), search directions from "Herzogenrath, Station", respectively "Museumplein, Kerkrade", to "Heyendallaan 82, 6464 EP Kerkrade, Netherlands" (Rolduc)

## Evenings

We reserved the bar “verloren zoon” (lost son) every evening until 2:00, except Monday, where we’ll have the welcome reception in the Foyer. Drinks have to be paid in cash by yourself. For the welcome reception on Monday, we have ordered a Mediterranean buffet, and you’ll be invited for a few drinks. The dinner on Wednesday is until 22:15, at 22:30 the busses bring us back to Rolduc. (From 23:00 the bar will be open on Wednesday for the diehards.)

## Weather

Normally warm or even hot in the summer, with temperatures usually between 20 and 30 degrees Celcius during the day, and between 15 and 20 degrees at night. Although at this moment it is a bit cooler than usual (with up to 22 degrees during the day), but this can still change. It is probably wise to have a light raincoat (or umbrella) - but we all hope for sunshine, especially for Wednesday.

## Social Event

On Wednesday July 1, we’ll make a trip to Maastricht. Busses pick us up at Rolduc at 14:00, and first we’ll have a coffee & vlaai (typical Maastricht cake) directly at the river Maas in Maastricht (Stayokay Maastricht, Maasboulevard 101, 6211 JW Maastricht, [www.stayokay.com](http://www.stayokay.com)).

There we divide us in groups of 15-20, and have a guided tour through the beautiful city of Maastricht on a step-scooter (note, a step scooter is not motorized). The tour starts at 15:30, and takes until 17:00, during which we’ll pass the nicest sights of Maastricht.

Between 17:00 and 18:00 you can have a drink or walk around in the center of Maastricht, and at 18:00 the busses pick us up at the “OLV parking” at the Maasboulevard (that is a parking place at the river Maas, corner Maasboulevard/Granenmarkt). Busses bring us to the conference dinner in the “La Caverne de Geulhem” (Wolfsdriesweg 8a, 6325 PM Berg en Terblijt, Tel. +31 43 604 1000, [www.caverne.nl](http://www.caverne.nl)). At 22:30 the busses head back to Rolduc.

Should you plan to stay over day in Rolduc, we can arrange for a taxi that brings you 18:00 from Rolduc to the location of the dinner - in that case, let us know.

## Soccer

We would like to continue the Dutch MAPSP tradition of playing soccer during the lunch break or early evening. Steef van de Velde has been so kindly offering to bring the ball and cones. Please bring appropriate attire if you would like to play. It is a grass pitch.

## Jogging

Should you consider to bring your running gear, we’d encourage you to do so. The landscape is just perfect for that. Maybe we bring together a small group of interested runners. For routes, see for example [www.mapmyrun.com/run/netherlands/kerkrade/645963899](http://www.mapmyrun.com/run/netherlands/kerkrade/645963899).

## Maastricht and Aachen

Should you feel like getting into a town, there are two options: It is some 35 minutes by taxi to Maastricht Center (e.g. to Vrijthof), and some 20 minutes to Aachen Center (e.g. to “Rathaus” or “Pontstraße”, [www.pontviertel.com](http://www.pontviertel.com)). But taxis in NL are expensive, you can expect around 70 Euros for the trip to Maastricht, and around 35 Euros for the trip to Aachen (one-way). Cheaper is to take a train from Kerkrade (for Maastricht), respectively Herzogenrath (for Aachen).

Looking forward to welcome you in Rolduc  
Cliff, Marc, Tjark