

Venue

The seminar will be held in the New Research Building, SPbPU campus at the following address:

29 Polytechnicheskaya str., Saint Petersburg, Russia

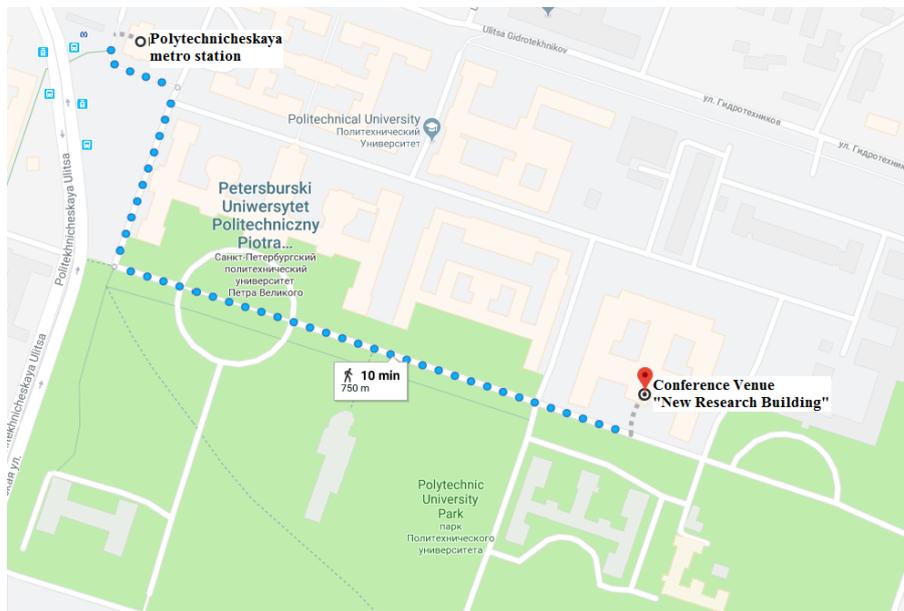
<http://www.spbstu.ru/>

To access SPbPU campus, participants may use public transport (preferably metro) or taxi.

Nearest metro station: **Polytechnicheskaya**, red line 001

Metro map: <http://www.metro.spb.ru/map.html>

From the Polytechnicheskaya metro station to the event venue you can walk (~ 7-10 min.) as indicated below.



For both the "Ambassador" and the "Moscow" hotels, transport free of charge will be provided to and from the event location twice a day (in the morning, from the hotel to the event location and in the evening from the event location to the hotel).

Travel time from "Ambassador" hotel to meeting venue:

- about 50 minutes with public transport (20 minutes walking and 30 minutes by metro)
- about 50 minutes with taxi

Travel time from "Moscow" hotel to meeting venue:

- about 40 minutes with public transport (7 minutes walking and 33 minutes by metro)
- about 40 minutes with taxi

Currency/exchange/banks

National currency unit of the Russian Federation is the ruble (RUB). All payments are done in the national currency. There are currency exchange offices in all cities of the Russian Federation. Also, exchange of currency is done by currency exchange offices in hotels and banks.

Banks are open from 9 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.

As of February 11, 2018, the exchange rates were as follows:

1 USD = 57.6736 RUB

1 EUR = 70.7713 RUB

Information on the Russian ruble exchange rate is available at the website of the Central Bank of Russia: <https://www.cbr.ru/eng/>

Weather

St. Petersburg, a city located in northwestern Russia, the climate is continental, with freezing winters and pleasantly warm summers. In winter, snowfalls are frequent, as well as rainfall in summer. The wind often blows, although it calms down a bit in summer. Average temperature in June is from +12° C to +20° C.

Time zone

There are eleven time zones in Russia, which currently observe times ranging from UTC + 02:00 to UTC + 12:00. St Petersburg is in the same Russia Time Zone as Moscow (GMT+3).

Power supply pressure

Power supply pressure is 220V/50Hz, electric plugs are standard two-pin plugs of European continental type.