

Social Events

1. Welcome reception

The welcome reception will give you the opportunity to meet the other conference participants. It will take place in the beautiful cloister inside the Law Faculty, next to the Symposium venue, the Facultad de Letras.

It will take place on Thursday, May 20th, 2010, at 19:30.

The welcome reception is included in the conference registration fee.

Menú

Patatas chips
Olivas rellenas
Almendras fritas marconas
Saladitos variados
Mesonicos de sobrasada con roquefort

Tartaletas de zarangollo
Empanada gallega
Mini tostas de salmón ahumado
Mini catalanas
Dátiles con beicon
Tortilla paisana
Vino tinto

Cerveza con y sin alcohol
Agua mineral y refrescos

Crisps
Stuffed olives
Fried almonds
A selection of savoury pastries
Mini rolls with Sobrasada & Roquefort cheese
Zarangollo tartlets (zucchini/egg)
Galician pasty
Petit fours of smoked salmon
Sandwiches with tomato and Serrano ham
Bacon rolls stuffed with dates
Vegetable omelette
Red wine
Beer (with or without alcohol!)
Mineral water and soft drinks

2. Conference dinner

The dinner is to be held at the restaurant in Hotel Arco de San Juan, in the Plaza de San Juan, on Friday, May 21st, 2010, at 9.00pm. Price: 30€.

Menú

Chupito de Crema de Calabaza
Ensalada Verde con Quesos de Cabra
Carpaccio de Salmón al Eneldo
Pastel de Pescado y Gambas con Crema de Mariscos

Solomillo de Ibérico al Vino Tinto
Leche Frita con Helado
Cerveza y Agua
Vino Tinto Roble
Café

Cream of pumpkin taster
Green salad with goat's cheese
Carpaccio of salmon in dill
Fish and shrimp soufflé with seafood sauce

Fillet of Iberian pork in red wine
Fried custard with Ice cream
Beer and water
Red wine
Coffee

A vegetarian option (main course only) will be available for those who let us know in advance.

3. Guided visit to city museums

On Saturday, 22nd May, 2010, there will be a guided visit to one of the city's most famous museums. Set in a beautiful mansion, the Palarea house, the Ramón Gaya Museum holds the works of one of the best contemporary Murcian artists: Ramon Gaya. Sketches, posters, writings and an anthological selection of both Gaya's and other artists' work.

The number of places for this activity is limited to 50, so make sure you book in advance. Participants need to be at the Ramón Gaya main entrance on Saturday 22nd May, at 16.50. This activity is free of charge.

4. Saturday afternoon shopping

The narrow alleys of the Old Town, the pedestrian *Calle Trapería* between the Cathedral and Plaza de Santo Domingo, and luxurious *Calle Jabonerías* are some of the city's main shopping streets. You can also do some more shopping in one of the city's main arteries, the *Calle Gran Vía*, where you will find *El Corte Inglés* department store, *Cortefiel* for women and men's clothing, or *Levi's Store*. There are also many quaint tourist shops in the city where you can buy the usual crafts, gifts and souvenirs, e.g. Paparajote near the cathedral. Popular purchases include leather goods, pottery, embroidered linens and lace, as well as basket ware and jewellery.

5. Other useful information

What to do in Murcia

- **Walk:** Murcia is the perfect city for strolling around. Everything worth seeing is within walking distance. The most famous shopping streets are *Trapería*, *Platería* and *la Avda. Alfonso X el Sabio*. The *Paseo del Malecón* near the River Segura and the old Veronicas market also makes a pleasant walk out of the city and then back again.
- **Murcia Cathedral:** The cathedral proudly presides over the *Cardenal Belluga Square*. It is a masterpiece from the Spanish Baroque period. The Bishop's Palace (18th c.) is also located in the square.
- **Casino:** Not the gambling type of casino but what used to be the meeting place for the businessmen to buy and sell their land or goods. A Murcian institution in *C/Trapería* - its ballroom is decorated in the style of Louis XVth. It has recently been refurbished and is well worth a visit with its Moorish entrance, classical English library, neo-classical Pompeyan patio and the ladies powder room.
- **Churches, Convents:** Santa Ana, San Andrés, and San Miguel, San Nicolás, and San Juan de Dios churches; Las Agustinas monastery and Nuestra Sra. de la Fuensanta sanctuary in the hills surrounding Murcia (which has great views of the city).
- **Museums:** the Cathedral museum, Las Claras Museum, the Science museum, the City museum, The Religious Art museum (Museo de la Sangre - located in the Iglesia del Carmen), the Archeological museum, The Bellas Artes Museum, Salzillo museum, the Bullfighting museum.
- **The Murcian "huerta" or fruit and vegetable orchards** - very attractive scenery, the medieval water wheels in the town of Alcantarilla and La Ñora (a local village) are worth a visit.

Eating out in Murcia

If you're eating out in Murcia, and you'd like to eat like a local, check out our recommended restaurants and foodie events in the area surrounding the Facultad de Letras in La Merced, the UMU campus which will host the *2010 Symposium on Second Language Writing*.

Murcia has a wide variety of restaurants from traditional Spanish to international cuisine which caters for all tastes. A good way to sample Spanish food is to order a plate of tapas (a medley of bite-sized dishes). Tapas are also ideal for filling the sometimes long gap between lunch and dinner, which is served later in Spain than in other countries. There are a large number of *bares*, *tascas* and *tabernas* with really great *tapas*. The most popular are located in the area around the Plaza de Flores (Flowers Square) and the area surrounding La Merced, the Symposium's venue.

Murcia's cuisine is definitely one of its stronger points. The people of Murcia today enjoy the vibrant vegetables from the valley of the Río Segura and the succulent seafood from the Mediterranean. Typical of this region are rice dishes such as *arroz caldero*, fish and seafood from the Mar Menor, *zarangollo*, *michirones*, *olla gitana* and *arroz y habichuelas*, rabbit, potatoes in garlic oil known as *patatas al ajo cabañil*, etc. For desserts you cannot miss the excellent *paparajotes* (lemon leaves fried in crispy batter and dusted in sugar and cinnamon) or our typical *leche frita*.

The following guide will help you with some of the region's menus:

- **Zarangollo**: Imagine a combination of ratatouille and an omelette... made from eggs, tomatoes, onions and courgettes.
- **Revuelto**: A type of tapas (snack) consisting of scrambled eggs with runner beans, garlic, ham and onions.
- **Pastel de carne**: A little pie shaped pastry filled with tomato, egg and delectable meat.
- **Gachasmigas**: A dish made of wheat flower, garlic, olive oil and sausages. Traditionally eaten on rainy days (so, you won't have this often!).
- **Empedrao**: A rice dish with broad beans.
- **Tortilleras**: A potato and garlic omelette.
- **Cocido relleno**: A meat and vegetable stew. The type of meat and vegetables varies from cook to cook!
- **Ensalada murciana**: A cold salad consisting of tomatoes, olives, onions, boiled egg, and tuna.
- **Pescado a la sal**: Baked fish in salt.
- **Potaje**: A rich local stew.
- **Habas con jamón**: Ham with broad beans.
- **Arroz y conejo**: Rice and rabbit.
- **Arroz de verduras**: Rice with vegetables.
- **Arroz marinero**: Seafood rice.
- **Paella huertana**: Vegetable paella.
- **Huevas de mújol**: A type of caviar from Mar Menor.

Name	Address & Phone number
La Merced & Santo Domingo area	
Mesón <i>El Corral de José Luis</i>	Plaza Santo Domingo - 968214597
Tasca <i>Fraskito</i>	C/Vara de Rey, 3 - 968222292
Restaurante Alfonso X	Paseo Alfonso X El Sabio, 8 - 968 231066
Restaurante <i>Los Arroces del Romea</i>	Plaza de Julián Romea - 968218499
Restaurante <i>Alborada</i>	C/Lepanto, 4 - 968232323
Marisquería El Grumete	C/Vara de Rey, 6 - 968220807
Restaurante <i>Tapelia</i>	C/González Adalid, 13 - 968212386
<i>El Rincón de los Faroles</i>	Plaza de la Universidad, 1 - 968907348
Restaurante <i>El abanico de cristal</i>	C/Saavedra Fajardo, 5 - 968218248
Restaurante <i>La Góndola</i>	C/Saavedra Fajardo, 6 - 968 21 96 79
Restaurante <i>La cúpula de San Lorenzo</i>	C/Granero, 2 - 868078212
Tasca <i>El Togo II</i>	C/Jacobo de las leyes, 8 - 968231503

Taberna <i>La Taberna</i>	C/Saavedra Fajardo, s/n - 968204618
<i>La sidrería escondida</i>	C/Santa Quiteria, 5 - 968900009
<i>El garrampón</i>	C/Santa Quiteria, 12-B
Tasca <i>La cueva de la cerveza</i>	Plaza de Santa Ana, 3 - 968201996
Pizzería <i>San Doménico</i>	Plaza de Sto. Domingo - 968216784

The Cathedral & Plaza de San Juan area	
Restaurante <i>La Pequeña Taberna Típica</i>	C/General Margallo - 968219840
Restaurante <i>La Buchará</i>	C/Frutos, 5 - 968212377
Restaurante <i>Rincón de Pepe</i>	C/Apóstoles, 34 - 968212239
Restaurante <i>La Tarantella</i>	Plaza de San Juan - 968218616
Taberna <i>Lizarrán</i>	C/Polo de Medina, 5 - 968223429
Mesón <i>Los Zagales</i>	C/Polo de Medina, 4 - 968215579
Mesón <i>Los Soportales</i>	C/Azucaque, 6 - 868918015
Restaurante <i>Pura Cepa</i>	Plaza Cristo del Rescate - 968217397
Restaurante <i>Acuario</i>	Plaza Puxmarina, 1 - 968219955
Restaurante <i>Las Cadenas</i>	C/Apóstoles, 10 - 968216961
Restaurante <i>Hispano</i>	C/Radio Murcia, 3 - 968216152
Restaurante <i>Los Placeres de la Carne</i>	C/Simón García, 1 - 968218499
Taberna <i>Doña Lola</i>	Plaza Cristo del Rescate - 968220096
Restaurante <i>La Parranda</i>	Plaza Arco de San Juan - 968220675
Restaurante <i>Los Apóstoles</i>	Plaza de los Apóstoles - 968212416
Restaurante <i>Via Apostolo</i>	Plaza de los Apóstoles, 1 - 968212379
Bodegón <i>Los Toneles</i>	C/Cánovas del Castillo, 7 - 968210205
Restaurante <i>Vino Tinto</i>	C/Cánovas del Castillo, 8 - 968223584
Restaurante <i>El Girasol</i>	C/San José, 22 - 968217235
Restaurante <i>Salzillo</i>	C/Cánovas del Castillo, 28 - 968220194
Restaurante <i>Las cocinas del Cardenal</i>	Plaza Cardenal Belluga, 7 - 968211310
Mejillonería <i>La Mejillonera</i>	Plaza Cardenal Belluga, 8 -
Restaurante <i>El figón de Alfaro</i>	C/Alfaro, 7 - 968216862
Restaurante <i>Señorío de Jomelsu</i>	C/Isidoro de la Cierva, 3 - 968212133
Temporáneo	Plaza de los Apóstoles, 5 - 968909909

Plaza de Las Flores area	
Taberna <i>Las Mulas</i>	C/Ruipérez, 7 - 968220561
Restaurante <i>La Buena Vida</i>	Plaza Santa Catalina - 968219440
Restaurante <i>Casa Perela</i>	C/Ruipérez, 6 - 968935198
Bar Restaurante <i>La Tapa</i>	Plaza de las Flores, 13 - 968211317
Bar <i>Pepico el del Tío Ginés</i>	C/Ruipérez, 4 - 968211209