

Practical Information for the RHEA Meeting in Lausanne

“How to reach the meeting place from your hotel and some other practical information”

When?

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June, 2011

On Saturday 11, an optional hiking tour will be organized

Where?

The meeting will be held on the EPFL campus. The EPFL is the “Swiss Federal Institute of Technology” in Lausanne (in French: “Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne”). The meeting rooms will be in the “Parc Scientifique” (PSE) area where the Cyberbotics and BlueBotics offices are located.

Parc Scientifique PSE-D

Site EPFL

CH-1015 Lausanne

GPS Coordinates: city = Ecublens, street = Colladon J.-D.

The campus is located 7 kilometers outside of Lausanne, connected to the city with the metro line “m1”. **Important:** the meeting place is the PSE-D building and not the PSE-C as indicated in my previous document. **Also important:** the PSE-D building is not yet indicated on most EPFL maps, because its construction was finished just a few months ago. To locate the PSE buildings please refer to the map I have provided in this document.

Question?

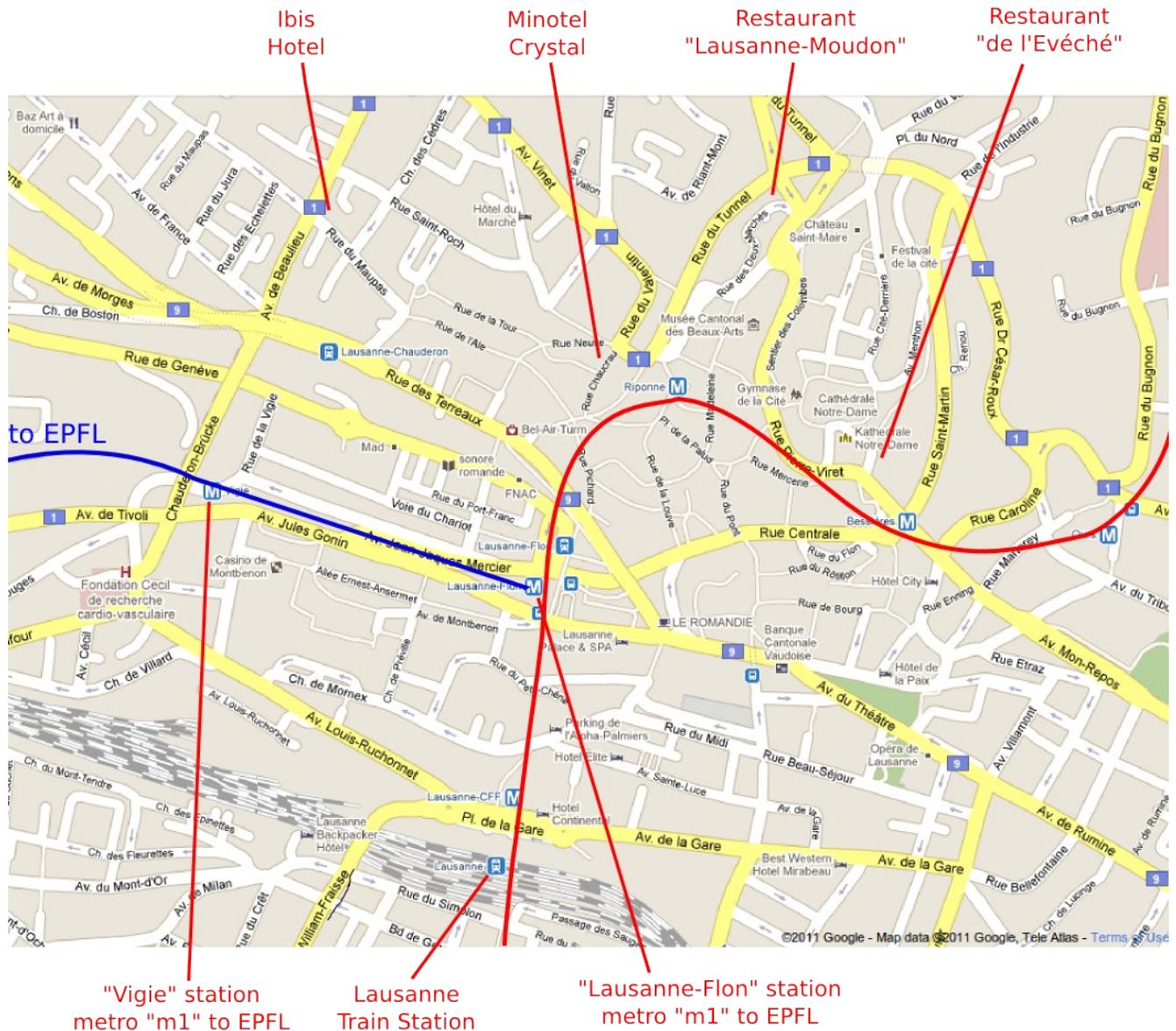
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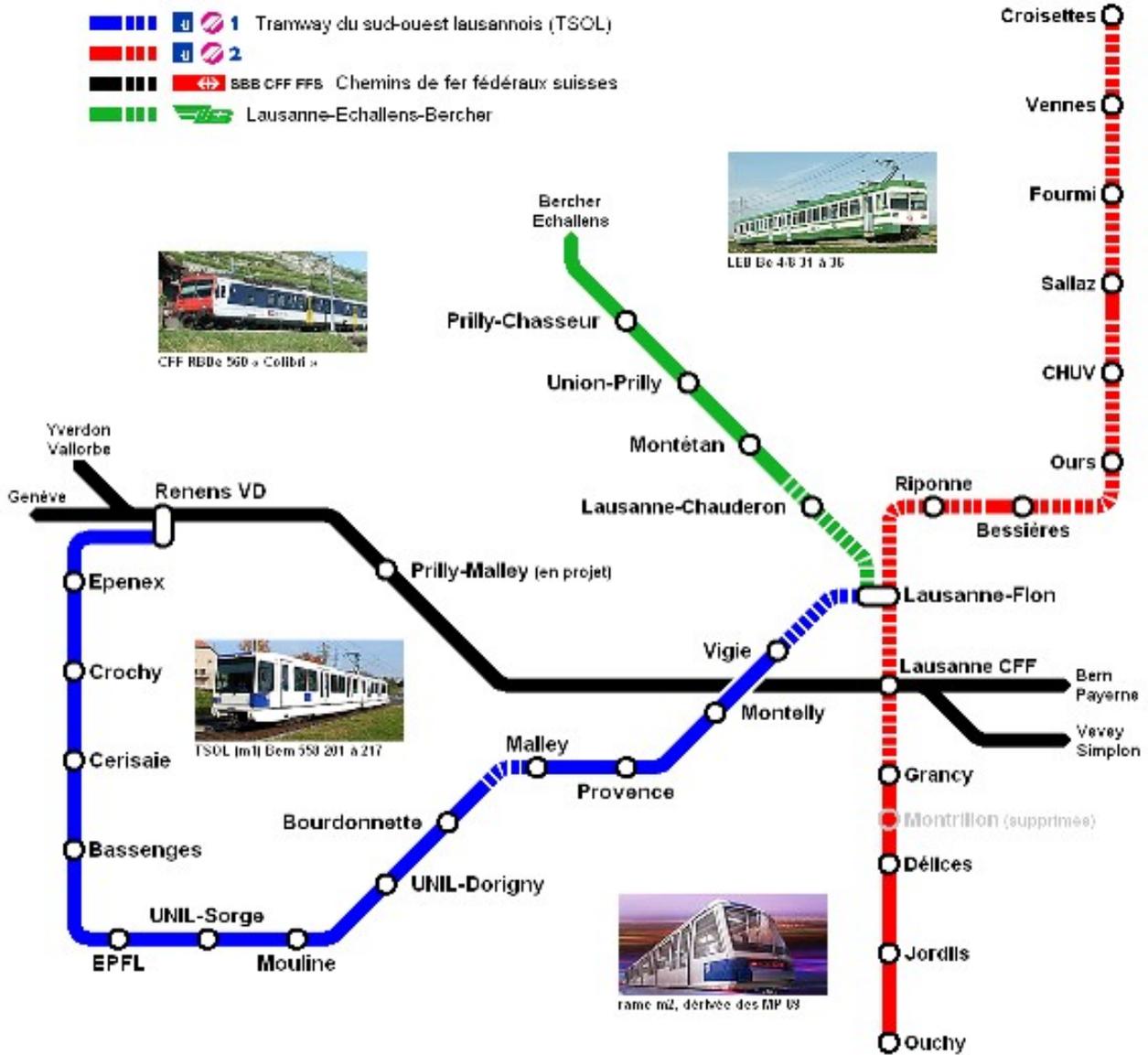
Restaurant "Lausanne-Moudon": dinner place for Thursday night at 20:00.

Address: rue du Tunnel 20, 1005 Lausanne

<http://www.lausanne-moudon.ch/>

metro m1 (blue line), to the EPFL, take direction "Renens"
metro m2 (red line)

Lausanne Metro Map



metro m1 (blue line)

metro m2 (red line)

train network (black line)

don't use the green line!

Lausanne CFF: This is Lausanne's main train station that connects to the airports

Lausanne-Chauderon: Location of Hotel Ibis

Vigie: People staying at Hotel Ibis can take the metro “m1” at this station

Riponne: Location of the Minotel Crystal

Lausanne-Flon: People staying at the Minotel Crystal should take the metro “m1” at this station

EPFL: EPFL campus (RHEA meeting) and location of the Starling Hotel

Renens VD: When leaving the EPFL campus directly for Geneva Airport, it may be faster to go through this station rather than through Lausanne city. You need to check the schedules on <http://www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm>, or ask me.

Ouchy: Nice place for going out, near the lake

How to get to the EPFL campus

From the **Ibis Hotel**: walk down the big and very steep street “Avenue de Beaulieu” which you see on your right when you exit the hotel, walk down 1 minute and arrive at the “Place de Chaudron”, cross the “Place de Chaudron” by taking the “Chaudron” bridge (opposite side), while crossing the bridge: on the right side of the bridge there is an elevator, take the elevator down to the “Vigie” metro station.

From the **Minotel Crystal**: when you get out of the hotel, turn right, walk down the small “Chaucrau” street, arrive at a small plaza “Place St-Laurent” (there is a Mc-Donalds on your right), take the “Rue Pichard” near the church on your left, arrive at another small plaza, then take “Rue Pichard” on your right this time, arrive on a larger street “Rue du Grand Pont” (which is actually a bridge), across the street you should see a pedestrian gateway (small bridge), take that gateway to cross the “Place de l'Europe” below, arrive at a building with the “métro” sign, take the elevator down to the metro station. (Alternatively, you can also take the metro “m2” directly from “Riponne” and change in “Lausanne-Flon”).

Then take metro “m1” direction “Renens” and get down at the “EPFL” stop (about 10 minutes).

At the EPFL follow the blue path (map below) to the PSE buildings (about 10 minutes walk). In summary: follow the main crowd that leaves the metro, pass a subway, pass the SG building on your right, arrive at the CO building, then take the “Diagonale” on your right, go straight, arrive at the IN buildings, walk the steps down to the ground floor, cross the J.-C. Colladon street, arrive at the PSE buildings. The PSE-D building is just behind this one:



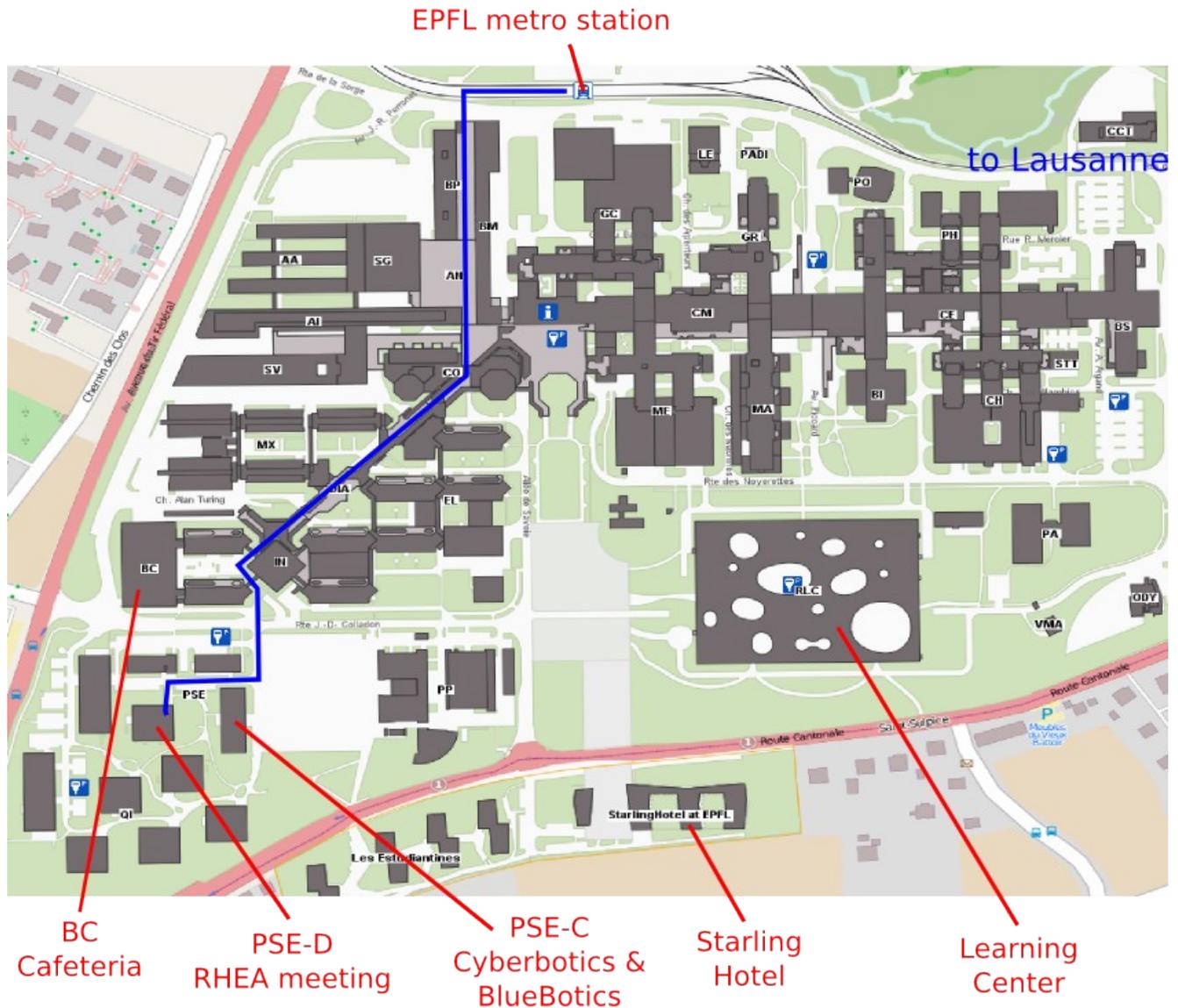
From the **Starling Hotel**: you're already on the EPFL campus, find your way on the map below.

Bus and Metro Tickets

At your hotels you will have to pay a local “city tax” (CHF 2.50 (or 2.80 depending on the hotel) per person and per night). Upon payment of the “city tax” you should receive a “transport card”, that will allow you to use the metro, the bus and some trains in the Lausanne area. Make sure you receive this card and then take it with you at all times so you will not need to buy any metro or bus ticket during your stay. With this card you can take the metro “m1” to the EPFL campus.

If you forgot this “transport card” you will have to buy a “1/1” (full price), two zones (11 & 12) ticket at CHF 3.00 to get the EPFL campus.

EPFL Campus Map



- PSE-D:** RHEA meeting place, “Uranus” and “Pluton” rooms (ground floor).
The “Uranus” room is for the general RHEA meeting.
The “Pluton” room is for the ST-board meeting.
- PSE-C:** Cyberbotics offices (1st floor) and BlueBotics offices (3rd floor)
- BC Cafeteria:** Lunch place on Thursday (top floor)
- Learning Center:** Lunch place on Friday, restaurant “La Table de Valloton”

Wireless Access

There will be WIFI access in the meeting rooms:

Room	WEP key	Essid	IP address
Uranus	2D8C81E6C1	Uranus-PSE	192.168.156.214
Pluton	1AE795D703	Pluton-PSE	192.168.156.209

Power Plug Adaptors

Switzerland has its own standard for power plugs & sockets. Swiss sockets look like the picture below left. You can plug in swiss plugs (of course!) and standard Europlugs (two-pole) like on the right picture but nothing else ... In the meeting room there will be this kind of socket, so I advise you to take your travel adaptors with you if you need to.



Illustration 2: Swiss socket



Illustration 1: Standard Europlug

Optional Day Trip on June 11 (Saturday)

On Saturday (for those who want) a hiking tour will be organized. To participate you must be able to walk 3 hours on a rocky mountain path (mostly downhill or flat, not uphill!). And you will need to have walking or sport shoes and sunglasses (and a camera!). In case of bad weather a castle visit will be organized instead of the hiking tour. The day trip is at your own cost and it is open to external guests. Here is a tentative schedule:

09:00 meet at Lausanne train station

09:20 train departure from Lausanne to “Montreux”

10:41 arrive at “Rochers de Naye”, take a coffee, enjoy the view on lake and mountains, or visit the alpine garden or the marmots park

11:30 start walking down

13:00 lunch at the “Sonchaux-Terravet” mountain restaurant

14:00 resume walking

15:45 arrive at “Caux”, have a drink at the beautiful train station

16:16 train departure from “Caux” to “Lausanne”

17:15 arrive at Lausanne train station

(18:15 arrive at Lausanne in case we are late for some reason)