

## **Fourth International Horticulture Research Conference 16-20 July 2017**

### **East Malling, United Kingdom**

Accommodation for the conference is located in and around Maidstone. Maidstone is the County Town of Kent and is well placed for international travel with good links globally via London Airports and links to continental Europe via the Eurostar station at Ebbsfleet International or Ashford International. Local travel between Maidstone and the conference venue at East Malling is simple with an 8-minute train ride and a 15-minute walk. Delegates staying in recommended accommodation (Village Hotel or adjacent Premier Inn) can take advantage of a planned shuttle bus between their hotel and the conference centre.

### **International travel**

#### **By Plane**

London Gatwick and Heathrow airports have regular flights to and from all other UK airports as well as an extensive range of international links. London Stansted and Luton airports are also viable travel options. Upon arrival, we recommend traveling into London via train or underground to London Victoria Station and from here catching a train to Maidstone East. Alternatively, trains can be caught from London St. Pancras to Maidstone West, sometimes requiring a change at Strood.

#### **From Heathrow:**

Heathrow is connected to the London underground as well as having National Express coach services. We recommend catching the London underground using the Piccadilly line to Hammersmith where you can change onto the District line to Victoria train station.

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#### **From Gatwick:**

There are two routes to get from London Gatwick to Maidstone by train. The first is to catch a direct train to London Victoria, and from here catch a train to Maidstone East train station. Alternatively, delegates may catch a train to London St. Pancras International, and from here catch a train to Maidstone West train station. The following website may help arrange transport into London: <http://www.gatwickairport.com/to-and-from/gatwick-to-london/>

#### **From Stansted:**

Stansted runs regular trains and coaches into London. The Stansted Express train stops at Tottenham Hale station where passengers can change onto the Tottenham Hale underground service to travel into central London using the Victoria line.

#### **From Luton:**

Luton runs direct coach services to and from London Victoria and St. Pancras International. Their website provides helpful information:

<http://www.london-luton.co.uk/to-and-from-lla>

### **Airport transfers to East Malling**

Should you wish to directly travel by car from the airport of your choice to your accommodation, you may organize your own airport transfer. Below are the numbers of some suggested firms:

Puma Cars- 01825 733565 Email: [info@pumacars.co.uk](mailto:info@pumacars.co.uk)  
<http://www.pumacars.co.uk/>

Express Cabs and Couriers- 01622 222222 <http://www.expresscabs.co.uk/>

Kent Airport Transfers <http://kent-airport-transfer.co.uk/>

### **London To East Malling and accommodation**

Upon arrival, we recommend traveling into London via train or underground to London Victoria station and from here catching a train to West Malling [WMA] or Maidstone East [MDE] for access to taxis for travel to accommodation, or East Malling [EML] for direct access to the conference centre and the research campus. .

### **By Eurostar**

Delegates traveling via Eurostar should arrive at Ebbsfleet international station and catch a direct train to Maidstone West Station [MDW].

### **Train links to Maidstone**

Maidstone is well connected to London with three train stations. Maidstone East is the main train station in town. It has direct trains to London Victoria with most stopping at East Malling station. Maidstone West and Maidstone Barracks are smaller stations, on the line to London St. Pancras and Ebbsfleet international. Both Maidstone East and Maidstone West train stations have taxi ranks where transport can be arranged to accommodation.

### **Early / late arrivals or groups traveling:**

Rail links may offer reduced services overnight and on Sundays. If travel is in unsociable hours or if delegates are traveling in parties of two or more, it may be more convenient to organize a taxi transfer to or from the airport.

### **To and from NIAB-EMR**

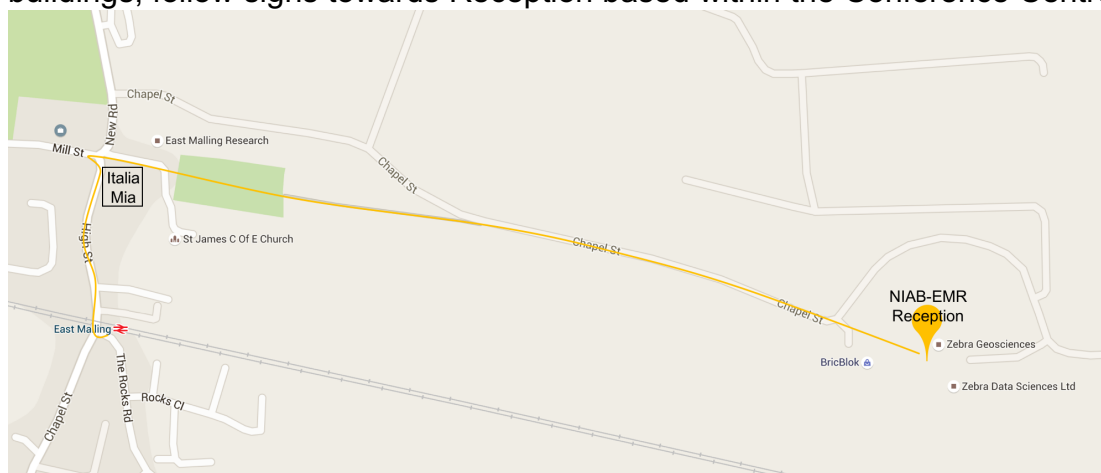
#### **From recommended accommodation**

A shuttle bus will be organized from accommodation venues direct to the NIAB-EMR conference centre. Details will be sent prior to delegates, in your conference pack and available at hotel desks.

#### **From Maidstone East train station**

Catch a train stopping at East Malling Station on the line to London Victoria. Exit the train at the East Malling Station and walk down the hill to the crossroads. Turn right (at Italia Mia) and follow the road towards the Church. Take the narrow footpath through the Churchyard and continue in a straight

line for a further 600 meters. When you arrive at the research centre buildings, follow signs towards Reception based within the Conference Centre



## By car

Sat Nav: Enter postcode ME19 6BH.

NIAB EMR is located 3 miles from junction 4 of the M20. Exit junction 4 of the M20 and head south on the A228 signposted 'West Malling'. After exiting the junction 4 roundabout, head straight across the first set of traffic lights and first roundabout.

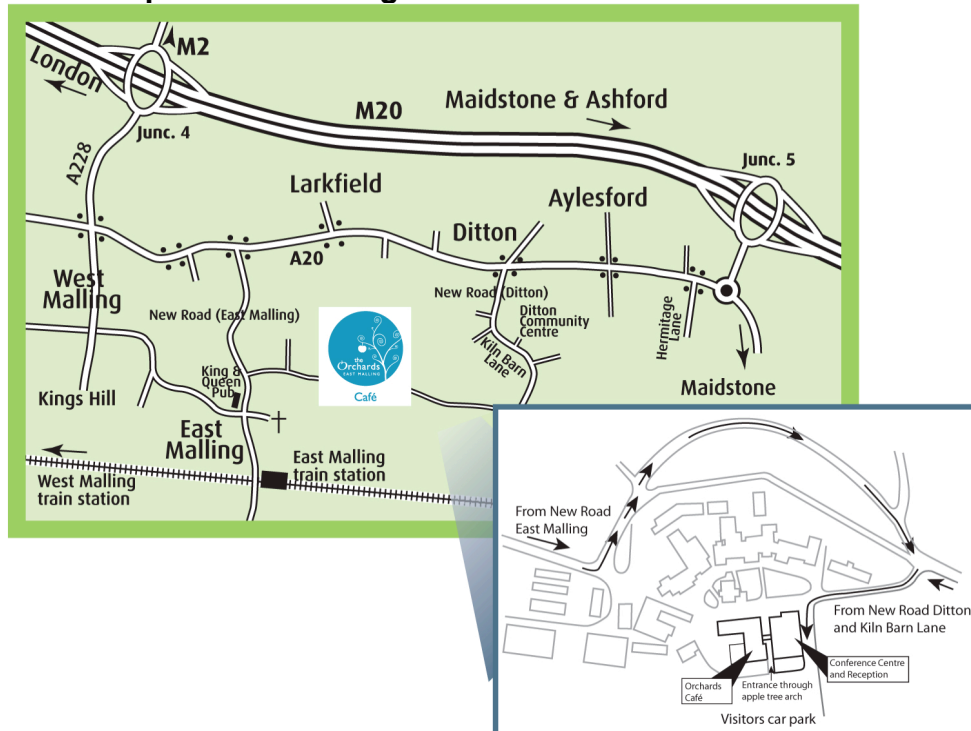
At the second set of traffic lights turn left – signposted 'A20 West Malling and Maidstone'. Get into the right-hand lane and turn right at the next traffic lights signposted 'A20 Maidstone'.

Travel east on the A20 towards Maidstone – head straight over the first set of traffic lights. Turn right at the second set of traffic lights, opposite B&Q. This is New Road, East Malling.

Head along New Road keeping the walled boundary on your left for 1.2 km. The entrance to EMR is on your left (just before the King & Queen PH).

When on site, follow signs for 'Reception' and park in the visitors car park before walking through the apple arch to the Reception located within the Conference Centre.

## Local map of East Malling



## Local Taxi Firms in the area

**Streamline** 01622 750000

**Sapphire cars** 01622 663000

**Apollo Taxis** 01622 882020

**West Malling Taxis** 01732 845535