

Middle East Consultation 2018

***Jesus Christ & the Religious Other: Toward a Biblical
Understanding of Islam***



(18 – 22 June 2018)

The Institute of Middle East Studies
Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon

Logistics and Pricing

The Application Process

Participation in Middle East Consultation 2018 is based on a two-stage process:

- Application, and
- Registration/Booking.

Initially, those interested need to submit an application to IMES expressing their interest and providing some background information. This enables us to determine whether or not those wishing to participate in the consultation are the most suitable and able to contribute to the discussions. Once you have read through the following information, you will be able to complete your application for MEC 2018.

Once applications have been received, IMES will notify you within five working days whether or not your application has been successful. If your application is approved, you will be sent a link to a second online registration/booking form. Only once you have received confirmation that your registration/booking form has been received will you be confirmed as a participant for MEC 2018.

Referrals

As part of your application process, we will ask you to identify someone who is able to act as a reference for you. This person should be someone who has attended a previous Middle East Consultation or who you know is known to IMES and/or ABTS. This person will usually be a leader from within the Evangelical community and someone who is happy for us to contact in order to determine the appropriateness of your participation in the Middle East Consultation. Please ensure you obtain the person's permission before including their name and contact details on your application form.

Israeli Visa

As part of your application/booking process you will be asked whether you have an Israeli visa in your passport. People trying to enter Lebanon with such a visa will be refused entry at the airport.

Contact Us

Please contact us at: MEC@ABTSLebanon.org if you have specific questions or comments relating to any aspect of MEC 2018. Please also let us know about any changes you may need to make to any aspect of your application and/or registration for MEC 2018.

Accommodation

Le Crillon Hotel, Broumana (www.lecrillon.com)

IMES is able to arrange for your accommodation during your time in Lebanon. Unfortunately, accommodation at ABTS is very limited, and as such we have an agreement with a local hotel in the mountain village of Broumana. Le Crillion is situated at an approximately 15 minute drive from the ABTS campus where MEC 2018 will take place. Transportation from and to the hotel at the start and end of the consultation each day is included in the accommodation cost. ABTS has secured a very competitive rate at Le Crillion, and so the accommodation cost will be paid to ABTS who will deal directly with the hotel.

Accommodation for MEC 2018 includes six nights (Sunday to Saturday), bed and breakfast. Additional nights may be booked through ABTS at a cost of \$66 per night (single occupancy) and \$33 per night [shared -- if available]. The hotel is able to help arrange transportation on non-MEC days; however, this will be charged accordingly and paid directly to the hotel.

Other accommodation options are available in the area. However, those wishing to make use of them will need to make their own booking and transportation arrangements directly with the hotel or booking company. Below are a few options located within 20-30 minutes of ABTS:

- Cosmopolitan Hotel (4-star hotel) - City Rama, Horsh Tabet, Beirut, Lebanon
- Hilton Beirut Habtoor Grand Hotel (5-star hotel) - Horsh Tabet, Sin El Fil, Beirut, Lebanon
- Hotel Al Bustan (5-star hotel) - Beit Meri, Lebanon

Pricing

Below is a breakdown of the costs for the various elements of Middle East Consultation 2018:

- MEC 2018 Consultation fee (includes lunch & dinner during the five days of MEC 2018)
 - \$370 (International)
 - \$220 (Lebanese)
- Accommodation at Le Crillion Hotel (this includes daily transportation to and from the hotel and ABTS)
 - \$516 (single occupancy)
 - \$288 per person (shared occupancy)
- Airport pick-up / drop-off*
 - \$55 round trip
 - \$30 pick-up
 - \$25 drop-off

*Flight delays, cancellations and return visits to the airport, or similar unforeseen circumstances, may affect transportation costs

Typical Total Cost: MEC consultation fee including meals (\$370) + Shared accommodation for 6 nights (\$288) + airport pick-up / drop-off (\$55) = \$713.

Please Note

- Additional nights' accommodation will need to be agreed by prior arrangement with IMES before 1st June 2018. Any additional accommodation needs beyond this date may need to be made directly with the hotel, and may not be available at the discounted rate advertised here.
- Guests who have booked for the full six nights' accommodation, but who leave early are still required to cover the full cost of six nights' accommodation at the hotel.
- Additional nights can be booked via the MEC 2018 booking process, if these bookings are received before 1st June 2018.
- Airport services must be booked through our online booking system, no later than 1st June 2018.

Payment Methods

There are various ways in which you can pay for MEC 2018. You will be asked to identify your preferred payment method in the booking form. Options include:

- Cash payment on arrival
- Credit-card payment on arrival
- Online credit-card payment*

*In this case a link will be sent to your email address, enabling you to access and pay your specific invoice amount

