



WORLD SEAGRASS CONFERENCE 2018

INTERNATIONAL SEAGRASS BIOLOGY WORKSHOP 13

REGISTRATION

SINGAPORE

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UTOWN, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

WELCOME

Thank you for registering for the World Seagrass Conference (WSC2018) and 13th International Seagrass Biology Workshop (ISBW13)!

We are looking forward to showing you around sunny Singapore and our wonderful University Town (UTown) campus at the National University of Singapore (NUS). WSC2018 will be from 11 to 14 June 2018, and will be followed by the ISBW13 from 15 to 17 June.

This booklet gives you some crucial information about the conference, including registration, check-in and directions to get to UTown. We've also compiled some handy tips about Singapore which might come in useful for the first-time visitor.

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at isbw13@gmail.com. We will also post up useful information on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and on our website: www.isbw13.org.

See you in Singapore!

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How to get to here

There are a variety of public transport options to get to University Town (UTown). All public transportation can be paid for by an EZ-link card, which is available at all Passenger Service Stations at most MRT stations and 7-Eleven stores. The NUS campus itself is serviced by a network of free shuttle buses.

UTown address: 8 College Ave West, Singapore 138608 (Drop-off: Education Resource Centre)

Kent Vale Serviced Residences address: 107 Clementi Rd, Singapore 129790

Start point: Airport or outside NUS

From the airport to nearby MRT stations:

- 1) Take the East-West (Green) line to Tanah Merah MRT, and change to a train going towards Joo Koon
- 2) To get to **Kent Ridge MRT**, alight at Bona Vista MRT and change to the Circle Line (Orange line, towards Harbourfront). Alight 2 stops later
- 3) To get to **Clementi MRT**, continue on green line to Clementi MRT

From Clementi MRT (bus interchange):

- 1) Take **public bus 96**; Alight at bus stop 17099 (**after Dover Road**) and walk along College Avenue West
- 2) Take **public bus 196**; Alight at bus stop 19051 (**New Town Sec Sch**) cross the road to UTown and walk along College Avenue West

From Kent Ridge MRT:

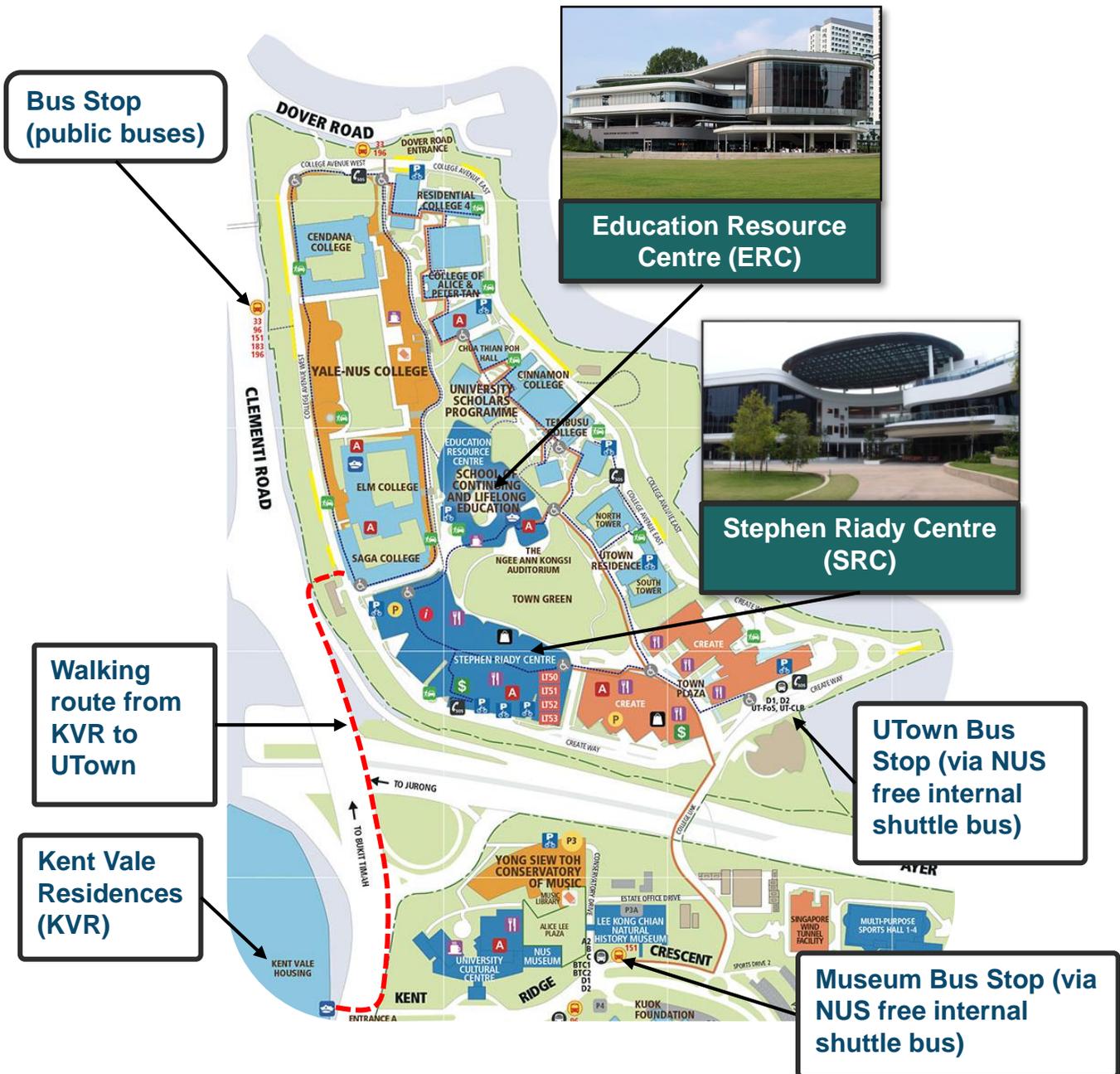
- 1) Take the free **internal shuttle-bus D2** from **Kent Ridge MRT** bus stop and alight at **UTown bus stop** (after the bus crosses a bridge over an expressway)

By taxi:

- 1) Instruct the taxi driver to enter NUS via the **Clementi Road** entrance
- 2) **At the first roundabout**, request the driver to enter the first left exit, which goes onto a long bridge leading to University Town. Follow the signs to drop off at the [Education Resource Centre drop-off point](#).

Venue

WSC2018 will be held in **UTown Auditorium 2**, located on the 1st floor of the **Stephen Riady Centre (SRC)** (SRC; Address: 2 College Avenue West, 01 Stephen Riady Centre). Registration will be held at the **Education Resource Centre (ERC)** (ERC; 8 College Ave West), just next to it, from 10am to 6pm on 10 June 2018.



A full map of the campus can be downloaded here: http://map.nus.edu.sg/assets/campusmap/pdf/campus_map_full_version.pdf

Conference Registration

Registration for WSC2018 will be held at the **Education Resource Centre (above Starbucks)** from **10am to 10pm on 10 June 2018**. Welcome drinks and light snacks, served at **6pm**, will be held at the same venue. Registration will also be available outside Auditorium 2 of the Stephen Riady Centre or the Secretariat Room for participants who arrive after 10 June.

On-campus accommodation check-in

UTown Standard Rooms with A/C

For participants who have booked UTown Standard Rooms, you can obtain your room keys when you register at the **Education Resource Centre (above Starbucks)** from **10am to 10pm on 10 June 2018**. **If you are arriving after this period, please inform us at least one week in advance** at isbw13@gmail.com, so that we may make alternative arrangements to receive you. **Late notices will not be entertained.**

At UTown, you are never far from the exciting activities during WSC2018/ISBW13! Situated in the same compound as the conference, the rooms at UTown are all equipped with comfortable furnishings, shared bathrooms and kitchenettes (selected levels), and come with complimentary towels. Two sessions of housekeeping will be offered over the week.

Kent Vale Serviced Residences

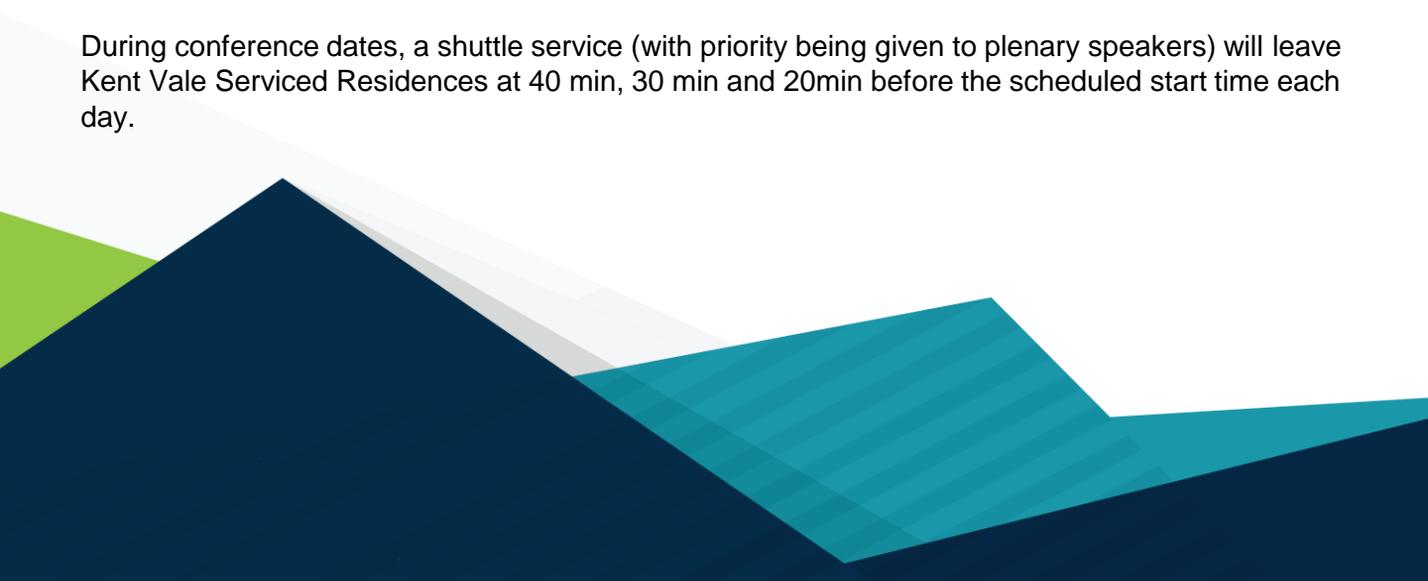
For participants who have booked apartments at Kent Vale Serviced Residences (KVSR), you may **proceed directly to the check-in counter at KVSR**. You have been pre-registered and can collect your conference packages at check-in. An internal shuttle bus will arrive at the drop off point (near the front desk), starting at 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6pm and 6.15pm, to pick you up for Welcome Drinks at the Education Resource Centre at UTown.

Just a short distance away from UTown, you get to enjoy daily housekeeping, complimentary breakfast and a range of facilities and amenities and the Residences.

Here is how to get to UTown from Kent Vale Serviced Residences:

- 1) Before 10am: **Internal shuttle-bus C** from the bus stop at the entrance of Kent Vale stops at the **Museum** bus stop. From there, walk across the link-bridge that links NUS to University Town.
- 2) After 10am: Exit Kent Vale, cross the road and walk in the opposite direction of traffic. Follow the footpath which will bring you across the expressway, and turn right into UTown after encountering your first road junction.

During conference dates, a shuttle service (with priority being given to plenary speakers) will leave Kent Vale Serviced Residences at 40 min, 30 min and 20min before the scheduled start time each day.



Information for presenters

Oral presentation

Oral presentation files must be uploaded at the Secretariat Room (Seminar Room 1, Stephen Riady Centre) at least one day before your talk. Speakers who will be presenting on 11 June (Monday) may upload their talks at the Registration desk on 10 June (Sunday).

Talks must be in PowerPoint (.ppt or .pptx) format, and be labelled with your abstract number, name and title (e.g. ISBWXXX_Tom Hiddleston_Seagrass is cool). If there are videos/GIFs included in the presentation, presenters must make sure that they are able to be played after uploading.

Each oral presentation is 12 minutes long with a 3-minute Q&A, and the chairperson of the session will ensure that the timings are followed **STRICTLY**. This is to ensure that all oral presentations start on time, and will allow participants to move between concurrent sessions to attend their desired talks.

Poster presentation

Poster presenters may put up their posters for display on the poster-boards outside Auditorium 2 at the Stephen Riady Centre from 10 to 11 June (Sunday to Monday), and posters will be on display till 14 June (Thursday). All posters should not exceed A0 dimensions, or approximately 119 cm (length) by 84 cm (width). Posters larger than these specified dimensions may not be able to fit the provided poster-boards.

Presenters may only attach posters to designated boards (which will be labelled with abstract numbers, ISBWXXX), and will be provided with materials to attach the posters to the poster-boards.

The poster session will be held at **7pm on 12 June (Tuesday)** outside Auditorium 2. Canapes and drinks will be provided during the poster session. Presenters should be available by their posters for presentation during the poster session.



Good to know

Food

Tea breaks and lunch will be provided on most days of WSC and ISBW. However, you may want to try some of the other food options in and around NUS. You should be able to get a good meal for less than S\$5!

Singapore is also a food paradise with an unbelievable variety of food from different countries and cultures! Hawker centres are where the locals usually find cheap and good meals throughout the day. A large hawker centre can be found near Clementi MRT, which is a short bus ride away. Within UTown, there are two food courts (on level 2 of SRC and level 1 of Town Plaza), and several cafes to choose from.

Drinks

NUS is a dry campus but there are designated locations where alcohol is available. The two closest are [Sapore](#) in UTown (open 11AM to 9.45PM), and [Obar](#) at the Staff Club (open 4PM to 1AM; closest internal bus stop: University Health Centre). NUS is also close to Holland Village, a popular watering hole, which is just three MRT stops away from Kent Ridge MRT. Note that conference participants can enjoy special rates at Sapore!

The best place to buy alcohol is the duty-free shop at the airport (located near luggage collection), but take note of the [restrictions](#) on the quantity that you can bring in!

Electricity

The standard electrical current used in Singapore is 220-240 volts AC (50 cycles) and you can use power plugs with three square prongs here.



Weather

Singapore's weather is hot and humid year-round. In June, expect temperatures to range from 24 to 31 ° C (although temperatures in the air-conditioned auditoriums may be much cooler).

Emergency

In case of an emergency, you can call **999** (Police) or **995** (Fire/Ambulance). If the emergency occurs on-campus, you may also contact Campus Security at 6874 1616 (24hrs).

Good to know

Buy

A small supermarket (FairPrice Express; 7.30AM to 10PM) and convenience store (Cheers; 24hrs) are available in UTown, along with a pharmacy (Guardian; 10AM to 6PM) and bookshop (Bookhaven; 10.30AM to 6.30PM). The nearest mall, [Clementi Mall](#), can be found next to Clementi MRT.

Reduce your carbon footprint

To reduce our carbon footprint, we will not be providing printed abstract booklets or programmes. Instead, we recommend that you download these e-materials onto handheld devices for easy reference throughout the conference. As tea-breaks and lunches will be served buffet style, we also encourage you to bring your own reusable containers, utensils and/or tumblers to reduce the use of disposables.

Transport

Public transport in Singapore is easy to use and well-connected. For quick entry on trains (MRT) and buses, use an [EZ-link](#) card which stores value and can be topped up conveniently. Simply tap the EZ-link reader at the entrance, and tap out when you leave. The machine will automatically deduct your fare depending on the distance travelled! [Tourist passes](#) are available with refundable deposits. You can also pay in cash on public buses.

To figure out how to get from one point to another by public transport, simply use Google Maps! If public transport seems too daunting, you can use ride-share apps like [Grab](#). Easier still, hail a metered [taxi](#) off the street!

Coffee

If you want to drink coffee like a local, you need to order it like a local! When ordering coffee at local drink stalls (i.e. not Starbucks or cafes), you can use [this handy infographic](#) to order your drink exactly the way you want it.

Singlish

Feel like you only understand every third word we're saying? Well, we're probably speaking Singlish, a uniquely Singaporean creole that mixes English, Mandarin, Tamil, Malay and Chinese dialects, and has its own syntax and grammar! Learn some of our best words [here!](#)