



It gives us great pleasure to welcome you in advance to the Kingdom's capital city of Riyadh and to the **EMBMT GVHD Symposium and Workshop**.

Regarding the final logistics of your arrival to the Kingdom, we wish to provide you with some helpful information:

1. Arrival in Riyadh: (Local Time of your Arrival in Riyadh is 10:30 PM on 28 September 2018)

- a. When you come down the escalators to the immigration lounge, you have to go to the left hand side queue for first time entrants'/visit visas.
- b. Once you pick up your luggage and pass it through the scanner - a representative from the hotel will be present outside with your name to take you to the hotel.
- c. Cash: The local currency is the Saudi Riyal which is pegged to the US dollar (US \$ 1= SAR 3.77). Currency exchange kiosks are plentiful at the airport on arrival as well as at any bank in the city.

2. Accommodation:

a. Your hotel accommodation will be in Crowne Plaza Riyadh RDC Hotel and Convention Center with reservation number **28870909** booked for 2 nights from 28-30 September 2018 and reservation number **49826733** booked for 1 night from 01-02 October 2018 where the event will take place.

- b. The Meeting will be held in the Ibn Battuta 04 Meeting Hall.
- c. WiFi Access is available in the hotel.
- d. Electricity is 220 volts.
- e. Electric Plugs in Saudi Arabia: Most common plugs are type C and type G.

<http://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/saudi-arabia/>

f. Hotel website: <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/riyadh/ruhit/hoteldetail>

Hotel location: [Google LOCATION MAP](#)

3. Meeting Details:

- a. We hope to run sessions on time starting at 8:00 AM.
- b. Symposium: (8:00 AM-12:15 PM)
 - i. Session I is regarding Acute GVHD with 3 lectures for 25 minutes each followed by a panel discussion for 30 minutes.
 - ii. Session II is regarding Chronic GVHD with 4 lectures for 20/25 minutes each followed by a panel discussion for 30 minutes.
- c. Workshop: (1:30-3:40 PM)
 - i. Three simultaneous workshops will be conducted regarding supportive care and quality of life, bronchiolitis obliterans and GI GVHD, and nursing supportive care for GVHD.
- d. There will be a GALA Dinner on 29 September 2018, Saturday at 7:00 PM in Mosaique Restaurant of the hotel.

4. About Riyadh:

- a. The working week is Sunday to Thursday; Friday and Saturday are weekend days when most government offices are closed, though private establishments are open half of Saturday.
- b. The weather at this time of the year is summer time where temperatures are ranging between 35-40 °C.
- c. The public transport system in Riyadh is mainly taxis. Uber taxis are also available.

Enclosed is the copy of your electronic ticket and final program for reference.

For any additional information or urgent assistance required, you may call the following numbers:

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Have a safe trip to Riyadh and see you in the symposium.

Sincerely,

Organizers
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