

# UniDive 1st general meeting

- **Event title:** UniDive 1th general meeting
- **Organisation:** Paris-Saclay University, [LISN](#) lab, France
- **Location:** [LPS](#), building 510
- **Dates:** 16-17 March 2023
- **Local Organizers:** [Agata Savary](#), [Bénédicte Daly](#), [Till Überrück-Fries](#)



## Strikes in France

You might know that France has been experiencing **strikes** over pension reforms these days. Large demonstrations and strikes took place on 7-8 March. They notably induced cancellations of trains and flights. **New strikes** might take place on **15 March**. Here are some recommendations:

- If you are coming by plane, regularly check with your company if your flight is maintained.
- If you are coming by train, keep in mind that there is legal obligation of: (i) confirming a strike at latest **48 hours** in advance, and (ii) notifying about the trains to be maintained in case of strike, at least **24 hours** in advance. So check your particular train [here](#) around **Monday** and **Tuesday**.
- In any case, you will probably be taking the **suburban train** (RER B). There is usually a “minimal service” ensured in case of strikes but the frequency of the trains to be maintained is not known yet. 1-2 days in advance you should be able to find relevant information [here](#) and [here](#) (in French only :)).
- [This website](#) (recommended by A.Seza Doğruöz) gives information in **English** about the French **train** strikes in March 2023.

We will continue monitoring the situation and keeping you informed.

## Registration

The selection of abstracts and of the persons to be reimbursed from the UniDive budget, has been made on Feb 21. The official e-cost invitations were sent to the selected persons.

If you have **accepted the e-cost invitation** please, fill in the [registration form](#) (concerning attendance, lunches and social events) until Thursday 9 March.

If you have **not received an e-cost invitation** but you would like to participate without claiming reimbursement, please are also register via the [form](#). You will be offered coffee breaks (but not lunches).

## Directions

The campus Paris-Saclay University, despite its name, is neither in Paris nor in Saclay :) It is located about 25 km southwest of Paris and reachable by public transportation. The event will take place at the LPS (Laboratoire de Physique des Solides), building 510 - see [directions](#). The Paris-Saclay campus currently is a huge construction area, changes in public transportation routes are quite frequent. See updates on your favorite navigation tools.

If you travel by train, the closest stations are Massy-Palaiseau and all train stations in Paris.

If you have to travel by plane (the train is MUCH better for the planet!):

- The closest airport is Paris Orly
- If you travel to/from the Charles de Gaulle Airport, note that in June 2023 the suburban train (RER B) line will be interrupted daily after 10:45 p.m. More details [here](#) (in French only ;( ).

## Program

All sessions take place at the [LPS](#), building 510, ground floor. To know more about the posters, see the [call for abstracts](#).

### Thursday 16 March

- 8:15-9:00 (LPS hall, ground floor) registration and poster hanging for session A
- 9:00-9:30 (session 1, large auditorium, chair: Agata Savary, [zoom link](#)) opening plenary session: introduction to UniDive
- 9:30-10:30 (session 2, large auditorium, chair: Bruno Guillaume, [zoom link](#)) plenary talks about the origins of UniDive
  - 9:30-10:00 *The State of Universal Dependencies* - Marie-Catherine de Marneffe, Joakim Nivre, Daniel Zeman
  - 10:00-10:30  
PARSEME Meets Universal Dependencies: Getting on the Same Page in Representing Multiword Expressions  
- Agata Savary, Sara Stymne, Verginica Barbu Mititelu, Nathan Schneider, Carlos Ramisch, Joakim Nivre
- 10:30-11:00 *coffee break*
- 11:00-11:30 (session 3, large auditorium, chair: Carlos Ramisch) plenary [poster presentations A](#) (1 minute per poster)
- 11:30-13:00 (session 4, hall, chair: Atul Kr. Ojha) [poster session A](#)
- 13:00-14:30 *lunch*, poster hanging for session B
- 14:30-15:00 (session 5, large auditorium, chair: Carlos Ramisch) plenary [poster presentations B](#) (1 minute per poster)
- 15:00-16:30 (session 6, hall, chair: Atul Kr. Ojha) [poster session B](#)
- 16:30-17:00 *coffee break*
- 17:00-18:00 (session 7, medium auditorium, chair: Agata Savary) Extended Core Group meeting

## Friday 17 March

- 6:30-8:30 (social event) [Awakening of the birds](#) - a tour with a nature guide in the woods around the university (capacity limited to 50 participants; start in front of the [Campanile hotel](#))
- 9:00-10:15 (session 9) parallel working sessions
  - WG1 (large auditorium, chairs: Carlos Ramisch, Kaja Dobrovoljc)
  - WG2 (medium auditorium, chairs: Verginica Mititelu, Voula Giouli)
- 10:15-10:45 *coffee break*
- 10:45-12:00 (session 10) parallel working sessions
  - WG3 (large auditorium, chairs: Joakim Nivre, Gülşen Eryiğit)
  - WG4 (medium auditorium, chairs: Marie-Catherine de Marneffe, Abigail Walsh)
- 12:00-13:30 *lunch*
- 13:30-14:45 (session 11) parallel working sessions
  - WG1 (large auditorium, chairs: Carlos Ramisch, Kaja Dobrovoljc) - see more [details](#)
  - WG3 (medium auditorium, chairs: Joakim Nivre, Gülşen Eryiğit)
- 14:45-15:15 *coffee break*
- 15:15-16:30 (session 12) parallel working sessions
  - WG2 (large auditorium, chairs: Verginica Mititelu, Voula Giouli)
  - WG4 (medium auditorium, chairs: Marie-Catherine de Marneffe, Abigail Walsh)
- 16:30-16:45 *break* (WG leaders prepare summaries)
- 16:45-17:30 (session 13, large auditorium) plenary closing session (summary of WG sessions)

## Saturday 18 March (social events, self-funded)

- A [hike](#) in the morning (in the Chevreuse Valley, near the university)
- A [concert in Paris](#) in the evening
- See also a personal recommendation of [visits in Paris](#).

## Accommodation

The recommended accommodation is the [Paris-Saclay Campanile](#) hotel, just a 10-min walk from the venue. A total of **50 rooms** are pre-booked until **February 28** and offered at a **discount rate of 105 EUR/night breakfast** included, for the nights of 15-18 March. Please, book by **email** ([paris.saclay@campanile.fr](mailto:paris.saclay@campanile.fr)) or **phone** (+33 1 73 21 98 00), and mention **UniDive** for reference to benefit from the discount. The discount rate cannot be applied via the Campanile web portal.

Other recommended hotels are further away are marked in [this map](#). Note that stars in the hotels' descriptions are customers' views, not standard hotel ratings. Please, be informed that the LPS (building 510) is situated on the upper part of the campus, on the plateau, some 100-150 meter above the Yvette Valley (where the suburban train RER B line is situated). If your hotel is in the valley, you'll need to walk up (quite steep), or take a bus.

You might be tempted to book an accommodation inside Paris and travel to Paris-Saclay for the event. In this case, you can use public transportation (see [directions](#)). Do allow for delays of the suburban train (RER B) and/or busses, or changes in bus routes or schedules. We have recently also been experiencing a wave of strikes, be informed about latest news in this respect. Useful links:

- Public transportation [schedules](#) in the Paris area
- Real-time [traffic information](#) in public transportation

## Meals

Coffee breaks will be offered to all participants. Lunches will be offered to all participants having received and accepted the official e-cost invitation.

We cannot offer you dinners (notably no gala dinner is proposed) but those of you who have received an official e-cost invitation will get a flat rate reimbursement to cover the daily expenditure. Here is a [list of restaurants](#) you might try out in the vicinity. Remember that the venue is on the plateau, 100-150 m above the Yvette Valley (where the RER B line is situated).

## Reimbursement

If you are selected by the Core Group to be reimbursement for the meeting, please accept the invitation that will be sent to you via e-COST before the meeting. After the meeting, fill in the reimbursement form that will be available online via the e-COST system and upload all relevant signed documents, as indicated in the reimbursement form. Before making any arrangements PLEASE READ general rules for the reimbursement described in the [COST Annotated Rules](#), Annex A1-3.1 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RULES. External members (who have not received the e-COST invitation) can also participate freely but will not be reimbursed for their travel and stay. Those external members should also fill in the registration form (to be published soon).

The daily reimbursement rate for this meeting is 160 EUR per night (flat rate). The number of the reimbursed nights is equal to the number of attended workshop/meeting days plus 1 (maximum one night before and one night after the meeting).

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