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Your driver will be waiting for you in the arrival hall, holding a very visible sign reading "AIR SERVICE".

[B] TAKE A PUBLIC BUS SERVICE TO THE CLOSEST RAILWAY STATION AND THEN RIDE BY TRAIN TO PADUA

The closest railway station is **Venezia Mestre**. A public bus service (run by a company named **ATVO**) runs a regular service to there, which departs from in front of the arrival hall of the airport. Departures are spaced by half an hour and the bus journey takes 20 minutes. Check

http://www.atvo.it/airport.php?ld=orari_fly.ihtm&id=1 for the time table. You may buy the ticket from the bus driver.

Once at Venezia Mestre, you need to take a train to Padua. Check <http://www.trenitalia.com/home/en/index.html> for the train time table. Insert "Venezia Mestre" for the departing place and "Padova" for the destination. The rest will follow. Just remember you will have to purchase a valid ticket before boarding the train. Tickets must be stamped before boarding. To stamp your ticket use the yellow boxes you will find on the walls leading to the platforms.

[C] HAIL YOUR OWN CAB TO THE CLOSEST RAILWAY STATION

You do **not** want to ask for a ride to Padua, unless you really want to shed money off your pocket. Once in Venezia Mestre proceed as above. The cost of the taxi ride (which is less than 20 minutes on normal traffic conditions) should not exceed 25-30 Euros at any time of the day.

[D] HIRE A CAR AND TRY YOUR LUCK (AND SELF-CONTROL) IN THE LOCAL TRAFFIC

I can't be of much help here. In fact, I would advise you against this option, because car traffic in Padua is next to impossible and the

connecting roads to/from the airport are often packed to solid lines. (The drivers of the service described under option [A] will know of traffic jams in advance and take the appropriate connoisseur's detours.)

ACCOMMODATION IN PADUA

The following list includes hotels that are within a radius of 1 mile from the meeting venue, what I'd call walking distance. The list is NOT in order of priority/convenience.

[1] HOTEL EDEN

<http://www.hoteledenpadova.it> (in Italian only)

The price range at the bottom of the page is without break fast (which I assume costs another 5-10 Euro)

Address: via C. Battisti 255

[2] HOTEL IGEA

<http://www.hoteligea.it>

Ditto for price range.

Address: via Ospedale Civile 87

[3] HOTEL MARITAN

<http://www.hotelmartan.it/indexit.htm> (in Italian only)

Ditto for the price range.

Address: via Gattamelata 34

[4] HOTEL SANT'ANTONIO

<http://www.hotelsantantonio.it/altre/listino.htm> (in Italian only)

The prices of your concern shall be those "con doccia/bagno" (meaning "with shower/bathtub") with "singola" meaning "single".

Ditto for breakfast.

Address: via San Fermo 118

[5] HOTEL TOSCANELLI

http://www.toscanelli.com/tosc_ita.htm

Price range not indicated, but this is a 4-star hotel (all others being 3-star.)

Address: via dell'Arco 2

[6] HOTEL EUROPA

<http://www.hoteleuropapadova.com/>

Price range not indicated. This is a nice and nicely located 3-star hotel.

Address: Largo Europa, 9

[7] HOTEL GIOTTO

<http://www.hotelgiotto.com/>

Price range under heading "CAMERE E PREZZI" on the home page.

Address: Piazzale Pontecorvo, 33

ADVICE

My personal preference definitely is for options [5-7], which are the only ones in the list that are located in the real heart of downtown. All other hotels are very decent, but their position is less attractive. All are at walking distance from the meeting venue.