Travel information:

Venue:

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
Rue Vautier / Vautierstraat 29
B-1000 Brussels
Belgium
www.naturalsciences.be

General Information:

- Belgium and especially Brussels is multilingual, we have three native languages: Dutch, French and German. In Brussels most people speak French and Dutch, but a lot of them can also understand English.
- Because of this in Brussels all name tags are in French and Dutch!
  For example: street name: Rue Vautier / Vautierstraat,
  train station: Bruxelles-Midi / Brussel-Zuid, ...
- As in every capital city: please be aware of pick-pockets!
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS, the Museum) is located in the vicinity of the European Communities.
  You can find the Museum by going through the buildings of the European parliament at the Luxemburg square (also see map 5).

Directions to RBINS:

Public transport is strongly recommended and cheap (a taxi from the airport is very expensive (~40 EUR), + no parking possibilities in the vicinity of the Museum).
**From the airport:**

**Bus:**
12 or 21, bus-stop "Luxembourg" (5 min. walk from the Museum), +- 5 Euro for a ticket
see STIB-MIVB website ([http://www.mivb.be/horaires-dienstregeling2.html?linecode=21&x=0&y=0&l=en&fmodule=s&results=s](http://www.mivb.be/horaires-dienstregeling2.html?linecode=21&x=0&y=0&l=en&fmodule=s&results=s))
or the route map ([http://www.mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/horaires/21/schema/20110901/21_1.gif](http://www.mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/horaires/21/schema/20110901/21_1.gif))

**Train:**
Below the arriving/departure hall from the airport is the Airport train station, you can buy a ticket at the station or on the train (5,10 Euro). There are regular trains to Brussels, every hour at 09, 27, 36, 52 minutes. All these trains stop at **Brussels-North, Brussels-Central** (underground) and **Brussels-Midi**, the three main train stations in Brussels.

To get close to the museum: From each of the three main stations you can get a train to station "**Brussels -Luxembourg**" (underground, 5 min. walk from the Museum).


**From Brussels City:**

Ticket is 2 EUR on the bus for one-way ticket, can be used for bus and metro, 11.20 EUR for 10 journeys.

**Bus:**
34 or 80, bus-stop "Museum" (opposite the Museum)
38 or 95, bus-stop "Idalie" (Rue du Trône / Troonstraat)

**Underground/metro:**
line 1 and 5, Maelbeek (10 min. walk from the Museum)
line 2 and 6, Trône (10 min. walk from the Museum)

>> For more information:

**By foot:**
As an alternative from Brussels-Central, the Museum is only 25 minutes on foot.
Find below map 3, a general map with a guideline from Brussels-Central to RBINS, you will pass some nice places, including the Royal Palace.

**Other Information**

Map 4 and 5 give you an overview of the direct environment of the Institute.
If you have any more questions about your visit to Brussels please contact

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Map 1: overview of Brussels, ‘A’ indicates the Museum.
Map 2: Overview train stations:
1) Brussels-North
2) Brussels-Central
3) Brussels-South/Midi
4) Brussels-Luxemburg

‘A’ indicates the Museum
Map 3: Walking guidelines to get from Brussels-Central to the Museum ('A')
Map 4 & 5: Red = Luxemburg square, Red –> Luxemburg train station, red –> = the Museum (‘A’).