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AEWA 15th Anniversary Symposium

14 – 15 June 2010

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Sixth Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee

16 - 17 June 2010

FACT SHEET

AEWA 15th Anniversary Symposium

Symposium Venue, 14-15 June 2010

The AEWA 15th Anniversary Symposium will take place at the Bel Air Hotel in The Hague, the Netherlands. The hotel is located in the north-western part of The Hague, on the edge of the city centre (*please see the attached maps*). The meeting rooms are located on the ground and first floors and will be signposted.

BEL AIR HOTEL Den Haag

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2517 JR Den Haag

The Netherlands

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<http://www.belairhotel.nl>

E-mail: reservations@belairhotel.nl

Hotel Accommodation*

Non-sponsored delegates will be responsible for arranging and paying for their hotel accommodation and other expenses.

Wireless internet access is available throughout the hotel – code keys can be purchased at the reception desk.

The Secretariat has arranged block reservations at the **BEL AIR HOTEL**. The hotel offers delegates a special rate of EUR 135,00 per night and room including breakfast and VAT but excluding EUR 3,81 city tax per person per night. Delegates are advised to book their rooms by **18 May 2010**. After this date availability of rooms will be reduced; by 1 June all rooms not taken will be released.

Please use the attached reservation form to make your booking and return it to the reservations department of Bel Air Hotel by fax +31 (0)70.352 5385 or e-mail reservations@belairhotel.nl. If you do not wish to use the registration form please ensure you quote “AEWA” when making your booking.

Cancellation of rooms

Rooms can be cancelled free of charge up to 3 days prior to the arrival date. In case of no-show or cancellation after the deadline, the Bel Air Hotel will charge the full amount of the first night's stay of the reservation.

Parking

The Bel Air Hotel has a private parking facility with a capacity for up to 150 cars. The parking tariffs are:

- Up to 30 minutes free of charge
- €1.50 per hour
- Maximum of €15.00 per 24 hours

* Hotel information applies to delegates taking part in both events.

Please note that on Monday 14 June Bel Air parking spaces might be scarce due to another conference taking place at Bel Air in addition to the AEWA symposium. Public parking spaces are available in the vicinity of the hotel.

How to get to Bel Air Hotel

By public transport:

Delegates arriving at **Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport** (distance: 45 kilometres) may wish to take the train to The Hague Central Station (*Den Haag Centraal*). Trains from Schiphol railway station to The Hague will normally leave from platform 5 or 6. Train tickets can be purchased at the desk of the Dutch Railway Company (*Nederlandse Spoorwegen – NS*). Travelling from the airport to Bel Air Hotel by public transport will take around 60 minutes and cost approximately EUR 10.

From **The Hague Central Station** take tram n° 17 (direction 'Statenkwartier') to 'Gemeentemuseum/Museon' which is 9 stops and takes approximately 10 mins. From 'Gemeentemuseum/Museon' it is a 6-8 minutes walk to Bel Air Hotel (*see attached maps below*).

By taxi:

Delegates choosing to travel by Taxi should be aware that the journey from **Schipol Airport** to the Bel Air Hotel takes ca. 45 minutes and costs around EUR 80.

How to reach AEWA Secretariat staff by phone

Prior to the symposium you can reach the Secretariat by telephone: +49 (0)228 815-2413 and +49 (0)228 815-2454.

On 14 and 15 June all the AEWA Secretariat staff will be in The Hague. In urgent cases you can contact:

Mr Bert Lenten Tel: +49 0151-145 713 25 (mobile phone)

Ms. Marie-Therese Kaemper/Ms. Birgit Drerup Tel: +49 0151-145 713 86 (mobile phone)

Registration

The registration desk will be situated on the first floor and will be signposted. Delegates will be able to register on Sunday 13 June in the evening or on Monday 14 June before the Symposium opens.

Opening

The symposium is scheduled to open at 09.00 h on Monday, 14 June 2010.

Formal Dinner

On 14 June all Symposium participants are invited to attend a buffet dinner which is taking place in the presence of the Dutch Agriculture Minister, Ms. Gerda Verburg. Dinner will start at 19.00 hrs at the Gember Museum Restaurant which is situated within 10 minutes walk of the Bel Air Hotel (*please see attached map*).

GEMBER Restaurant

Stadhouderslaan 41

2517 HV Den Haag

www.restaurantgember.nl

Visas

An official letter of invitation has been sent to each of the participants. This can be used to apply for a visa. Participants are urged to contact the consular authorities of the Government of the Netherlands early, in order to allow sufficient time for the processing of visa applications.

Please note: Delegates with flights via other Schengen countries (France, Germany, Portugal etc.) should ensure that they apply for a C) Category, Multiple-Entry Schengen visa.

Schengen visa applications can usually be processed on the day of application; however in the case of some countries, the procedure may take longer. Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Dutch embassies and consulates, is available on the Internet site of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs at:

www.minbuza.nl/en/Services/Consular_Services/Visa

Please note that it is not possible to obtain a visa on arrival in the Netherlands. Please contact the Secretariat immediately if you have difficulty obtaining a visa.

Working languages of the Symposium

The symposium's working languages will be English and French; interpretation for these languages will be provided.

Time zone

The Netherlands is located in the Central European Time zone.

Weather

The Netherlands has a moderate coastal climate with cool summers and mild winters. The average temperature (day time) in June is 18-22°C. As rain is not uncommon at any time of the year, we advise participants to bring with them a raincoat or an umbrella.

Currency

The official currency in the Netherlands is the Euro. Credit cards are widely accepted.

Sixth Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee (StC6), 16-17 June 2010

StC6 Meeting Venue

The 6th AEWA Standing Committee Meeting will take place at the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (*Ministerie van Landbouw Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit*). The meeting room will be signposted.

Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV)

Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit
Willem Witsenplein 6
2596 BK Den Haag

Opening

The Meeting is scheduled to open at 9.00 h on Wednesday, 16 June 2010. It will close on Thursday, 17 June at approximately 13.00 h.

Working language of the Meeting

The working language of the Standing Committee Meeting will be English.

How to get to LNV

By public transport:

From Bel Air Hotel go to tram stop "Gemeentemuseum"/ Museon and take tram n° 17 (direction "Wateringen") and alight at The Hague Central Train Station (*Den Haag Centraal*). Exit the train station following the signs for the bus station. Take bus n° 90 (Connexion) (direction '*Haarlem*'). After 5 minutes leave this bus at the bus stop *Willem Witsenplein*. This journey takes around 30-40 minutes.

By taxi:

Taking a taxi from Bel Air Hotel to LNV will cost around EUR 15. The taxi journey takes around 15-25 minutes depending on the traffic.

Documents

Meeting documents in English and French will be available for download on the Secretariat's Website (http://www.unep-aewa.org/meetings/en/stc_meetings/stc6docs/stc6.htm) as from mid-May. Delegates are kindly reminded to bring meeting documentation with them.

Maps of the Meeting Venues

