The 9th Meeting of the AEWA Technical Committee is being kindly hosted in Zagreb by the Government of Croatia, Ministry of Culture

FACT SHEET

1. Meeting Venue

Address:
Hotel International
Miramarska 24
10000 Zagreb
Croatia

The meeting room is the Grand Salon I on the ground floor.

How to reach the organisers by phone:

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2. Transport

To the Hotel International. (See the map at www.hotel-international.hr)

By car:

From Slovenia:
• Drive along the Zagrebačka avenija and turn right to Savska street. On the first intersection turn right to Vukovarska street. Drive 700 m until the intersection with Miramarska. The hotel is on the right side.

From the south:
• Drive along Avenija Dubrovnik until the intersection with Avenija Večeslava Holjevca. At the intersection turn in the direction north, drive over the bridge until you reach the intersection with Vukovarska street. At the intersection turn left and after 100m turn left again into Miramarska street. The hotel is to your right.

By rail:

from main train station (Glavni kolodvor):
• Tram line 13 towards “Žitnjak” exit “Miramarska”. (this route goes somewhat around the town)
• The hotel is located just across the street
• or, alternatively, walk for 10 minutes

By air:

from Zagreb airport:
• Airport-shuttle-bus towards Terminal at Autobusni kolodvor (Central bus station), duration: 20-25 minutes.
• From the main bus station take the tram line 5 towards “Prečko”, exit “Miramarska”.
• The hotel is located diagonally across the street.
Please note: The shuttle bus goes directly to the main bus station, but stops on demand at several places. You can ask the driver to stop at “Lisinski”, from where you can also take tram line 5 towards “Prečko” for only one stop, or walk about 5 minutes.

Departure of the airport-shuttle-bus is every 30 minutes from:
- 7 am to 20 pm direction Airport - Terminal Zagreb
- 5 am to 20 pm direction Terminal Zagreb - Airport.
Details are available on: www.plesoprijevoz.hr/vozniredzg.htm

**By taxi** (approx. prices):
- Zagreb airport to Hotel International: 150-200 KN (20-30 €)

**Tram/Bus prices, Kuna/Euros:**

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Tickets can be bought in kiosks selling newspapers or in some buses or trams. The ticket is valid for 1,5 hours in all trams, buses and funicular trains going in the chosen direction. Alternatively, you can buy a ticket by sending an SMS message ZG to number 8585. This ticket is valid in all directions for 1,5 hours. Two tram stations in any direction from the main square “Trg bana Jelačića” are free of charge.

**3. Opening**

The meeting will be opened on Tuesday, 21 April 2009 at 9:00.

The meeting will be preceded by an excursion kindly offered by the host Government on Monday, 20 April; departure from the hotel is at 8:00 (for further details see para 12).

**4. Hotel accommodation**

Rooms have been blocked for delegates at the Hotel International at special rates. Reservations can be made by phone + 385 1 6108 400 or e-mail reservations@hotel-international.hr.

Please note; when making reservations, refer to “Ministry of Culture - AEWA meeting” in order to get the special rate.

**Reservations have been made for all sponsored delegates and for those non-sponsored delegates, who have requested us to reserve for them and informed us of their travel details (they will receive individual confirmation).**

**Hotel International**

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*The price of a single room (incl. breakfast) is:*
- 600 KN / ca 81 Euro - *room Classic*
- 700 KN / ca 95 Euro - *room Superior*

*Breakfast & VAT are included in room rate.*
*City tax per person / day - 7.00 KN*

Free LAN and WLAN Internet access is available in the whole hotel.

*Hotel bills (including breakfast) for sponsored delegates will be covered by the Secretariat; please note that sponsored delegates are responsible for paying their telephone calls, faxes, internet costs and drinks.*
5. Meals
On Monday, lunch will be provided as a part of the excursion. From Tuesday to Thursday meals will be organized in restaurant/canteen opposite the hotel. The price is around 5 Euro per meal. Alternatively, there is a Steak House and small grocery shops around the hotel.

6. Daily Subsistence Allowance (sponsored delegates)
Sponsored delegates will be reimbursed for local travel costs, visa costs or other travel-related costs. Payment will be made on the basis of valid receipts only; boarding cards must also be submitted.

7. Documents
Documents will be available for download from the AEWA website (http://www.unep-aewa.org/meetings/en/tc_meetings/tc9/tc9.htm), as they are ready. Delegates are kindly requested to bring meeting documentation with them.

8. Visa
Information about entry requirements to Croatia for all nationalities as well as a list of Croatian diplomatic missions abroad is available on the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Croatia: http://www.mfa.hr/MVP.asp?pcpid=1612 under Diplomatic Directory.

An official invitation letter for all the participants requiring visas will be provided by the Croatian Government. The AEWA Secretariat will also provide Verbal Notes and will remain in close contact with delegates with regard to the processing of visa applications.

9. Currency
The kuna (1 € = 7.4 kuna) is the official currency in Croatia. Money can be changed or obtained from cash machines with various credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Diners etc).

10. Time Zone
Croatia is in the Central-European time zone (GMT +1).

11. Climate
April in Zagreb is mostly mild. The average monthly temperature is 11°C, but at the end of the month, it can be significantly warmer – up to 20°C. It can, of course rain at any time.

12. Excursion
The excursion is planned for Monday, 20 April. We will visit one of the Croatian Ramsar sites, the carp fishpond “Crna Mlaka”, situated only 40 km from Zagreb and the Nature Park Žumberak-Samoborsko gorje.

**Departure is at 8:00 in front of the Hotel International.**

Crna Mlaka covers 687ha with 625ha of water. More then 200 bird species have been recorded. Crna Mlaka hosts the greatest Croatian breeding population of the Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*) - 220 pairs in 2008, several other duck species, grebes, terns, etc. It is an important feeding and stopover site for waterbirds, including spoonbills, herons, waders, ducks and geese. White-tailed Sea Eagles and Black Storks are breeding in the surrounding oak forests and are regularly seen at the fishponds.

The Nature Park Žumberak-Samoborsko gorje extends over some 350 km², with the elevation range from 180 to 1178 meters, and the highest peak of Sveta Gera. The Nature Park consists of an exclusively rural area, forests and meadows. Forest fauna is well-developed. Numerous birds found in agricultural areas include the Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*) and Red-backed Shrike (*Lanius collurio*).