One kind word can warm three winter months
(Japanese proverb)

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Call for papers

CALL FOR PAPERS- SIETAR Congress 2005

Dear SIETARIans,

The time of our 2005 Congress is getting closer and we are delighted to announce that the congress website is now ready to deliver all the necessary information on how you can participate by presenting papers, workshops and other events. Click here to find out how to do this, the proposal guidelines and more (then click “Call for Papers”).

Our thanks to Jonathan Levy for his work in putting this call for papers together, and to Markus Haag, Maya Ayad and Sabine Amend for the both beautiful and simple look and text of our congress website.

We are all looking forward to learning from each other and enjoying each other’s creativity in September. We will alert you regularly about Congress progress and developments via these flash news bulletins.

There are still lots of opportunities to become involved in the preparation and conduct of the congress. We hope you will be interested in joining our multinational and multicultural congress team. Information about who to contact to find out how you can be involved is found on the new website on the Contact page.

SIETAR Europa Congress 2005 Committee

Events

DISSOLVING BARRIERS - INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE IN EUROPE

4-8 MAY IN RIETI (ITALY)

Conference prepared by:

- Associazione Rieti Immigrant - Provincia (Italy)
- Unione Italiana Sport Per Tutti (Italy)
- Football Against Racism Europe (FARE)
- Red Cross Finland (Finland)
- Universal Embassy (Belgium)
- World Uyghur Congress (Germany)
- Youth Human Rights Movement (Russia)
- UNITED for Intercultural Action

More information (click "conferences" and "upcoming conferences").
IMEX EXHIBITION FOR MEETINGS
IMEX 19-21 APRIL 2005

After just two years, IMEX has become the benchmark worldwide exhibition for meetings and incentive travel. IMEX brings together 12,000 meetings and incentive travel industry professionals from over 130 countries. It is unique in attracting both a major international gathering of hosted buyers (who travel and stay free as guests of the organisers) together with thousands of decisions makers from the influential German market. Over 2,500 exhibitors represent categories such as National & Regional Tourist Offices, major Hotel Groups, Airlines, Destination Management Companies, Service Providers and Trade Associations.

18th April IMEX ASSOCIATION DAY
International associations need to spread the word on the value of their services. With seminar topics selected by delegates, that will help to make your association stronger and your financial bottom line healthier and increased time for structured networking with over 200 of your peers from the international association community; the programme provides a unique networking platform to discuss issues, learn from each other and open new opportunities.

More information (1)
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BRUSSELS IN A DAY - INTRODUCTION TO EU PUBLIC AFFAIRS
March 16, May 19, September 15, November 17

This one-day seminar is intended for professional associations, NGOs, companies, local and regional authority officials, students, and civil society wanting to get acquainted with the EU Institutions and their working system.

The seminars cover:

- practical presentation of the European Institutions (the "Community method" in practice, the EU decision-making process);
- the toolbox of a lobbyist: how to identify the key players, the best sources of information, how to manage a legislative monitoring, how to write a position paper;
- visit to the EU Parliament: the co-decision procedure, the powers of Parliament, and how to work with it;
- presentation of a real-case study on lobbying.

More information (PDF)

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ADAPT IN FRANCE

Members can learn about numerous aspects of life in our country by participating in the WORKSHOPS, which have been developed according to their specific needs and which correspond to real-life situations. This new schedule will bring us a wide variety of workshops in ENGLISH on the following themes:

28th February 2005 From 9:30 to 11:30 Job-hunting
4th March 2005 From 9:30 to 10:30 Taxes
4th March 2005 From 11:00 to 12:00 French inheritance laws
7th March 2005 From 9:30 to 10:30 The concept of time from a French viewpoint
7th March 2005 From 11:00 to 12:00 Friends and neighbours
11th March 2005 From 9:30 to 10:30 Animal issues
11th March 2005 From 11:00 to 12:00 French business culture
14th March 2005 From 9:30 to 10:30 Bilingualism
14th March 2005 From 11:00 to 12:00 Public Transport (trains, buses, airlines services)
18th March 2005 From 9:30 to 10:30 Jokes and French expressions: how to understand them better!
18th March 2005 From 11:00 to 12:00 The French Media World
21st March 2005 From 9:30 to 11:30 Utilities (Post office services, Electricity, Gas, Water, Telephone)
25th March 2005 From 9:30 to 11:30 Evaluation of skills

The workshops take place in ENGLISH in the association’s office in the "Centre de Vie" in Garbejaire (place Méjane), Valbonne Sophia Antipolis.

For further information and/or booking, please contact: 04 93 65 33 79 or email

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CIC’s 20TH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

We are pleased to announce CIC’s 20th - and final - professional development seminar course, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, April 11-16, 2005.

Our international and interdisciplinary seminar combines intercultural theory and research with training methodologies and practical exercises.

The six-day seminar is divided into two modules which may be applied for separately.

1. Trust and integrity in a pluralistic world
2. Culture as meaning: Implications for training

Join other cross-cultural professionals in this small-group colloquium; learn from experts in related disciplines, and revitalize your international project teams and programmes with new concepts and strategies.

Links:
Website

Fees and application information

Or contact Jorge Diaz, Course Administrator Tel: +31 (0) 20 6242212

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IRC LICENSING COURSES

28-29 April and 23-24 June

IRC Licensing Courses are scheduled again on 28-29 April and 23-24 June, 2005, in Laren (near Amsterdam).

The IRC License allows you to administer the Intercultural Readiness Check (IRC), an online 60-item questionnaire assessing four key intercultural competences: Intercultural Sensitivity, Intercultural Communication, Building Commitment, Managing Uncertainty.

The IRC greatly supports practitioners in adding value to their work.

Visit the website for more information.

SOMATIC CONSCIOUSNESS COURSE

19.-20.03.2005 Cologne – Course in English

Our body communicates with us. Can you read what it tells you to live a congruent life? The aim is to make the right decisions and resolve blockages. You will work with your own life goals and learn techniques from:

NLP - Neuro-Linguistic Programming, a framework for solution-oriented coaching and communication, derived from the modeling of the world’s most successful practitioners of change.

Kinesiology - A therapy deriving from the combination of Western chiropractic and Traditional Chinese Medicine which provides an innovative way of conceiving of conscious mind and unconscious body.

EFT - A simple and highly effective method of clearing the bad feelings that stop us from achieving what we want, being who we are and fulfilling our dreams.

More information
PRAGUE BASED TRAINER

On behalf of a client we are looking for a Prague based trainer (preferably Czech national) to conduct a briefing on Czech and Slovak history, culture and business culture for a senior executive and his family moving to Prague.

Please reply privately by email to:

Intercultural Management Consulting AB
Anders P. Hovemyr
Managing Director

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