

The 19th Annual Meeting of the ISHN in Brussels is approaching. Now is the time to register. Please find attached the registration form, read it carefully and complete all the sections.

It is an important part of Belgian Art de Vivre to relax during meals and enjoy good food with convivial company. So you will be offered a buffet-style seated lunch each day and on Saturday a walking lunch. This is included in the full registration.

The excursion will be an exceptional event – booking in advance is mandatory as the places are limited, so register early. For people with limited mobility, we can offer an alternative proposal – please contact me directly.

Concerning flights, Brussels Airlines offer preferential prices for flights to Brussels for the ISHN meeting. If interested please contact Ms Anju Bye Hurree at anjubye.hurree@brusselsairlines.be

From the many hotels in Brussels, rooms have been booked for the participants in two hotels. Both are within walking distance of the ISHN 2014 conference site. As the central headquarters of the ISHN, we strongly recommend the Renaissance Brussels hotel. The Hotel Chambord, which is a nice hotel, has neither bar nor lounge - so no possibility to socialize nor to drink a good Belgian beer on site! To book, go to the website, click on <a href="Accommodations">Accommodations (Hotel Reservations link)</a>, under the picture. You should be able to book for the meeting - and the weekend before and/or after. Indeed we strongly recommend you stay an extra few days, in order to explore Brussels and Belgium treasures.

Students with limited resources may contact me in order to make their booking in a nice hotel in the city center where rooms have been reserved specially for them. In addition, the ISHN is in a position to offer limited funds to facilitate their attendance. Please contact the secretary Sherry Ginn doctorginn@gmail.com.

Concerning the posters, I am happy to let you know that this year you can have your poster printed in Brussels and collect it on-site on Monday June 30 from 18:00 at the registration desk after having picked up your badge. This will solve the problem of carrying your poster a long way and flying with a big tube. If you are interested in this service please contact me. In addition, for the first time, we have decided to award a Prize for the Best Poster which will be presented during the Banquet. For the winner the subscription fee for next year's meeting will be waived.

Besides its well established attractions, excitement is building in Brussels for 2014, with the commemoration of the centenary of WWI, the opening of the new Museum Fin de Siècle, the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adolphe Sax, creator of the saxophone, and many more.

(see http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/front/home/display/clt/BE\_en/section/visiteur.do)

Some members have asked for special tours. Indeed Brussels is full of treasures somewhat out of the lambda tourist's way, and are well worth discovering. If enough participants are interested we could organize a guided walking tour of the historic heart of Brussels on Monday 30 June, and a Brussels Art Nouveau tour on Saturday 5 July afternoon, so that anybody interested can participate. If interested by one or both tours, please send me an email.

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels.

With the Scientific & Organizing Committees,

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