

European Council of Civil Engineers



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 5th May 2011

and

53rd ECCE GENERAL MEETING 6th - 7th May 2011

General Information

The 53rd ECCE General Meeting will be held on the 6th and 7th May, 2011 in accordance with the attached programme and Agenda of the Meeting.

The International Conference under the title "Sustainable Development: Civil Engineering and the Built Environment" with sub-topics:

- Transportation, Planning and Infrastructure
- Resource and Waste Management in Engineering
- Materials and Structures
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- Civil Engineering Applications and Case Studies
- Civil Engineering Education

will be held on the 5th May 2011.

Call for Papers

A Call for Papers for the Conference which is expected to draw participants from local and foreign practitioners, academics and students has already been made and is herewith attached again for your information.

Extracts for presentation of papers at the Conference are still being accepted. All papers presented will form part of an appropriate Conference Publication.

General Meeting and Conference Venue

Both the General Meeting and the Conference will be held at the Le Meridien Hotel, Balluta Bay, St Julians, Sliema.

Balluta Bay is a small picturesque bay within Sliema Creek and is within walking distance to the popular touristic area of Paceville with a number of restaurants, shops and other touristic attractions. The hotel overlooks the Balluta Bay.

The attached brochures of the hotel explain in a very clear manner the attractions of the area and the facilities at the hotel.

Accommodation at Le Meridien Hotel & Spa

Le Meridien Hotel & Spa at Balluta Bay, St Julians will be the main hotel for the accommodation of the Executive Board members and Organisation delegations. However, in the Sliema area there are other hotels within walking distance from the Le Meridien Hotel and delegations may wish to book their accommodation in these alternative locations. Please feel free to contact us if you need help in locating an alternative hotel.

Rooms at the Le Meridien Hotel will be on a first come first served basis and the prices are:

Early Bird Registration – up to 31st March 2011: Single Standard Room @ €110.00 per night on BB Basis Twin/Double Standard Room @ €130.00 per room per night on BB Basis Sea View Supplement @ €20.00 per room per night

The following rates will apply after 31st March 2011: Single Standard Room @ €130.00 per night on BB Basis Twin/Double Standard Room @ €150.00 per room per night on BB Basis Sea View Supplement @ €20.00 per room per night

The Le Meridien Hotel contact details are:

Le Meridien St Julians Hotel & Spa 39 Main Street Balluta Bay St Julian's STJ 1017 Malta Tel: +356 2311 0000 Fax: +356 2311 1001 Email: infolmsj@lemeridien.com URL: www.lemeridienmalta.com

Getting to Malta

Regular flights are available to the Malta International Airport by the national airline, Air Malta, from most European Cities. Other airlines, including low-cost ones, operate also on a regular basis from several European airports.

In case of difficulties please contact us at <u>ecce@go.net.mt</u> and we will do our best to help you.

Malta International Airport

The journey from the airport to the Le Meridien Hotel takes about 20 minutes by taxi. The journey to other hotels in the Sliema area takes about the same time.

However, if we are informed of your time of arrival at the airport and the flight number we will make the necessary arrangements to meet you there and accompany you to your hotel. The cost of the journey will be €20.00 per person.

Public Transport

Public transport by bus to the Capital City, Valletta is available just in front of the hotel. The journey to Valletta takes about 15 minutes and from Valletta's Bus Terminus one can get the bus to all the other parts of the island.

Banks

Banks are open from 08.30 to 16.00 hrs on weekdays and up to 13.00 hrs on Saturday. ATMs are readily available in most localities.

Currency

The local currency is the Euro (€). All major credit cards are accepted in most shops and restaurants.

Time

Malta's time zone is GMT + 1 hour.

Technical and Cultural Visits

Two Technical and Cultural Visits will be organised for ExBo Members, Delegates and Accompanying Persons on Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th May as indicated in the attached programme.

Further details about these two visits will be communicated to you at a later date.

Accompanying Persons Programme

A Social Programme will be organised for Accompanying Persons. This has not been finalised as yet as it will depend on the number of persons who wish to participate in such a programme. However, visits to places of interest in Valletta and the main touristic areas will form part of the programme.

Further details will be given as soon as we have the number of participating Accompanying Persons.

Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will take place on Friday, 6th May 2011.

50th Anniversary of MGPEI

The Malta Group of Professional Engineering Institutions (MGPEI) is this year celebrating its 50th Anniversary since its formation. MGPEI is formed of members of the three main UK Engineering Institutions – ICE, IET, IMechE. The Kamra tal-Periti is represented in the MGPEI Committee by its President, Perit Vincent Cassar.

The MGPEI will be holding a Celebration Dinner on Thursday, 5th May 2011. It is worthwhile to note that present for this occasion will be the Presidents of IET and of IMechE and our colleague and previous President of ECCE and Senior Vice-President of ICE, Richard Coackley.

All ECCE members including any accompanying persons who will be present in Malta on the evening of Thursday, 5th May are invited to join in this Celebration Dinner which will be held at the Hotel Phoenicia, Floriana which was the hotel where the first General Meeting of the MGPEI was held.

The days after the General Meeting

There is a general feeling that participants wish to extend their visit in Malta by a couple of days following the General Meeting. This is possible and it is important that those who wish to extend their stay in Malta to indicate this on the attached Hotel Registration Form and book your hotel accommodation accordingly. If you let us know beforehand what your special interests are and what you would like to see and do during your extended stay we will be able to help you and organise a suitable programme to fit your needs and interests.

It is also possible, if you so wish, to arrive in Malta a couple of days before the Conference and the ECCE General Meeting. The same arrangements will apply.

Liability and Insurance

It is recommended that participants and accompanying persons arrange personal travel and health insurance. The organisers will not accept any responsibility for injury or damage to persons or property during the participants stay in Malta.

Conference and General Meeting Contact

The Conference and the ECCE General Meeting Secretariat can be reached at:

Conference and ECCE GM Secretariat Kamra tal-Periti The Professional Centre Sliema Road, Gzira GZR 1633 MALTA Tel: +356 2131 4265 Fax: +356 2131 4265

Email: ecce@go.net.mt

URL: www.ktpmalta.com

PARTICIPATION PACKAGES

Package no 1 – Participation Fee - nil:

for ExBo members, ECCE National Delegates, one (1) additional delegate from each country, SC Chairmen, Head of Delegation of Associate Members, ExBo Accompanying Persons:

Participation Fee – nil

Package includes:

- Conference Closing Session participation
- Conference publication
- ECCE Meeting and services
- Coffee and refreshments during meetings
- Official Dinner hosted by the Kamra tal-Periti on Friday, 6th May, 2011
- Lunch on Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th May, 2011
- Technical and Cultural visits on the 6th and 7th May, 2011

Package no 2 – Participation Fee - €120.00:

for all other participants:

Package includes:

- Conference Closing Session participation
- Conference publication
- ECCE Meeting and services
- Coffee and refreshments during meetings
- Official Dinner hosted by the Kamra tal-Periti on Friday, May 6, 2011
- Lunch on Saturday, May 7, 2011
- Technical and Cultural visits on the 6th and 7th May, 2011

Package no 3 – Participation Fee - €120.00:

for Accompanying Persons (excluding Accompanying Persons of ExBo Members)

Package includes:

- Conference Closing Session participation
- Lunch on Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th May, 2011
- Official Dinner hosted by the Kamra tal-Periti on Friday, 6th May, 2011
- Technical and cultural visits on the 6th and 7th May, 2011

EXTRA OPTIONS

• Full Conference participation on Thursday, May 5, 2011 for all ECCE members and other participants:

Participation Fee - €65.00

Including:

- Full participation at Conference
- Conference Publication
- Conference lunch and coffee breaks
- Attendance at MGPEI KTP Celebration Dinner on Thursday, May 5, 2011 for all ECCE members, Accompanying Persons and other participants: Participation Fee - €50.00 per person
- Attendance at Maltese Night on Saturday, May 7, 2011 for all ECCE members, Accompanying Persons and other participants:
 Participation Fee - €40.00 per person
- As indicated above a Social Programme will be organised for Accompanying Persons. Further details will be given as soon as we know the number of participating Accompanying Persons.

Please fill in the attached Conference and General Meeting Registration Form and return it to us either by email (ecce@go.net.mt) or by fax +356 2131 4265 indicating your preferences for attending the above events.