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Welcome to WLIC 2005 in Oslo!

The next IFLA-express will be published during the conference.

*University Library, Oslo.
Photo: Bjørn Djupvik*

Plenary Speakers

Upali Amarasiri

Date of the conference, Sunday 14th August, Time 12.45-13.45

Amarasiri is the director general of the National Library and Documentations Services Board of Sri Lanka. He has since 1998 been a member of the editorial board of Information Development, published by Bowker/Saur, representing Asia Oceania region. He is the chair of the Sri Lanka Disaster Management Committee for Library, Information Services and Archives, from January 2005. In 1986 he received the IFLA Martinus Nijhoff award.

Ole Henrik Magga

Date of the conference, Monday 15th August, Time 12.45-13.45

Title: Indigenous knowledge systems - the true roots of humanism

Magga is a professor of Sami linguistics at The Saami University College in Guovdageaidnu (Kautokeino), Norway. He has been a member of numerous committees and commissions on Sami issues. He was the first president of The Sami Parliament in Norway. He has been active in the international indigenous movement for several decades and had other international engagements include membership of the Norwegian delegation to United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro 1992. In 1992-1995 he served as a member of the World Commission of Culture and Development (UN/UNESCO) chaired by Perez de Cuéllar. From 2002 he is the chairman of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Åse Kleveland

Date of the Conference, Tuesday 16th August, Time 12.45-13.45

Title: Libraries and the challenge of cultural policies in a digital age

Åse Kleveland was born in Sweden in 1949 and has lived in Norway since 1956. She studied law at the University of Oslo with particular emphasis on copyright and authors rights from 1969. In the eighties she was president of the Norwegian Musicians and Artists Unions and member of numerous boards, councils and committees in the field of culture, sport and city planning. Between 1980 and 1990 she hosted numerous television programmes. From 1986 to 1990 she was president of The Equal Rights Council by the Norwegian Government and from 1987 to 1990 CEO of Park Partners, Norway. She was appointed director of culture and ceremonies for the 17th Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer. In November 1990 she was appointed Minister of culture, media and sport. In this position (which she held until 1996) she took on the political responsibility for the Lillehammer Games. Åse Kleveland has accepted major national awards in the fields of cinema, architecture and design for her political achievements. To-day she is CEO of Swedisch Film Institute and Chairman of the Board of Scandinavian Films, The Ingmar Bergman Foundation and EDCF -European Digital Cinema Forum. In 2003 Kleveland was awarded "les insignes de Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur".

Hilde Frafjord Johnson

Date of the conference, Wednesday, 17th August, Time 12.45-13.45

Title: Culture, knowledge and power

Hilde F. Johnson is Norway's Minister of International Development, a post she has held twice: from 1997 to 2000, and since 2001. She represents the Christian Democratic Party, which is currently part of a coalition government together with the Conservative Party and the Liberal Party. Before taking up her Cabinet post, Johnson was a member of the Norwegian parliament for five years, during which she sat on the Enlarged Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. Ms. Johnson is Co-chair of the Global Coalition for Africa. She has been a key facilitator in the Sudan peace negotiations, and has chaired the Sudan Committee of the IGAD Partners Forum. Ms. Johnson has also served on advisory groups in the World Bank, and is the founder of the Utstein Group, a consultation group of six likeminded donor countries. In 2003, she was awarded the "Commitment to Development Award" by the Center for Global Development and Foreign Policy in Washington, D.C.

Hilde F. Johnson was born in 1963 in Arusha, Tanzania. She holds a graduate degree in anthropology from the University of Oslo.

Linn Ullmann

Date of the conference: Thursday, 18th August, Time 12.45-13.45

Title: You never walk alone

Born in 1966, Linn Ullmann is a graduate of New York University, where she studied English literature and began work on her Ph.D. She returned to Oslo in 1990 to pursue a career in journalism. She had established herself as an important literary critic when her first and critically acclaimed novel *Before You Sleep* was published in 1998. Her second novel, *Stella Descending* (2001) received glowing reviews. Her third novel *Grace* was published in 2002 and won the prominent literary award "The reader's prize" in Norway and was named one of the ten best novels of that year by the prestigious newspaper "Weekendavisen" in Denmark.

Ms. Ullmann's novels are published throughout Europe and the United States and translated into 30 countries. She also writes a column for Norway's leading morning newspaper and is married to Niels Fredrik Dahl, a novelist, playwright and poet. She lives in Oslo with her husband, two children, two stepchildren and a dog named Brando.

Cultural and social programme during the conference

A conference is more than sessions..... We would like to welcome you to have a taste of Norwegian culture and have a possibility to meet colleagues and new friends outside the conference venue!

Opening Ceremony 14 August

The Opening Ceremony will take place in Oslo Spektrum on Sunday 14 August from 10.45-12.45. The patron of the conference, His Majesty King Harald V of Norway, has announced that he will attend the opening. We will invite you to an exiting opening ceremony with a cultural programme that should not be missed.

The Exhibit Party 14 August

The Exhibit party will take place in Oslo Spektrum on Sunday 14 August from 16.00-18.00 in combination with the Opening party on-site.

Opening of the National Library 15 August

The National Library of Norway invites IFLA delegates to the grand opening of the National Library on 15 August. The opening will feature top class artists from the performing arts, and reflect the slogan for the congress, A Voyage of Discovery.

Cultural Evening 16 August

The Cultural evening will take place at the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History on 16 August. At the Museum - the IFLA delegates can experience and learn about traditional Norwegian culture and history. The Open-Air Museum features 155 authentic buildings from different national regions. A variety of activities will take place in the Open-Air Museum this evening, the buildings will be open and with guides, folk music and dancing, demonstration of traditional arts and crafts. Food and drinks will be served.

Receptions 17 August

On Wednesday 17 August there is a selection of receptions for the delegates. The delegates will be given an invitation to one of the receptions. One of the receptions is in the town hall by invitation from the Mayor of Oslo. The University of Oslo has also invited delegates to a reception at the University Library. Together with Oslo Public Library IFLA2005 is inviting to a reception at the main library. This will also be the day for embassy receptions and different company receptions.

Photography Exhibition

There will be an exhibition organised by the National Organising Committee with the photographer Candida Höfer at the Oslo Public Library.

Literary night club

There will be a literary club in the late evenings during the conference. Here famous Norwegian authors that have been translated to English will read. We will also have live music. Detailed programme will be presented in the final programme. The venue is in the centre of town with a magnificent view of Oslo. If weather permits, the outdoor terraces are open!

Selected Additional Cultural Events in Oslo

At the time of the conference, several other festivals and cultural events take place in Oslo which might also be of interest to the conference participants:

- The Oslo Jazzfestival 15 – 21 August 2005. For more information: <http://www.oslojazz.no/>
- The Oslo Chamber Music festival 12-21 August. Of special interest we can mention an outdoor concert with the internationally known saxophone player Jan Garbarek at the Akershus fortress in the centre of Oslo on August 13. For more information: <http://www.oslokammermusikkfestival.no/>
- Soccer: Norway-Switzerland on Wednesday 18 August at Ullevaal stadion.

Conference exhibitions in Oslo Spektrum

Opening hours of the exhibition and the Registration Desk

Friday August 12	13:30 - 17:30 hours
Saturday August 13	07:30 - 17:30 hours
Sunday August 14	07:30 - 17:30 hours
Monday August 15	07:30 - 17:30 hours
Tuesday August 16	07:30 - 17:30 hours
Wednesday August 17	07:30 - 17:30 hours
Thursday August 18	07:30 - 14:00 hours

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EBSCO Information Services
Economist Intelligence Unit
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Information from IFLA Headquarters

IFLA Headquarters at the WLIC 2005

IFLA Staff and IFLA Officers will be available to provide a wide range of information on site at IFLA 2005. The schedule of when officers will be present at the booth will be published in IFLA Express throughout the conference week. IFLA's President, Kay Raseroka, IFLA's President-elect Alex Byrne, the Secretary General, Peter Lor and the Coordinator for Professional Activities, Sjoerd Koopman will also take turns staffing the booth and are ready and willing to answer questions.

How to make the most of your first IFLA conference

IFLA will hold a meeting to welcome Newcomers to the IFLA conference – the **Newcomers Session on Sunday 14 August, from 13.45-15.45**. The session will feature a variety of contributions from IFLA Officers and a visual presentation. Simultaneous Interpretation in all IFLA working languages (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish) will be provided and there will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. While the session is designated for first-time participants and new IFLA Members, every participant who is curious to learn more about the organisation of IFLA's international network of Information Professionals is welcome to participate. Be sure to come by to pick up your Newcomers package and the special First Timer badge!

As soon as you have the programme use a highlighter pen to mark all those session, workshops and visits which particularly interest you. Then write them in the small Pocket Programme.

You will be able to identify other Newcomers by their special badges. Try to meet up with them, and share the experience of your first IFLA Conference.

For answers to the most frequently asked questions about IFLA conferences, please visit the conference website at www.ifla.org

Registration for Off-Site Sessions

The off-site sessions require pre-registration. There will be registration lists for all off-site events at the IFLA Headquarters Secretariat.

Please make sure you register for the sessions on time the lists are handled with a 'first come-first served' policy.

Fees for Day Visitors

A One Day only admission (Day ticket) is offered at 125 Euro which provides access to the full programme of meetings, the exhibition and social events of that specific day. (Discounts for IFLA Members do not apply for Flying Visitors or Day Visitor Registrations.)

Voting at the IFLA Council Meetings

Voting delegates can obtain the necessary voting papers at the IFLA Voting Office located in the Secretariat offices in **Room 303, 3rd floor, Radisson SAS Plaza Hotel**.

Voting papers will be distributed only to those delegates who are in possession of the IFLA Voting Card 2005, duly signed by the appropriate authority.

The Voting Office will be open in the Secretariat on Saturday 13th August 09.00-18 and on Thursday 18th August from 09.00-13.45. On Sunday, 14th August, you can collect your papers from 07.00-08.30 from IFLA Secretariat staff in front of the Sonja Henie Auditorium.

Please collect your voting papers as early as possible. **Please do not leave it until the last minute!**

Please note that Council I is held at 08.30 on Sunday 14 August!

Invitation to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Access to Learning Award for 2005

All IFLA delegates are invited to the official presentation of the Access to Learning Award for 2005 on **Tuesday afternoon, 16 August, 16.00-18.00** at the Radisson SAS hotel. (Check the programme for the exact location) The International award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which is managed by the Council on Library and Information Resources, is given annually to a library or library agency outside the US that has been innovative in providing free public access to information. The 1 million US Dollar grant is to help the recipient develop new initiatives. Previous award recipients include Finland's Helsinki city library, Argentina's Biblioteca de Congreso, Guatemala's Probugua and South Africa's Smart Cape Access Project.

For further questions please contact abishop@clir.org.

Library visits and miniseminars

We are happy to offer three full day visits, five half day programmes and 28 morning visits.

The Library tours takes place on **Wednesday the 17th** and **Thursday the 18th of August** and they all starts at Spektrum at 900 o'clock in the morning. The library tours will show some of the best libraries in Norway. The full day tours visits Østfold, (Fredrikstad) and the south east side of the Oslofjord, Vestfold, (Tønsberg and Nøtterøy) on the south west side of the Oslofjord and Ask and Ullensaker, north of Oslo in the Gardermoen Airport district. The other library tours are located in or very close to Oslo.

Some of the libraries are offering a miniseminar in connection with the visits. The mini seminars will be given in English.

Miniseminars

Statistics Norway

Official statistics - a goldmine of information

Akershus University College. The Library

Public nutrition - a professional interdisciplinary subject in a continuous change . Challenges for libraries.

Akershus University College. The Library

Vocational Education in Norway.

University of Oslo Library. Informatics Library

Development trends of the Internet.

Oslo Public Library. Grünerløkka branch

Presentation of the Nordic spesial libraries for comics

Presentation of the Nordic comic book resource database - how to work with graphic novels in a virtual library.

Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Combating infectious diseases in Northern Europe: collaboration across borders.

Oslo Public Library

Initiating contemporary digital services : a presentation of our Inventions:

1. The digital workshop offers three media-studios facilitating any kind of media-production.
2. The city diary; a web based media-diary for youth, offering a personalized and multifunctional interface for uploading observations captured through any media.
3. Biblioteksvar (Ask the Library)! Personnel from twenty-seven libraries throughout the country will help you find the information you need.
4. Bazar - a multilingual web service that provides access to information to linguistic minorities about their rights, obligations and opportunities in the Norwegian society, help in learning Norwegian and access to newspapers from all over the world.

Nobel Institute Library

The Nobel Peace Prize.

Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, the Library

A broadcasting Library : research in a broadcasting cooperation with a special glance at television and radio programmes on the dissolution of the union with Sweden in 1905.

The Norwegian Library for Talking books and Braille

Creating DAISY books by using speech synthesizers - a way of providing more information in an accessible format.

Norwegian School of Sport Sciences

The Norwegian Olympic Committee and Confederation of Sports”

Norwegian sports: ethical challenges

Norway: nation, nature, sport and identity.

Ask library

National campaign for public libraries in Norway : a presentation of the Norwegian Campaign for public libraries which builds on the IFLA campaign @your library

Ullensaker library

‘Take off’ in Ullensaker municipality : ‘boarding card’ to a stimulating local society in the fields.



Ullensaker Library



Ask Library



Oslo Public Library.



Oslo Public Library.



Fredrikstad Library.



*University Library for Humanities and Social sciences, Oslo.
Photo: Bjørn Djupvik*



Tønsberg Library. Photo: Cedric Archer



Facts about Norway:

- 434 municipalities and 19 counties.
- 241 of the municipalities have less than 5,000 inhabitants.
- 892 public libraries, total collections 22 million units. Total lendings 25 millions, Total visits 23 millions, 5 visits pr. Inhabitant.
- 99% of public libraries offer free access to Internet.
- 5 University libraries and 52 colleges of higher education with their own libraries. In total 336 special libraries with 19 million books and journals, 11 million registered digital documents and a total of 4 million lending, 6 million visitors.

Library bus visiting a farm at Kvinherad. Photo: Bjørn Djuvik

A voyage through the Norwegian library landscape

Norwegian libraries have adapted to meet the needs of their users in our modern, network society. Virtual library services have been developed as a supplement to the physical library, thereby contributing to an increased use of resources and higher quality across the whole range of services. The aim is to offer good library services throughout the whole country.

A change in the library sector, spurred on by the establishment of the Archive, Library and Museum Authority, is the consolidation of the public and academic and special library sectors into one. The vision is that the user shall have the same service regardless of which library he or she visits, thus combining access to actual and virtual collections and services.

Public Libraries

Norwegian public libraries are owned and financed by their owners, mainly the municipalities. The Norwegian Library Act decrees that libraries are for everybody and that the service to the public shall be free of charge.

The Library Act requires all municipalities to have a public library with a professionally qualified chief librarian. All public libraries must be part of the Norwegian library network and co-operate in joint activities, such as inter-library lending. The Norwegian public libraries are by tradition well developed and well equipped. They are built on the Anglo-American public library tradition.

During the last decade about 30 branch libraries have been closed down each year. The library purchase has been reduced from 4,1 Euro to 3,4 Euro pr. inhabitant. Nevertheless, the public are using libraries more than ever before with figures showing a rise in both visits and borrowings. Public libraries are undergoing change and renewal and the differences between them are widening

For more than 50 years Norway has organised mobile libraries as a supplement to the ordinary public libraries. Lendings represent about 3% of the national total. In 2003 there were altogether 35 mobile libraries and 1 library boat.

School libraries

Book collections in primary schools have been a statutory requirement since 1827. These collections are intended to provide pupils with books for leisure reading and also to be an integral part of the school's pedagogic activities. Since 1985 the law has required also pupils in secondary schools to have access to library services.

Academic and research libraries

The vast majority of universities and colleges of higher education are state-run and therefore subject to government legislation. The library's organisational character can vary from institution to institution.

Academic and research libraries naturally have staff and students as their main target group. But they are also part of the nation-wide library network. An ever-increasing share of library sector resources is being devoted to electronic material, mainly in the form of databases and journals, but gradually also electronic books.

The introduction of a Quality Reform in higher education, has influences pedagogic development and promoted professional co-operation within institutions. Many educational organisations have established their own centres of learning, making the library a physical, integral part of study work.

Authority for Archives, Library and Museum

The Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority (ABM-utvikling), was established in 2003. It is a public institution under the authority of the Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs, but works across departmental and other administrative boundaries.

The National Library of Norway

The National Library is one of the central cultural institutions in Norway. Its ambition is to be one of Europe's most advanced and interesting national libraries; a centre of knowledge and the best source of documentation on the country, its population and Norwegian society.

One of the main responsibilities of the National Library is the administration of the Norwegian Act of Legal Deposit, which came into force in 1990. The act has given Norway one of the most comprehensive systems of legal deposit in the world, as it empowers the National Library to look after the legal deposit not only of printed materials and electronic publications, but also sound recordings, photographs and broadcasts. Starting in 2005 the National Library has harvested and stored the national domain .no

In addition to the legal deposit materials, the library maintains and preserves historical material of cultural interest (including moving images) to present and future generations. Part of the collection is stored in long-term storage vaults, mined out of solid rock in Mo i Rana, while other objects are stored and made available to the public *in situ* in Oslo.

The National Library is also a centre of excellence for digitizing issues and for collecting, storing and accessing digital resources. The establishment of a Digital Archive in Mo, is a vital part of the national strategy for long-term storage of the country's cultural heritage. Harvesting and archiving the Norwegian part of the World Wide Web is another important responsibility for the National Library.

The restored building in Oslo, which reopens August 15th this year, will enable the National Library to bring its wealth of material out to researchers and the public, and increasingly also through exhibits, event and digital communications.

The establishment of a Norwegian Digital National Library on the Internet is another part of the strategy to make the collection known to a wider audience.



*Modernity meets tradition.
The National library in Mo in Rana contains a Repository Library with a world-class Automatic Storage Retrieval System (ASRS) with a capacity of 1,5 million items.
Photo: Kjell Sommerseth*



The National Library in Oslo.

Tips

Money

You will find ATM's at the airport, railwaystation and all over in the center of Oslo. All Norwegian banks and major post offices exchange foreign currency. Credit cards Major credit cards, including American Express, Diners Club, Visa and MasterCard, are honoured throughout Norway at hotels, stores and restaurants.

Airports

The international airport in Oslo, Oslo Airport Gardermoen, is located approximately 50 km north of the city. Airport Express trains run every 10 minutes to Oslo Central Station (NOK 150). The Congress center Oslo Spektrum is located in the same block as Oslo central Station (no need to take a taxi).

SAS Express bus departs every 20 minutes to Radisson SAS Skandinavia Hotel. Airport taxis have a fixed price of NOK 475 to central Oslo (lower than normal fare).

Be aware of the difference between the international airport Gardermoen and Sandefjord Airport Torp, which is often referred to as Oslo South. Torp is located 110 km southwest of Oslo. The low fare airline Ryanair has made this airport a new gateway to Oslo. The Torp Express bus service corresponds with Ryanair's flights.

Temperature

Climate Temperature in Oslo in August is usually in the region of 18 C°.

Sightseeing Tours

Half day tours

Oslo walking city tour

Date: 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 August *Time:* morning

Duration: 3 hours *Price:* Euro 20

During this walking tour you will pass by and have outside stops by the Royal Palace, the University, the Parliament, Aker Brygge Pier and Akershus Fortress. You will have an inside visit at Oslo City Hall and the National Gallery.

Munch Museum and National Gallery

Date: 15, 19 and 20 August *Time:* morning

Duration: 3 hours *Price:* Euro 35

You will visit the National Gallery and see the national art gallery of Norway. After this visit you will go to the Munch Museum where you will see the collection and exhibitions of the art of the famous painter, Edvard Munch.

Oslo cultural city tour

Date: 16, 19 and 20 August *Time:* morning

Duration: 3 hours *Price:* Euro 37

The Oslo cultural city tour is a guided tour by coach. You will see the major sights of Oslo, including a photo stop with panorama view from Holmenkollen Skijump area, Vigelandspark – Sculpturepark of Gustav Vigeland and Norwegian Folkmuseum where you get a taste of Norwegian traditional culture and history.

Norwegian Navigators

Date: 18, 19 and 20 August *Time:* morning

Duration: 3 hours *Price:* Euro 40

During this tour you will visit Bygdoy peninsula and have guided visit to Viking Ship Museum, Kontiki Museum and Fram Museum. The theme of this tour is Norwegian seamanship through the centuries, from the first transatlantic explorers, Norwegian Vikings, to the saga of Norwegian polar exploration and to modern adventurer Thor Heyerdahl and his papyrus ships.

Fjord sightseeing

Date: 17, 19 and 20 August *Time:* morning

Duration: 2 hours *Price:* Euro 45

This is a classic Oslo fjord sightseeing tour, where you will see Oslo from the seaside.

Full day tours

Boat trip at Oslofjord and visit to Akershus Fortress

Date: 17 and 19 August

Duration: 6 hours

Price: Euro 62,50

The tour starts with a 2-hour boat trip. This is the regular Oslo fjord sightseeing, where you will see Oslo from the seaside. After the boat trip you will have a walking tour with the guide. The guide will show you the Aker Brygge Pier, a popular area for shopping and dining. Here you will have some time on your own for shopping or lunch. After lunch-time you will walk to Akershus Fortress with your guide to Akershus Castle and the Resistance Museum. Please note that lunch is not included.

Hadeland Glasswork

Date: 16, 19 and 20 August

Duration: 6 hours

Price: Euro 80

You will travel along the Tyrifjord, to Jevnaker, transfer time 1,5 hours. Then you will visit the Glasswork to see the production including exhibitions and shopping facilities. A 2-course lunch will be served at Hadeland Glasswork. On the return back to Oslo a short visit to the Sisterchurches at Hadeland is organised. The two medieval churches are placed next to each other and placed beautifully in the landscape.

Lillehammer

Date: 19 and 20 August

Duration: 9 hours

Price: Euro 125

You will travel along the largest lake of Norway, Mjosa. Passing Hamar to Lillehammer. Transfer time approximately 2,5 hours. Lillehammer is a small town, which hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1994. You will visit Maihaugen open-air Museum and the house of the Norwegian authors and Nobel Prize Winner Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson and Sigrid Undset. Lunch is included. You will have some time in Lillehammer town before return to Oslo.

Pre-Conference Tour

Pretour Norway in a nutshell

Date: 11 – 13 August 2005

Price: Euro 500 (per person, double occupancy) Single supplement: Euro 65

Day 1 The tour departs in Bergen, Norway. You will meet the tour leader in the hotel. In the evening dinner and overnight in Rainbow Rosenkranz hotel or similar. Day 2 Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast a 3 hours city tour has been organised in Bergen. Rest of the day is to own disposal. The tourleader can give suggestions of nice sights to visit on your own this afternoon. Day 3 After breakfast you will depart Bergen for Voss by train. In Voss you will go by coach to Gudvangen, where you will continue the journey by boat at Aurlandsfjord and Naeroeyfjord. Around lunch you will arrive in Flaam. In Flaam you will have some free time to join lunch under your own arrangements. In the afternoon you will leave with the Flaamrailway, a masterpiece of engineering, from the narrow Flaamvalley to the Hardangermountain plateau. After arrival in Myrdal you will leave by train to Oslo. Around 23.00 hours you will arrive in Oslo. Transfer to your hotel is under own arrangement.

Post-Conference Tour

Norway in a Nutshell with Stavanger

Date: 20 – 22 August 2005

Price: Euro 600 (per person, double occupancy) Single supplement: Euro 65

Day 1 On this day you will travel from Oslo to Myrdal and from Myrdal to Flaam by train. The Flaam railway is a masterpiece of engineering. Then you will leave by boat from Aurlandsfjord and Naeroeyfjord to Gudvangen. In Gudvangen you will go by train again via Voss to Bergen. This will be a tour through the beautiful nature of Norway. Day 2 The tourleader gives you suggestions of sights to visit in Bergen. You can stroll through the city to your own disposal. In the afternoon there will be a guided city tour of Bergen by coach. After this tour you will depart with expressboat Flaggruten to Stavanger. Day 3 After breakfast a guided city tour of Stavanger is organised. After this tour you will depart by train from Stavanger to Oslo. Please note that lunches and dinner are at your own disposal. In case you would like to book another pre- or post-conference tour we kindly ask you to contact the conference Secretariat by sending an e-mail to wlic2005reg@congreg.nl. We will then send you more information.

Cancellations and refunds

Notification of cancellation of your reservation for tours must be submitted before 1 July 2005 in writing to the Conference Secretariat, Congrex Holland. After 1 July no refund can be made if you cancel your reservation. A minimum of 20 persons is required for all social tours other than pre-conference tours. The organisers reserve the right to cancel these tours when the minimum of 20 persons has not been reached. Full refunds will then be made to the participants after the Conference.



*Cruiseship at the Aurlandsfjord.
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