

World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council

"LIBRARIES FOR THE FUTURE: PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS"

19-23 August 2007, Durban, South Africa



With 10 weeks to go until the commencement of WLIC/IFLA 2007 we are pleased to bring you our third issue of the delegate newsletter. This issue includes updates on the organisation of the congress so far including airport transfer information, updates on the exhibition and details regarding the sight seeing tours throughout the congress. In addition to this is some information regarding safety while attending the congress.

AIRPORT

The airport shuttle transfers will operate for arrival on the 18th and 19th August 2007 and for departure on the 23rd and 24th August 2007. The cost for the shuttle transfer will be ZAR60.00 per person per journey.

Should you wish to pre-book and pre-pay your transfers to and from Durban International Airport please click on the link below; http://www.turners.co.za/ifla/airport_shuttle_transfers.asp

Please note there will be a hospitality desk operating at peak times at the airport for delegate arrival and delegates will be able to purchase tickets at the hospitality desk should you not have pre-booked prior to travelling.

EXHIBITION

As we are getting closer to the Congress we felt it was time to bring you some information about the exhibitors that will be present in Durban. The make-up of Exhibitors include a strong representation of Libraries as well as information solutions, booksellers, library equipment and craft stands/tables with African craftwork and gifts. To date we have sold 965 sq m which means we have four 9 sq m stands remaining to sell! The breakdown of countries that will be represented in the Exhibition is detailed below:

Country	Number of Stands
Canada	2
China	3
Denmark	1
France	3
Germany	5
Israel	1
Italy	2
Netherlands	4
Saudi Arabia	1
South Africa	27
Switzerland	1
UK	14
USA	18
Zimbabwe	1

TOURS

The sight seeing tours that are organised for before, during and after the congress are proving extremely popular with our delegates. Should you wish to join one of these tours please book your space as quickly as possible to avoid disappointed.

The tours that are particularly popular and are filling up quickly are detailed below with the dates still available:



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Tour	Date	Availability
Inland Safari Tour	Mon 20 Aug	Limited spaces available
Inland Safari Tour	Thurs 23 Aug	Limited spaces available
Sani Pass Tour	Tues 21 Aug	FULLY BOOKED!
Sani Pass Tour	Wed 22 Aug	NEW DATE! Spaces available
Sani Pass Tour	Thurs 23 Aug	NEW DATE! Spaces available
Sani Pass Tour	Fri 24 Aug	FULLY BOOKED!
Shakaland Tour	Wed 22 Aug	FULLY BOOKED!
Shakaland Tour	Thurs 23 Aug	NEW DATE! Spaces available
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Please note that there is still availability on the tours that are not listed above and more information on each tour can be found by clicking on the following link, <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/SightseeingTours.htm>.

SAFETY IN DURBAN

The evidence indicates that crime is decreasing in Durban, although there are still very high levels of violent crime, above international norms. However, much of this crime does not affect visitors at all. For example, over 11000 delegates recently attended the third largest world tourism conference during which no incidents of crime were reported.

The authorities have taken a number of initiatives to ensure that crime affecting visitors is minimised. They include:

- Working closely with the conference organisers
- Providing advice on safety and districts which may be unsafe
- Deployment of Metro Police around the clock in the inner city and where tourists will be, together with SAPS and private sector security personnel
- Monitoring via a CCTV system

This has resulted in almost no incidents over the festive season and during major conferences. Metro Police will escort visitors who have gotten lost and there is a tourist protection unit to assist tourists during their stay in the City. There will be a people-mover which offers a most affordable way of travelling around the inner-city at a cost of R15 (approximately US\$2) per day.

The capacity of Durban and the ICC Durban to host a major event has been demonstrated on numerous occasions. City employees, including its police force, are now familiar with a wide range of major events. In addition ICC Durban personnel are well acquainted with the procedures and protocol requirements and are able to perform under extreme pressure.

The City Liaison Officer and the city's police agencies meet on a weekly basis to review forthcoming events. As the event draws closer, more detailed planning takes place including an overview of the locations where delegates are staying (accommodation), means of transport and walking routes.

Approximately two weeks before the event operational plans are submitted and put into effect. This is a coordinated plan between the policing agencies and the City Liaison officer. A JOC (joint operational command) is set up – often located within the ICC, which monitors on a daily basis the entire event including the external events and functions.



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This has been the policy and practice put into place in Durban since 2004 and has proven to be extremely successful. All city agencies have worked together and results achieved have been excellent.

SEE YOU IN DURBAN!

We look forward to meeting you in Durban and if you need any assistance with your participation please do not hesitate in contacting us.



For more information on how to register for the conference, please visit: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>

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