

TO ALL FIAF AFFILIATES

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Newsletter 4

Dear colleagues,

The 1990 FIAF Congress is approaching fast and we should all be starting our travel preparations for Havana.

At the Lisbon Congress, we promised the delegates that everything would be done to help, through the **FIAF Development Fund**, those of our Members or Observers who have great financial difficulties in attending the Congress.

May I remind you that the enclosed "Guidelines for a Development Fund" distributed in Lisbon foresee at pt 6. that: "applications to the Fund should be sent to the Secretariat 6 months prior to the date the contribution is needed and can be made by"

I am therefore urging you to write the Secretariat immediately if you should require some financial help. We cannot promise that all demands can be satisfied because of the Fund's very limited possibilities but we shall do our best.

Please also remember the Visa which should be asked a good time in advance. We are enclosing herewith an official invitation to the Congress which will help you applying for it at the Cuban Embassy in your country.

More travel possibilities

In addition to the travel proposals already offered in Newsletter n° 3, we have now been able to obtain another very advantageous flight-rate which concerns specially the European delegates or those passing through Brussels or Madrid.

Price: 30,300 BF (approx. US\$ 800.-) for a return flight Brussels (or Madrid) - Havana, with Iberia. Departure on Wednesdays and Sundays at 13.00h. from Brussels (or 16.45 from Madrid). Arrival Havana at 21.20h.

To come back, also Wednesdays and Sundays: departure Havana: 23.20 h.

Arrival Madrid next day at 12.50 or in Brussels at 18.30.

This ticket is valid 35 days; it should be booked as soon as possible (to give us an indication of the number of tickets necessary and especially if you plan to take a few days holiday before or after the Congress) and must be confirmed at the latest 1 month prior to departure.

Reservation form

Should you choose the above way of travelling, I can also book you the Cubatour package deal for the hotel, as described in Newsletter 3, provided you can give me the exact length of your stay, dates of arrival and departure, etc.

A **blue** reservation form to this effect is enclosed with this letter.

Hector Garcia Mesa strongly recommends the Hotel **Nacional** (Tourist A class) which has been entirely renovated this year and can accomodate all delegates together.

Please answer early so that we have time to make the necessary arrangements and mailings!

Those **not** taking the above ticket via the Secretariat, should reserve their Cubatour package deal in good time at one of the addresses supplied in Newsletter 3 for most of the members' countries. They should fill in the **pink** form in order to inform the Congress organizers of their presence or absence at the Congress.

Dates: Let me repeat the exact dates of the whole Congress

April 16, 17, 18 Meeting of the Executive Committee

April 19 & 20 General Assembly

April 21, 22, 23 Symposia

April 24 Excursion

The Documentation and Cataloguing Commissions will meet either during or immediately after the Congress. They'll be informed separately.

Symposia

There will be a few changes in the names of the speakers foreseen for the technical symposium. You will get the final program on time before the Congress together with the agenda for the General Assembly and other documents.

Yours cordially,



Brigitte van der Elst
Executive Secretary