

Item 22: Approval of Dates and Sites of 44th General Assembly and 41st Congress (2007)

The Italian National Adhering Organization has proposed that the 41st Congress and 44th General Assembly be held at the Lingotto Conference Center in Turin.

The Lingotto Conference Center is a relatively new facility housed in a former Fiat factory approximately 4 km from the main train station in central Turin. A subway connecting the Lingotto Center with central Turin is being built for the 2006 Winter Olympics. Currently there is tram and bus service to central Turin. In addition to the Le Meridien Hotel that is part of the Conference Center complex, there is abundant hotel space of various quality levels in central Turin and the surrounding area.

There are a total of 12 lecture halls, including the Giovanni Agnelli Auditorium with seating for 2090, and 11 other halls with seating capacities of 480, 210 (x2), 120, 75 (x2) and 50 (4), for a total seating capacity of 3460. Seven of these lecture halls have seating suitable for Committee meetings; in addition, there are 10 conference rooms and multifunctional spaces that can be used for Committee meetings during the GA. If necessary, modular meeting rooms can be set up in part of one of the exhibition Halls. The GA and Congress schedules will have to be carefully coordinated to avoid a shortage of meeting rooms.

The exhibit area is divided into four Halls of 7620, 17 960, 12 860, and 7950 m². It is planned to use the 7950 m² Hall for the Congress and GA. There is also space for posters or exhibits in the corridors of the Conference Center; these were intentionally made wide enough to accommodate exhibits along the walls.

The Conference Center is fully equipped and staffed to provide all the necessary services, such as coffee, tea, soft drinks, and water for meeting rooms; copiers, PCs, fax machines, telephones, ATMs, etc. The organizers will provide catering and other support services for the GA using the Conference Center staff. The Conference Center restaurant can accommodate up to 1500 diners. There are also restaurants and cafes in Le Meridien and in the adjacent shopping center, as well as restaurants in the surrounding neighborhood.

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Dear Professor Steyn,

On behalf of the CNR, the Italian National Research Council, I am very pleased and honoured to invite IUPAC to hold its 44th General Assembly and 41st Congress in Torino, Italy, in August 2007. It is worth recalling that Italy had the privilege to host the 1st General Assembly of IUPAC in Rome, in 1920.

The CNR was founded in 1923 and is a public organization of great significance in the field of scientific and technological research. CNR is defined as the national research organization with general scientific competence and with scientific research institutes distributed over Italy carrying out activity of primary interest for the promotion of science and the progress of the Country.

The IUPAC Congress offers the highest level of international chemistry and for this reason it demands high-quality facilities and services that Torino can ensure. The organizers are in a position to meet all the requirements relevant to both Congress and General Assembly listed in the IUPAC letter to National Adhering Organization of October 10, 2002. In particular, the organizers understand that the facilities and services provided for the General Assembly will be run at their own expense.

Today Torino, the chief city of the Piedmont Region, offers 6,000 hotel rooms in 4- and 3-star hotels and low-cost accommodation for students. Its international airport, at only 16 km from the centre, links the city to the main European destinations by daily direct flights.

Moreover, after a severe selection, Torino was chosen to host the 20th Winter Olympic Games, that will be held in February 2006. This means that many new 4- and 5-star hotels with thousands of rooms are being built, the transport system is being extended and new service companies will be added to the many already existing.

Torino is a city with about one million inhabitants that has maintained intact all the signs of its important history. In XVIth century, Torino became the capital of the Duchy of Savoy and the original small city thus was converted in 2-3 centuries into a great European centre characterised by a incomparable baroque and neoclassical architectural unity. Torino was the first capital of modern Italy in 1861 and the presence of the Royal Court has left numerous historical residences, mainly baroque palaces of great interest, where special events can be organised

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Nowadays, Torino is also a modern and efficient city, with the biggest conference centre in Italy, the so called Lingotto, including an Auditorium of 2,090 seats and 14 other halls that can accomodate 3,500 people in all. In the same complex, there are an Exhibition Centre with four pavilions covering a surface of 46,390 m2, the Hotel Le Meridien, offices, vast underground parking areas, a huge shopping centre, 12 bars and restaurants.

Torino is also the seat of one of the oldest Universities in Italy, established in 1404, which is currently attended by more than 63,000 students. Another very important University Institution is the Politecnico di Torino with more than 25,000 students. Both these Institutions are very renowned all over the world for the quality of their research and teaching activities

I am sure that Torino will astonish participants with its charm, efficiency and courtesy. Moreover, not less important, they will also enjoy the highly regarded gastronomic tradition, which includes a broad selection of top quality wines, among the finest in the world such as Barolo, as well as a traditional artisan chocolate production of the best quality. We are really looking forward to welcoming the IUPAC Congress and Assembly in 2007, for which the maximum commitment for the best outcome is ensured.

Best regards,


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