

Federazione Italiana Volo a Vela

To Mr. Bob Henderson IGC President

BID for the 2008 IGC meeting in Roma – Italy

Dear Mr. Henderson, dear Delegates.

The Italian Gliding Federation is glad to invite you in Roma, for the 2008 IGC meeting. We would like to state that no cost will be charged to IGC or FAI to rent the congress hall and that we have the pleasure to undertake the cost of the two members of the FAI staff participating to the meeting.

We please to find here below our proposal, to discuss with the Bureau Members and all the Delegates.

Location of the event: Roma – Capital of the Italian Republic.

Period proposed for the event: February 29th and March 1st 2008.

Congress Hall: the meeting will be held by the congress hall of "La Casa dell'Aviatore", (the House of the Aviator) Via dell'Università, 20 in the very heart of Roma. It is the Officers Quarter of the Italian Air Force, a historical building dated 1933, located in a big park, within walking distance from the Central Station. The congress hall is fully equipped with loud speakers, audio and vision equipment, large screen, and perfectly adequate to the number of participants (up to 150 persons). It is available for the Bureau Members before the meeting, as long as you need. There is a modular system that can reduce the capacity of the hall, according to the requirements. As an alternative, there is also a smaller congress hall.

Travel Information: Roma has two international airports:

Ciampino Airport, very close to the city, is the low cost hub, and offers connections with all the European Countries, North Africa and also some Middle East Countries. Just outside the Arrivals, there's a bus service for the Central Station, with trips every 50 minutes from 05.00 to 00.30. The journey takes about a half of hour, depending on the traffic jam, and the ticket fare is 5,00 euro per person, to be paid directly on board. In addition, there's a private bus service connected with the arrivals of the main Low Cost flights (Ryan air, Easy Jet, Sterling, German Wings, Basilar, etc.)

The International Airport Leonardo da Vinci is in Fiumicino, about 30 Km West from Roma. Fiumicino has worldwide connections, with all the Airlines. From the Fiumicino Airport there's a no-stop train – the Leonardo Express - directly to the Central Station, every 30 minutes from 06.37 to 23.37. The ticket fare is 11 euro per person. This is the faster and cheapest way to arrive in the downtown of Roma.

Accommodation: The House of Aviator can provide the accommodation. The building was completely renovated in 1996, and it offers now a superior hotel standard. The main building has two suites, 14 double rooms and 35 single rooms, with private facilities, air conditioning, and frigobar, TV. In a dependance situated just few meters far away, there are other 37 double rooms and 4 single rooms.

The prices is euro100 per person a day. We are negotiating a better price with the Italian Air Forces Head Quarters.

Besides, in the surrounding there are a wide range of hotel, B&B, guesthouse, inns; please find here below our selection of available hotel, in a radius of 500 meters from the House of the Aviator:

Soggiorno Sunny Viale Castro Pretorio 25 00185 Roma 21 rooms Price from 60.00 euro

Hotel Galles Viale Castro Pretorio 66 00185 Roma 85 rooms Prices from 69.00 euro

Town House Suite Serendipity Residence Viale Castro Pretorio 25 00185 Roma 11 rooms Prices from 70 euro **Gala dinner**: on Friday night we will organize a gala dinner, with Italian dishes and a selection of Italian wines. The price should be 40 euro per person.

Conference tour

A tour will be arranged during the meeting. The participants will be invited to visit the major part of the beauties of the old city. The cost for the tour with a private bus for whole day is 56 € that include dinner in a typical Italian restaurant and private tourist guide. The excursion could be registered at venue via travel agency.

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Looking forward to hearing from you soon, we remain very truly yours

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