Bulletin #1

Annual Meeting
of the
FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)

To be held in Helsinki (FIN)
From Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th November 2018
at Sokos Hotel Presidentti
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1. Dates and Time
FAI GAC Meeting:
Dates: 15th to 18th November 2018

Program of events

Thursday 15th November
15:30 – 18:00 Bureau meeting

Friday, 16th November – Subcommittees Meetings
09:00 - 11:00 Subcommittee meetings
11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30 Subcommittee meetings
12:30 - 14:15 Lunch
14:15 - 17:15 Combined meeting all sub-committees
20:00 Opening Dinner

Saturday, 17th November
09:00 - 11:00 FAI-GAC Conference
11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 - 13:00 FAI-GAC Conference
13:00 - 14:15 Lunch
14:15 - 17:30 FAI-GAC Conference
19:00 – 21:00 Gala Dinner

Sunday, 18th November
Breakfast, free excursion
Departures

The Schedule may be changed due operational reasons by the organizer.

2. Location
The 2018 Annual FAI GAC Meeting will be held at the Sokos Hotel Presidentti in Helsinki, Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4, 00100 Helsinki. The hotel is located in the city center of Helsinki. From Helsinki Vantaa airport (in 20km distance from the city center) the visitor has bus and railway connections to the Main Railway Station in the city center (travel time 30-40min). The Sokos Hotel Presidentti is within walking distance (6-8min) from the Main Railway station. Helsinki is one of the safest city in Europe (ranked 6th out of 113).

Walking: Exit the main railway station to the right side (picture 1) and walk (on the left side of the street) towards Mannerheim street which is in the background of picture 1. Cross Mannerheim street, (picture 2) now keep slightly right. At the corner of Bio Rex (picture 3) turn left into the pedestrian zone (Salomonkatu). When you see Ravintola Teerenpeli (picture 4), turn right into Olavinkatu. The hotel is at the end of the block at your left.
3. City of the Conference
Together with the cities of Espoo, Vantaa, and Kauniainen, and surrounding commuter towns, Helsinki forms the Greater Helsinki metropolitan area, which has a population of over 1.4 million. Often considered to be Finland's only metropolis, it is the world's northernmost metro area with over one million people as well as the northernmost capital of an EU member state. After Stockholm and Oslo, Helsinki is the third largest city in the Nordic countries.

Founded in 1550 Helsinki sits in the peninsula in the Gulf of Finland. Helsinki became a capital in 1812 and had been rebuilt by Russian Tsars as a miniature likeness of Saint-Petersburg. During the period of cold war, Helsinki played a role of Saint-Petersburg in a variety of films. It is a city where a lot of must-see place can be found and experienced. You can get acquainted with the northern architecture, enjoy the green parks and maritime Helsinki. It's the most visited city in Finland.

Things to do and see (most of them in walking distance)
- Senate Square with Lutheran Cathedral (Tuomiokirkko)
- Market Square (Kauppatori) and Uspenski Orthodox Cathedral
- Suomenlinna Island
- Kiasma, Esplanadi
- Temppeliaukio Church

See you in Helsinki!

4. Accommodation
A set of rooms has been reserved at the hotel for GAC delegates and accompanying persons. These rooms are available at a special rate. Delegates must make their own reservations. Earlier bookings are recommended.

Prices are per room and per night, including breakfast for one or two persons.

Sokos Hotel Presidentti (Conference Venue)
Single room: 140 €/room/night
Double room: 160 €/room/night

How to book your hotel:
Go to the hotel website: https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/helsinki/sokos-hotel-presidentti
Select “Get Prices”
Choose arrival and departure date, and number of persons
Select the tab “Reservation codes”, and enter the code BSI18 into the Field “Reservation code"
This will give you a special price negotiated for the event. If you wish to stay longer in this hotel outside of the "GAC Conference" period, you will have to make a separate booking.

Hotel details (for rooms and GAC meeting):

**SOKOS Hotel Presidentti**  
Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4  
00100, Helsinki  
Tel: +358 20 1234 608  
Fax: +358 9 6947 886  
Email: presidentti.helsinki@sokoshotels.fi

5. Dress Code  
The dress code for the opening dinner on Friday evening is casual. The dress code for the Gala dinner on Saturday is formal.

6. Registration and Registration Fees  
A registration form will be published on-line by FAI:  

The Registration fees are:
- For delegates; alternate delegates and observers 290 €
- For accompanying persons: 130 €

The fees for delegates, alternates and observers include 2 lunches, 2 dinners, coffee breaks, and meeting rooms occupation. The fees for accompanying persons include 2 dinners.

Registration fees should be preferably paid by bank transfer to the Finnish Aeronautical Association (SIL) latest 5 days before the meeting, or upon arrival at the registration desk (cash only, Euro).
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