

Annual Meeting 2015 and Joint Workshop Com3/Com7 on "Crowdsourcing of Land Information"

16 - 20 November 2015

Le Méridien St. Julians Hotel

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Social Programme for Commission 7

Sunday, 15 November 2015

19.00 – 20.00 Informal Get-Together Commission 7 (optional) venue: Hotel Le Méridien, Bar area

Monday, 16 November 2015

19.00 – 20.00 Welcome Drinks (Commission 3 and Commission 7) Hotel Le Méridien, Bar area

1 hour in the local bar which include wines, beers, soft drinks, juices and mineral water. Dry Snacks will be served.

This is open to delegates and accompanying persons. (included in Registration Fee)

20.15 – 23.00 **Dinner** Bianco's Restaurant (incl. in Com7 Registration fee), departure from Hotel Le Méridien, Lobby

Pizza Pasta Dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance

Meeting at 20.15 in Hotel Lobby. Returning to the hotel at 23.00.

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

8.45 –12.30 Walking Tour to Valletta incl. lunch (included in Com7 Accompanying persons fee), departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

This will be a guided tour of Malta's Capital City built by the Knights and adopted the City title in 1571. It is a World Heritage Site. Visiting St John's Cathedral and Malta's New Parliament building designed by world renowned Architect Renzo Piano. Not yet sure if we shall be able to visit the building inside.

Meeting at 08.45 in Hotel Lobby - transport will leave the hotel at 09.00. Returning to the hotel at 12.30 for lunch.

20.15 – 23.00 **Commission 7 Dinner** Piccolo Padre Restaurant (optional upon registration), departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

Commission dinners will be organized for Com 3 and Com 7 in different Restaurants. There will be a set Menu Dinner. *Meeting at 20.15 in the Hotel Lobby.*

Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Ta Qali Crafts Village and Mosta Tour incl. lunch (included in Com7 Accompanying persons fee), departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

This will be a guided tour of a Crafts Village in particular Mdina Glass factory. Here you can admire skilled glass makers at work. We shall also visit other Crafts factories around.

In Mosta we shall visit the Mosta Church, which has a massive dome which is the third largest dome in the world and is the most impressive church in Malta.

During the WWII a 200 kg bomb fell through the dome without exploding. There was a congregation of 300 people attending mass and all of them were left unharmed.

Meeting at 08.45 in Hotel Lobby – transport will leave the hotel at 09.00. Returning to the hotel at 12.30 for lunch.

20.15 – 23.00 Dinner, departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

Pizza Pasta Dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance.

Meeting at 20.15 in Hotel Lobby – included in Com7 Registration fee, optional for Accompanying persons and Com 3 guests

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Thursday, 19 November 2015

8.45 – 12.30 Harbour Cruise and Sliema incl. lunch (included in Com7 Accompanying persons fee), departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

We shall proceed to the Sliema Ferries to catch the Harbour Cruise Boat.

The boat goes around Sliema creek, around the peninsula of the City of Valletta and enters the Grand Harbour. The cruise will take around 90 minutes. Between the end of the Cruise and the departure for lunch we shall walk around Sliema/Tigne Shopping area.

Transport will leave the hotel at 09.00. Returning to the hotel at 13:00 for lunch.

13.45 – 17.00 **Technical Excursion to Hagar Qim Temples** (included in Com7 Registration fee), departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

Guided Tour of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples 30 minutes drive from the hotel. These Megalithic Temples of Malta are among the most ancient sites on Earth as described by World Heritage Sites. They date back to c.3600 BC.

Included in Com 7 Registration Fee. Optional for Accompanying persons and Com 3 €30 per person

18.15 - 23.00

Tour of the old Capital Mdina and Farewell Dinner in II Veduta Restaurant (optional upon registration) departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

The history of Mdina, which is the old Capital of Malta, goes back more than 4000 years. Mdina is one of Europe's finest examples of an ancient walled City and extraordinary mix of medieval and baroque architecture. We shall have an hour-guided tour of the old city. We shall then proceed to dinner.

The Farewell Dinner will be held in a nearby Restaurant just outside the city walls of Mdina with breathtaking panoramic views of two-thirds of Malta. A set Menu Dinner will be served.

Meeting at 18.15 pm in Hotel Lobby. 30-minute drive from the hotel. The price for the Tour includes transport and guide and dinner. This event is not included in the Registration Fees.

Friday, 20 November 2015

7.40 – 18.00

Post Seminar Tour to the Island of Gozo (optional for all participants upon extra registration), departure from Le Méridien, Lobby

We will travel by boat to the sister island of Gozo. We will tour the island and among the stops we will visit Ggantija Megalithic Temples dating back to around 3600 b.c. during the Neolithic Age. It is the world's oldest manmade religious structures after Gobekl Tepe.

<u>Gozo</u> is renowned as **the mythical island of Calypso**, who drew Homer's hero Ulysses to its shores for a seven-year hiatus. Though there are only five kilometres of sea between Malta and <u>Gozo</u>, the islands are distinctly different from each other. <u>Gozo</u> is a third of the size of Malta, **more rural and tranquil**, greener, less bustling but still **full of life**.

While **authentic houses of character** have been renovated to suit the most exigent contemporary clients are the speciality of <u>Gozo</u>, the Island also has **luxurious hotels**. The size and natural setting of the island conspire to make it a prime location for high-powered board meetings, small conferences, workshops and incentives.

<u>Gozo</u> is **a must-visit location**. It is almost always included in delegates' social programmes as well as pr-e and post-conference leisure-time arrangements. It is particularly **renowned for team-building events**, dinners, barbeques, active day tours and outdoor events. Moreover, the Island is a conference and incentive destination in its own right, and has the facilities to prove it.

<u>Gozo</u>'s colours and flavours are brought out by the **radiant skies** above it and the blue sea which surrounds its **spectacular coast**, which is simply waiting to be discovered. Few destinations radiate the warm, **magical charm** of <u>Gozo</u>. Even fewer can effort lessly blend work with pleasure, in a setting which is peaceful and intriguing at once.

Meeting at 07.40 in the Hotel Lobby leaving the hotel at 8.00 sharp. We shall return to the hotel around 6 pm.

19.30 – 21.30 **Dinner** venue: tba (optional upon registration for all participants)

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