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&

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To all National
IPA Sections

Dear friends,

The IEC has unanimously entrusted the Cyprus Section to host the XXI IPA World Congress 2015. The Congress will be hosted in Limassol from 13-18 October, 2015 and it will be followed by a Friendship Week from 18-25 October, 2015.

Two different hotels have been chosen for the two venues:

- St. Raphael Resort a 5star hotel for the World Congress and
- Atlantica Miramare Beach a 4star hotel for the Friendship Week.

Both hotels are by the sea in the Tourist area of Limassol.

The Programme "Appendix A1" and "Appendix A2" together with the registration Forms, "Appendix B1" and "Appendix B2", for the two venues are attached hereto.

The Registration Forms duly completed together with the booking fee to be returned to the Cyprus Section by 30th April, 2015, the latest.
I wish you all the best and I look forward to seeing you all in Cyprus.

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Michael Odysseos
President IPA
Cyprus Section

CYPRUS

Cyprus lies at the crossroads of great civilizations with its roots in the Classical Greek era and stretching back over 9,000 years into the mists of prehistory and legend.

Due to its strategic geographical location and possessing the richest copper deposits in the ancient world, Cyprus has been the target of numerous subjugators throughout its turbulent past. Great conquerors such as Richard the Lionheart and Alexander the Great have had a strong influence on the Cypriot character; leaving a lasting impression on the land, the arts and forming the bedrock of Cypriot culture and ethnicity.

Cyprus is an island of endless beauty and great variety; a collage of sandy beaches and rugged coastline contrasted by the impressive backdrop of imposing mountain ranges, Greek temples, Romans remains, Byzantine churches and Crusader castles, all of which combine to inspire fascinating and exciting excursions.

In the 20th century, Cyprus is a melting pot of rich history, old customs and folkloric traditions accentuated by its present cosmopolitan atmosphere, contemporary holiday resorts and world-renowned 5* hotels, where modern comfort and ancient times exist in harmony. This evident contrast between tradition and modern times makes Cyprus one of the most memorable and inspiring places for locals and visitors alike.

Limassol the second largest city in Cyprus, has the great advantage of being centrally located on the south coast with easy access and short travelling distances to any part of the island. Acting as a magnificent backdrop to the city that spreads for ten miles along the coast is the majestic Troodos mountain range.

The city is an effervescent cocktail of quaint streets, combining modern and traditional shopping, museums and carefree holiday atmosphere. With its long sandy beaches, wide seafront promenade and numerous noteworthy historical sites, unsurprisingly, Limassol has become the leading seaside resort on the island.

Travelling north, towards the fertile foothills of the Troodos mountains, the sight of picturesque villages and livestock clinging precariously onto rock-face is breathtaking. Cultivated on this rich land are olives, almonds and cereals as well as some of the finest wine-producing grapes, crowing Limassol as the wine capital of Cyprus.

With such a vibrant fusion of past and progressive present, Limassol emerges as a spirited cosmopolitan seaside town surrounded by culture and deep rooted traditions.

History



Beauty



Tradition



Food & Wine



Activities



TRAVELLER'S INFORMATION



1. The Republic: Cyprus has been a Republic since 1960. In April 2003 an accession treaty was signed with the European Union of which Cyprus became a full member of on 1st May 2004.

2. Location: Cyprus is the 3rd largest island in the Mediterranean and it's situated at the eastern end of its basin.

3. Language: Greek is the main language with English spoken almost everywhere. German, French and Russian is also widely spoken.

4. Climate: With an average winter temperature of 18° C (65° F), Cyprus is the warmest island in the Mediterranean and one of the hottest in the summer months, easily reaching 32° C (90° F) and averaging 340 days of sunshine a year.

Month	Average Temperature		Hours of Sun per Day	Season
	C	F		
March	23	73	7.4	Spring – The countryside is green and flowers are in blossom. Days are pleasantly warm, but temperatures may fall slightly at night. Light clothing during the day with long sleeved cotton for the evenings.
April	25	77	9.2	
May	27	81	10.8	
June	30	86	12.6	Summer – The land appears scorched and dry during these rainless summer months. Hot days are followed by exquisite evenings and beach water sports are the activities of the season.
July	32	90	12.4	
August	33	91	11.8	
September	31	88	10.6	Autumn is an extension of the summer with warm days and beautiful evenings. Dinners in the open-air, sunbathing, swimming and outdoor sports are still enjoyed.
October	27	81	8.8	
November	22	72	7.1	
December	19	66	5.6	Winter time for Cypriots but Autumn to most visitors! Although the short rainy season in Cyprus is constraint within the winter months, the sun is still expected to shine right after the short showery intervals. Winter clothing is required especially in the evenings. Snow falls on the highest peaks.
January	17	63	5.8	
February	17	63	6.5	

5. Sunrise & Sunset Times

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sunrise	06:55	06:35	06:00	06:15	05:45	05:30	05:45	06:05	06:30	06:50	06:20	06:45
Sunset	17:00	17:30	17:55	19:20	19:45	20:00	20:00	19:35	18:55	18:15	16:45	16:35

6. Time Difference: GMT

Cyprus	+ 2 hours	Austria	+ 1 hour	Sweden	+ 1 hour
Germany	+ 1 hour	Ireland	+ 1 hour	Czech Republic	+ 1 hour
Belgium	+ 1 hour	Italy	+ 1 hour	Malta	+ 1 hour
Denmark	+ 1 hour	Switzerland	+ 1 hour	France	+ 1 hour

7. Driving: Visitors can drive in Cyprus if they are in possession of a valid driving license. Third party insurance is compulsory. Traffic moves on the left of the road and international traffic signs are in Greek and English. Distances and road speed limits are in kilometers. The use of seatbelts for front and back seat passengers is compulsory and the use of mobile telephones whilst driving is illegal.

8. Distances within Cyprus: Distances in kilometers

	Nicosia							
Limassol	82	Limassol						
Pissouri	112	30	Pissouri					
Paphos	150	68	47	Paphos				
Larnaca	44	66	96	134	Larnaca			
Troodos	78	41	71	105	112	Troodos		
Larnaca Airport	45	60	90	139	5	116	Larnaca Airport	
Paphos Airport	145	63	33	14	129	109	104	Paphos Airport

9. Banking Hours & Use of Credit Cards: Opening hours: Monday to Friday 08:15-13:00 hrs. Afternoon service is available Monday 13:15-16:45 hrs – September to May. ATMs are widely available and in operation 24 hours. Banks at Larnaca and Paphos airports provide services throughout the day and a night service for most flights. Hotels, restaurants and department stores accept all major international credit cards and exchange rates are published daily in the local press.

10. Business & Shopping Hours:

June July August	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	09:00-19:00 hrs (lunch break between 13:00-16:00 hrs)
	Wednesday, Saturday	09:00-14:00 hrs
	Sunday	Closed

The above opening hours apply to the commercial sector but recognized tourist areas are exempt from this restriction offering longer business hours.

11. Currency: The currency of Cyprus is the Euro (€) as of 1st January 2008. Notes consist of € 100 € 20, € 10 and € 5 denominations and coins of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 50 cents. Indicative exchange rate as of 24/04/2008: GBP£1 = € 1.25 and € 1 = GBP 0.79

12. Telecommunications: Telecard or coin operated public telephones are installed at central locations in all towns and villages. Telecards may be purchased from banks, post offices, souvenir shops and kiosks. All public card- and payphones may be used for national/international calls. GSM cellular phone service is available with all European, Middle Eastern and North American countries. The number for the local operator is 192.

13. Electric Current: The electricity supply is 220-240 volts, a.c. 50Hz. Sockets are 5amp or 13amp, square pin.

14. Travelling Documents: Entry formalities into the Republic of Cyprus are limited to a minimum. Citizens of Country Members of the Council of Europe do not need a visa. All citizens of EU-member countries may enter Cyprus on presentation of their identity card provided it bears a picture of the holder.

15. Tipping

There is a 10% service charge levied in hotels and restaurants and a tip therefore is not obligatory. However, taxi drivers, tour guides and waiters always appreciate some small change.

XXI IPA WORLD CONGRESS 2015

The 21st IPA World Congress will be hosted in Limassol between the 13rd and 18th of October, 2015.

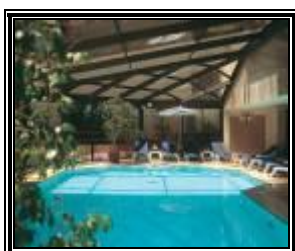


ST RAPHAEL RESORT – 5* HOTEL

The Congress will be held at the St. Raphael Resort.

The St Raphael Resort is a five star hotel with accommodation and facilities of high European standards, with that extra touch of Mediterranean hospitality and care. Their aim is not simply to provide your needs away from home, but to create an environment that you will enjoy today and look forward to experience again in the future. A distinguished property with 260 rooms only a short distance away from the town of Limassol, with 37.000 sqm of landscaped gardens overlooking the Mediterranean waters. The St. Raphael Resort is ideal for both water sports and sun-bathing offering total relaxation to its esteemed clients.

For more information please visit the website of the hotel www.raphael.com.cy



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK

The XXI IPA World Congress will be followed by an International Friendship Week.



ATLANTICA MIRAMARE – 4* HOTEL

The venue will be hosted in Limassol between the 18th and 25th of October, 2015 at the Atlantica Miramare Beach hotel.

The Miramare Beach Hotel & Resort combines the elegance of a four star hotel of international standards which has built up an excellent reputation over the years. The Hotel is ideally positioned in a tranquil location, on its own private beach in Limassol, far away from the noise and yet within walking distance from the heart of the tourist area. The town centre of Limassol is 5 km away and the local bus service runs frequently stopping just a short walk from the hotel.

For more information please visit the website of the hotel
www.atlantichotels.com

