Dear Inforum Partner,

As already announced, the 14th International INFORUM Conference will take place in Traunkirchen from September 11 to September 15, 2006. We expect you to arrive on Sunday, September 10 and - if possible - not to leave before Saturday, September 16.

Location

Traunkirchen is a little village situated on the shores of the Traunsee in the part of Upper Austria which is called Salzkammergut and which has a long tradition in tourism.

Transportation

Transportation to Traunkirchen by rail is easy. For those of you who have to fly first, you can both fly to Salzburg or to Vienna and then take a train. Please see the attached document for train schedules. The railway station is in walking distance from the hotel but we will pick you up there.

If you prefer to come by car, it is also very convenient to get to Traunkirchen. Take the highway Vienna - Salzburg (A1) and use the exit called Regau. Then take road Nr. 145 direction Bad Ischl. The distance from the highway to Traunkirchen is approx. 20 km.
Accommodation
A sufficient number of rooms has been reserved at Hotel Post**** (see the third picture in the second line of pictures), a few rooms are also available in a small Pension which is close to Hotel Post. All the details including the costs are given in the attached EXCEL sheets.

Conference facilities
The conference will be held in the Hotel Post, where most of us will stay and where we all will have our meals. Our meeting room in the Hotel Post offers the usual conference facilities, including a beamer.

All authors are expected to bring both a paper and an electronic copy. We will not arrange for copying. If you want that listeners have some detailed material in front of them please bring a sufficient number of copies with you. The electronic copies of the presentations will be available on the Internet after the conference.

Family members
There will be no special program for accompanying persons. But you might wish to make a boat trip on the Traunsee, take a cable car to the Höllengebirge, or visit one of the many interesting places nearby. You can visit Gmunden, Bad Ischl or St. Wolfgang by public transports without difficulties. Salzburg with all its beauties and sights is also only 90 minutes away by train.

Climate
The weather should be fine at this time of the year. Probably “a touch of autumn” with quite low temperatures in the morning and in the evening. Please bring a pullover and a light coat. To have an umbrella with you is also recommendable, although I hope you will not need it.

Excursion
For Wednesday an excursion by bus is planned. The motto will be “salt”. We will go to Hallstatt, a place where salt is mined since about 1200 BC - probably the world’s oldest salt mine. Due to the unique finds at the Hallstatt burial grounds, the Early Iron Age (800 BC - 400 BC) is called “The Hallstatt Period.”

Hallstatt is also on the UNESCO list of World Heritage sites. If you want to learn more about Hallstatt you might wish to visit the homepage www.hallstatt.net. There is even a version in Polish!

Then we will go to Bad Ischl, the place were the last Austrian emperor used to spend his summer vacations.
Registration

Please use the attached EXCEL sheet to inform me about your plans. I would be very grateful if you could return this sheet to me not later than **May 29**.

Please use the same sheet to give me the preliminary title of the presentation you plan for Traunkirchen.

In order to cover the costs of the excursion and general expenses there will be a Conference Fee. I do not know the Conference Fee yet, because it is also dependent on the number of participants. I hope it will be less than 50 EUROs per person, and even less for accompanying persons.

All information concerning costs is given in EUROs. At the moment the exchange rate of the US $ to the EURO is 1,25 but there are significant fluctuations.

Hope so see you in Traunkirchen

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