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The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

THIRD MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Vienna, Austria, 24-25 October 2016

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening

The third meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use (ACSU) will be held in Vienna, Austria on 24 and 25 October 2016, starting on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

2. Venue and registration

The meeting of the Technical Committee will take place in the facilities of the AGES (Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety) Spargelfeldstrasse 191, A-1220 Vienna, AUSTRIA

AGES website: <http://www.ages.at/en/healthy-life-for-humans-animals-and-plants/>

Venue: <http://www.ages.at/en/ages/locations/vienna/>

All participants in the third meeting of the ACSU must register in advance through the Secretariat of the International Treaty.

Each Region has nominated the Contracting Parties which shall be Members of the Technical Committee. The Members have then nominated their representatives. Identification badges will be available for the representatives of Members, experts and observers at the Registration Office of the meeting venue.

Participants can collect their security identification badge from 09h00 on 24th October at the following address:

AGES (Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety)
Spargelfeldstrasse 191, A-1220 Vienna, AUSTRIA

Free access to the internet (Wi-Fi) will be available throughout the meeting.

For reasons of economy, this document is produced in a limited number of copies. Delegates and observers are kindly requested to bring it to the meetings and to refrain from asking for additional copies, unless strictly indispensable.

Meeting documents are available on Internet at <http://www.planttreaty.org>

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3. Platform for the Co-Development and Transfer of Technologies

The Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development (IAARD), chair of the **Platform for the Co-Development and Transfer of Technologies** (the Platform), has organized the Fourth Session of the Platform on **22 October 2016** in Vienna, thanks to the kind support of the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES). The meeting will focus on elaborating and structuring the Platform activities which will be presented to the 3rd Session of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use (ACSU).

The meeting will take place in the facilities of the **ARCOTEL KAISERWASSER** Wagramer Strasse 8, A-1220 Vienna
http://www.arcotelhotels.com/en/kaiserwasser_hotel_vienna/city_info_compact/

4. Hotel and accommodation

Participants are kindly requested to book their accommodation at the above mentioned hotel, **ARCOTEL KAISERWASSER** Wagramer Strasse 8, A-1220 Vienna, which has secured preferential rates for meetings participants. Please fill in the form in Annex 1 and send it to the address given in the form, **before 14 October**. Financially supported participants from developing countries Contracting Parties will also directly book their accommodation, and directly pay the hotel fee out of their DSA (per-diem).

5. Arrival and transportation to the two meeting venues

Being located in the centre of Europe, Vienna is easy to reach by plane or train. The net flight time from any European capital to Vienna does not exceed 3 hours. Vienna International Airport is a gateway to the entire world for business and private travelers with a minimum transfer time of 16-25 minutes (by City Airport Train, public train or taxi) to the City Centre, which is unique in Europe. Please allow more time during rush hour.

Fees:

- by City Airport Train (CAT) – single ticket 11 EUR (return ticket 17 EUR)
<https://www.cityairporttrain.com/de/home>
- by Taxi: ca. 40 EUR from airport to city centre (ask for airport taxi fee!!)
- by **Public transport** (public train S7)
2 zones: 4.40 EUR

Vienna occupies a center position in Europe's international **rail network**. Intercity and international express trains connect the capital with all parts of Austria and with all major cities in Europe.












- Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB)
<http://www.oebb.at/en>

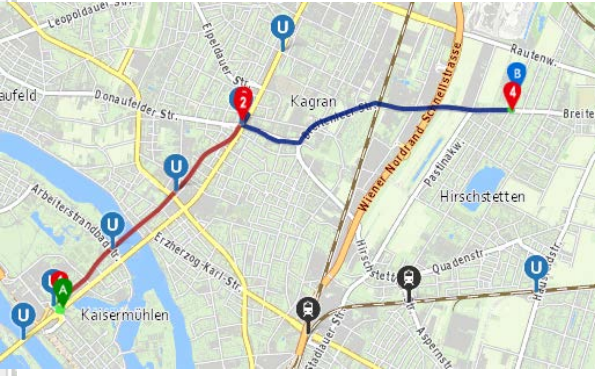
For **local transport** the modern and efficient network of the Vienna public transport system with its 5 underground lines, 29 tram routes, 107 bus routes and 20 night buses with short waiting times can be used as safe and clean option.

- Vienna Public Transport (Wiener Linien)
<http://www.wienerlinien.at/portal3/>
e.g. 72 Hour ticket 16.50 EUR

Hotel Arcotel is located here: **A - underground stop “Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre”**

The **AGES** venue is located here: **B - bus stop “Breitenleer Strasse/Spargelfeldstrasse”**

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	destination	13:52	Wien, Spargelfeldst...	



6. Entry visa for Austria

No visa is required for EU citizens. In case of non-Schengen countries a passport or any other ID would be required by border services. For other countries – please check the information on: <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entry-and-residence-in-austria/entry-and-visa/>

We remind to all participants that Visas are the individual responsibility of travellers.

7. Useful information

Currency: EURO. National currencies can be exchanged at the airport or in a bank. ATMs are commonly available and accept most of commonly used payment or credit cards.

The UN's latest operational rates of exchange against the US\$ can be consulted at the following link: <https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php>

Time zone: Central European Time Zone

Expected **weather** conditions: Normally September should still be warm, but please check the relevant weather portals to be adequately prepared, e.g.: <http://wetter.orf.at/oes/>

Important phone numbers:

Country code for Austria +43

European Emergency Number: 112

Useful links

<http://www.austria.info/uk> - official promotional website of Austria

<https://www.wien.info/en> - the city of Vienna



Map of Vienna public transport (Underground and rapid transit)



**HOTEL ZIMMER RESERVIERUNG
HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION**

**„PGRFA Meeting“
21.10. – 25.10.2016**

Reservation deadline: 07.10.2016

**Bitte bestätigen Sie an:
Please confirm to:**

**Fax: +43 1 224 24 710
Mail: reservation.vienna@arcotelhotels.com**

Vorname <i>First name</i>				Familienname <i>Name</i>		
Wohnadresse <i>Home address</i>						
Postleitzahl <i>ZIP code</i>		Stadt <i>City</i>			Land <i>Country</i>	
Telefon <i>Telephone</i>				Fax/E-Mail		
Kreditkartennummer <i>Credit card number</i>				Ablaufdatum <i>Expiry date</i>		

Visa

Mastercard

Amex

Diners

**Ich bestätige folgende Reservierung
I confirm following reservation**

Zimmeranzahl <i>Number of rooms</i>	Kategorie <i>Category</i>	Preis in EURO <i>Rate in EURO</i>
	[Comfort], Zimmer zur Einzelbenutzung (1 Person) <i>[Comfort], room for single use (1 person)</i>	111,00
	[Comfort], Doppelzimmer (2 Personen) <i>[Comfort] double room (2 persons)</i>	133,00
Ankunftsdatum <i>Arrival date</i>		Abreisedatum <i>Departure date</i>

Für eine definitive Reservierung benötigen wir die vollständigen Kreditkartendetails.
In order to fix your reservation we require the complete credit card details.

Die oben angeführten Spezialpreise gelten pro Zimmer und Nacht, inklusive aller Steuern und Abgaben sowie das Frühstücksbuffet. Eine kostenfreie Stornierung ist bis 14 Tage vor Anreise möglich. Für eine Stornierung bis 24 Stunden vor Anreise beträgt die Stornogebühr 95% der ersten Nacht. Für später eintreffende Stornierungen oder Nicht-Anreise werden 95% der gebuchten Leistungen verrechnet. Alle Änderungen oder Stornierungen müssen schriftlich erfolgen.

Ich erkläre mich ausdrücklich einverstanden, dass das Hotel im Fall eines verspäteten Rücktrittes vom Vertrag (einer nicht rechtzeitigen Stornierung innerhalb der Fristen) den entsprechenden Betrag als Stornogebühr einbehält und berechtigt ist, die angegebene Kreditkarte damit zu belasten. Ebenfalls erkläre ich mich einverstanden, dass die gesamte Hotelrechnung (Logis, F&B Konsumation, Garage und etwaigen Extras) mit der angegebenen Kreditkarte im Falle einer Nichtzahlung belastet wird.

Above mentioned special rates are valid per room and night, including all taxes and service charges and buffet breakfast. A cancellation free of charge is possible until 14 days prior to arrival date. For cancellations made until 24 hours before arrival, a cancellation fee of 95% of the room rate for the first night will apply. For cancellations received later than 24 hours prior to arrival, 95% of the services booked will be charged. All changes or cancellations have to be made in writing only.

In case of late cancellation (i.e. cancellation outside the stipulated period of time), I hereby expressly agree that the hotel may withhold the corresponding amount as a cancellation fee and that it is entitled to charge this sum to the specified credit card. Additionally, I agree that the entire hotel bill (accommodation, food and beverage consumption, parking as well as any extras) will be charged to the specified credit card in the event of non-payment.

Unterschrift / Signature