OceanTeacher MIM Training Course on
Data Curation for Information Professionals and Digitization
Oostende, Belgium
26-30 September 2011

Local Information for Participants

1. VENUE
The OceanTeacher MIM Training Course on Data Curation for Information Professionals and Digitization will be held from 26 to 30 September 2011 in the:

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2. ARRIVAL IN BELGIUM
Please check your air ticket carefully and verify where your travel to Belgium terminates:

BRU - (BRUSSELS AIRPORT- ZAVENTEM - www.brusselsairport.be).

For those arriving at Brussels Airport (BRU in the air ticket) to reach Oostende you will have to take the train as follows:

Arrival is on the second floor of the airport (LEVEL 2). The train terminal is on LEVEL -1. Please take the lift or elevator to level -1 for the train. Buy a ticket to Oostende (the price of this ticket is at this moment 19,60 EUR). If at the time of your arrival the ticket office is closed you can buy a ticket from the conductor in the train.

You will take a first train to Brussel Zuid (Bruxelles Midi), where you will have to change to another train for Oostende. There are frequent trains from the airport to Brussel Zuid (Bruxelles Midi) - about every quarter of an hour.

IMPORTANT REMARK: Although travel planners can tell you to change in Brussels-Nord station we recommend you to change in BRUXELLES-MIDI/BRUSSEL-ZUID and this for security reasons. All trains passing through, what is called the North-South Connection will stop in Brussel-Noord/Bruxelles-Nord, Brussel-Centraal/Bruxelles-Central and Brussel-Zuid/Bruxelles-Midi.

Departure times for the Oostende train from Brussel Zuid (Bruxelles Midi) is usually once per hour. Consult the monitors at the station.
Oostende is the final stop for this train so you will not miss this stop.


**ZYR - BRUXELLES MIDI – BRUSSEL ZUID (arrival by train)**

For those arriving at Bruxelles Midi (Brussel Zuid) Station you can take a train directly to Oostende (cost about 15,60 EUR). The train times are usually once per hour. It is the same train that persons arriving from the airport shall take.

NOTE THAT YOU WILL TRAVEL FROM PARIS AIRPORT (http://www.paris-cdg.com) TO BRUSSELS MIDI BY THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN –THALYS (the train station, wherefrom this Thalys high-speed will leave, is located in Terminal 2 of the Charles de Gaulle airport).

### 3. ACCOMODATION

All participants have been booked at the:

- Golden Tulip Bero Hotel
- Hofstraat 1A
- 8400 Oostende, Belgium
- Tel: +32-(0)-59-70 23 35
- Fax: +32-(0)59-70 25 91
- Email: info@hotelbero.be
- Url: www.hotelbero.be

The hotel is about 15 minutes walk from the train station (see red circle on the enclosed map). The cost of taxi from the train station to the hotel is about 5 Euros.

### 4. LOCAL TRANSPORT/INFORMATION

The hotel is located in the city centre close to many restaurants, cafes, shops, and near the beach. Transportation from the Hotel to the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE and back during the working days will be done using the shuttle boat between both sides of the Oostende harbour.

Meeting point is every morning the lobby of the Golden Tulip Bero hotel at 08:15 am. An envelope providing you with last minute information and meeting documents (if any) will be handed over to you at check-in. If you don't receive an envelope, ask if there isn't one for you!

**On Monday 30 September 2011 someone from the Project Office will come to the hotel to meet you. Please meet in the lobby at 08:15 am sharp.**

You can reach the project office as well by tram (direction 'Knokke') from the railway station or from the city centre near the Kursaal (filled green circles on the map). The price of the ticket is max. 3,- EUR. You should leave the tram at the first stop after the railway station at 'Weg naar Vismijn' (empty green circle). Then follow the 'Vismijnaan', in the direction of 'Vismijn' (green arrows on the map). The walk should take approximately 15 minutes. You can also take a taxi near both tram stops. The cost is approximately 15,- EUR.

**Please note that if you want to use electric appliances you will need a convertor!**
5. WEATHER CONDITIONS
Please note that the mean temperature in Oostende in September is +14,9°C (58,82°F) and the average high and low temperatures are 19,0°C (66,20°F) and 10,9°C (51,62°F) Average number of rainy days in September is 15,7.

6. SMALL MAP

Filled green circles – tram stops
Empty green circle – nearest tram stop to the Project Office
Red circle – hotel