LOCAL INFORMATION

1. VENUE

The meeting will be held from 15-16 October 2009 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 (it will cost about 15 Euro). 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.
Departure times for the Oostende train from Brussels 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. More information on trains can be found via [http://www.b-rail.be/main/E/index.php](http://www.b-rail.be/main/E/index.php).

**ZYR - BRUSSELS M&Dash;IDI – BRUSSELS ZUID (arrival by train)**

For those arriving at Bruxelles Midi (Brussel Zuid) Station you can take a train directly to Oostende (cost about 15 Euro). 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](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).

**NEW: it is possible to organize a taxi transfer from Brussels Airport to your Hotel in Oostende.**
This will cost you € 85. If several of you arrive around the same time then a group transfer can be arranged. If you wish to make use of this service then we can order it for you (please then email your date/time of arrival at least 2 working days in advance to info@iode.org). The driver will then wait for you at arrival with a name sign and drive you straight to Oostende (takes approx. 1h30).

### 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](http://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

The hotel is located in the city centre close to many restaurants, cafes, shops, and near the beach. Transportation will be provided from the hotel to the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE and back during the working days.

On your check-in you will receive an envelope providing you with last minute information and meeting documents (if any).

Taxi transport will be waiting for you at the entrance of the Bero Hotel on Tuesday afternoon at 13:30h. Please be on time. From Wednesday morning onward the taxi’s will await you at 08:45h. Similarly taxi transport will be available every evening at the end of the Session.

Alternatively you can reach the project office as well by the 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 about 1 Euro. You should leave the tram at the first stop after the railway station at 'Weg naar Vismijn' (empty green circle). Then follow the 'Vismijnlaan', 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 Euro.
5. **MEALS**

A breakfast is provided by the hotel and included in the room price. Lunch will be provided free during weekdays when the meeting is on. The participants are expected to cater for their dinners as well as lunches on the days that the meeting is not on.

The UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE will offer the participants a drink on Tuesday evening (until 19:00h).

6. **Weather Conditions**

Please note that the mean temperature in Oostende in January is +3°C and the average high and low temperatures are 5°C and 1°C. Average number of rainy days in January is 13.

7. **Small map**

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