

The International Association of Lions Clubs



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Introduction

I thought that it would be a good idea, to produce a simple form of Newsletter for MD105, so that all those interested in attending future International Conventions, can be kept up to date with the current situation for the forthcoming Convention, and learn also a little of what happened at the last one. Some useful feedback was received after the first Newsletter, for which the Team thank you

Lion Kumar and I have just been to Hamburg on a site visit, to look at all the selected Hotels, the Arena and the Messe / Convention Centre. We have also been to the Raddison Blu (DGE's Hotel) and other sites for our proposed functions.

Hamburg – 5th to 9th July 2013

The International Convention for 2013, is being held in Hamburg, Germany from 5th to 9th July. This is the first time an International Convention has been held in Europe, since our own at Birmingham in 1998. There is, therefore, not a better time (and lower costs) to visit Convention.

Every member who wishes to attend with their spouses / partners, and attend the Convention sessions / Exhibition / Shows etc **must register both or all attending**. This can be done 'on line' at the LCI website www.lionsclubs.org Once on the site, click on news and events on the top bar, and then International Convention on the left hand panel. You will find the page for Registration. If you register before 31st December 2012 the cost is \$100 per person, and then up to 31st March 2013 \$130 per person, then after that date \$150 per person. So early registration is best.

On the same form is the request for Hotel accommodation. LCI have pre-blocked booked

rooms at 72 Hotels, which is many more than normal, as many of the Hamburg hotels are smaller. MD105 has been allocated 4 hotels, which are as follows. :-

1. **The Mercure Arena** – Kieler Strasse 333, Hamburg 22525 Tel: 49 40 54 74 00 and is the nearest Hotel to the O2 Arena where the Convention sessions are being held, at appr 2kms and some 6.2 kms to the Messe and Congress, where registration and the exhibitions will be held.

The rates (per room per night) are :-

159.75 E single occupancy

185.22 E double / twins

205.22 E Queen beds x 2

The rates include breakfast and tax

Wi-fi is available at a cost from 2.50E per hr to

5.00 E for 24hrs – free wi-fi is in the lobby

Secure parking is available at 12.00 E (24hrs)

Under 12's are free, including breakfast

2. **Lindner Park – Hotel Hagenbeck**

Hagenbeck 150, Hamburg 22527

Tel: 49 40 800 808 100

This is the next nearest to the Arena at some 2.5kms and 6.5kms to the Messe and

Congress. and is next to the Tierpark Zoo

The rates (per room per night) are:-

169.00 E single occupancy (in double room)

189.00 E double occupancy (Queen or twins)

The rates include breakfast and tax

Wi-fi is extra at 9.95 E (24hrs)

Or 40.00 E (7 days)

Secure car parking is available at 19.00 E (24)

Or adjacent (5 mins walk) covered car park at 3.50 E (per 24hrs). Free on road parking adjacent if, you can find one.

3. **Hotel Engel** – Niendorf Strasse 55-59

Hamburg 22529 Tel: 49 40 55 42 60

This is the furthest away from the Arena at 4.2kms and 7.5kms from the Messe /CCH
It is a comfortable hotel and is the cheapest

The rates (per room per night) are:=

92.00 E single occupancy

115.00 E double occupancy

The rates include breakfast and tax

Garage parking is available at 4.00 E (24hrs)

There is open free parking for 40 vehicles.

We have 10 Queen and 30 twins allocated.

There is a small sauna / fitness centre in the basement. There are no tea/coffee facilities in this hotel, so bring your own travel kettle / mugs.

4. **The NH Hamburg Norge** – is at
Schalferkampasallee 49, Hamburg 20357
Tel : 49 40 44 11 50
This is only 2.7kms from the Messe / CCH
and some 7 kms to the Arena.

The rates (per room per night) are:-

204.00 E single or double occupancy incl tax

Breakfast is extra at 18.00 E per night

Free wi-fi access is available in the rooms

The Convention itself is split between two centres. The Registration / Exhibition / offices / seminars etc., will be at the CCH and Messe in town, by the Alster Lake. The Convention Plenary sessions will be held at the 02 Arena, As stated above free shuttle buses will run every day of the Convention from the Hotels to the CCH and the 02 Arena on regular return.

The full programme for Convention can be found on the LCI website, as detailed above, and commences on Friday 5th July, and runs through till Tuesday 9th July, when the final plenary session will be held, which includes the induction of the new DG's and the new International President.

We shall be holding the B & I Briefing meeting, for all attending on Thursday 4th July at 7pm (venue, yet to be finalised), and all are welcome.

The B & I Reception, which all who attend will receive tickets for, will be held on Monday 8th July from 9pm to midnight, and we will provide desserts / fruit/ tea & coffee. There will be a cash bar. We anticipate with guest some 1000 to attend. Again , the venue has yet to be finalised.

The International Parade will be held on Saturday 6th July from 10am, and is not to be missed (all MD105 welcome to take part, subject to dress code – to be agreed)

Lion Kumar (Citibond) will be advertising pre and post convention packages, as well as the Convention period itself, but this will be for travel packages only. **ALL accommodation, if you want to use an LCI Hotel**, must be booked through the LCI website. There are of course, many bed and breakfast and smaller boutique hotels at cheaper rates, but need to be booked direct, as soon as possible. These will not have the complimentary shuttle buses. Information is coming in all the time, and will update as soon as possible. Regards to all



Raddison Blu



Congress Hall



Hagenback Zoo



TV/Radio Tower

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