

# The International Association of Lions Clubs



## MD 105 International Convention Committee

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#### Introduction

Well, we hope you all had a peaceful and good Christmas, and what has been a momentous year for UK, 2012 is now behind us. May I, on behalf of the ICC Team, wish you all a very Happy New Year 2013. We now look forward to the International Convention in Hamburg.

As I mention in the last Newsletter, Lion Kumar and I visited Hamburg on a site visit in October, to look at all the selected Hotels, the Arena and the Messe / Convention Centre. We also visited the Raddison Blu ( DGE's Hotel) and other sites for our proposed functions. We are delighted with the response from the first two Newsletters, and have now produced this current edition to bring you 'up to date' on what is happening for MD105 at Convention.

#### Hamburg – 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013

The International Convention for 2013, is being held in Hamburg, Germany from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 registered before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 you were charged \$100 per person, and from now up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 the cost is \$130 per person. After that date it will be \$150 per person.

There was a major problem on the website on 31<sup>st</sup> December, which was basically an overload, as so many members were trying to register. Lions Kumar spoke with Gloria Geske, and got a concession for the early booking fee, until 10am Oak Brook time on 4th January, and I sent an e mail to all the DG's advising of this.

In the last issue, I advised in detail of the 4 Hotels that LCI rooms has reserved for MD105, but rooms in these Hotels were only held until 31<sup>st</sup> December. I am sure they still have many available, but please do NOT delay in booking to avoid disappointment.

I would now like to advise you of the arrangements that have been made for our own MD105 events, whilst in Hamburg, and these are detailed below.

For every member, spouse, partner, guest that will be registered for Hamburg, we are holding the **B & I Briefing Meeting** as follows:-

This will be held at 7pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, in the Grosser Festsaal at **The Atlantic Kempinski Hotel**, An de Alster 72-79, Hamburg 20099 Hamburg Tel: 49 40 28 88 11

This is situated on the main Alster Lake, and is some 10-15 mns walk from the Radison Blu Hotel, and the nearest U Bahn station is Nord Haupt-Bahnhof ( main railway station)

The briefing will last about 1.5hrs and will run through the entire programme for the week, and unless you are arriving later, should not be missed. A first free drink will be provided and nibbles. Other drinks on a cash basis.

We have arranged the **B & I Reception**, commencing at 9pm as follows:-

**Convention Hall 3 – Congress Centre Hamburg (CCH)**

Am Dammtor / Marseiller Strasse, 20355, Hamburg Tel: 49 40 35 69 -31 16

This is situated near the Centre, and is adjacent to the Radisson Blu Hotel. The nearest U Bahn station Stephans Platz, and S Bahn train at Dammtor.

A ticket (admits 2 people) will be sent to all registered delegates before you travel to Hamburg. Further tickets may be available, and this depends upon the total number of bookings received from MD105, but with the numbers anticipated from MD105 plus our guests from around the world, are working on 1000 people attending.

We will provide desserts and fruit, plus tea and coffee free to all, and a cash bars will be available outside the Hall.

It would be appreciated if our own MD105 delegates are not late, so they can welcome and assist our International guests during their arrival. The reception is the time, when we introduce our new team of DGE's to the Lions of the world, and also our incoming Council Chairman. Full details of this will be given at the Briefing Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

As stated before 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, free shuttle buses will run every day of the Convention from the LCI nominated 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 5<sup>th</sup> July, and runs through till Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, when the final plenary session will be held, which includes the induction of the new DG's and the new International President.

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

Lion Kumar (Citibond) has just advertised pre and post convention packages, as well as the Convention period itself in the December/January issue of the LION Magazine. 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 a final Newsletter as soon as possible. Regards to all



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