

The International Association of Lions Clubs



MD 105 International Convention Committee

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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. To my knowledge, this has not been tried before, so forgive any errors or omissions.

For your information the MD Committee for 2012-2013 consists of:-

Chairman – PDG Fred Massey

Deputy Chairman – PCC Philip Goodier

Third member – PCC David Firth

Travel Agent (Citibond) –Lion Kumar Acharya

Busan, South Korea – July 2012

Busan, is the second city of South Korea, some 130 miles from Seoul. The Convention was held in the BEXCO Centre, and was very interesting. The DGE's stayed in the Grand Hotel, and the rest of the contingent (all 18 of us) stayed in various Hotels, many at the Centum, opposite the Convention centre. The Convention had almost 60,000 delegates, a world record for Lions, but only 35,000 or so attended Convention.

The Parade was spectacular as always, and we were delighted to win a prize with 'Iron Butterfly' our 20 strong all female Pipe band from Seoul.

The B & I Reception was very well attended (over 600, which was maximum) and as usual everyone was seated. The formal handover from CC Tony Gadsby to new CC Martin Morgan took place, all the DG's were introduced and PID's Phil Nathan and Howard Lee welcomed the family of Lions, including the President. A couple of pictures below, give some flavour of the week.



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 request for Hotel accommodation. LCI have pre-blocked booked rooms at 72 Hotels, which is many more than normal, as the Hamburg hotels are smaller. MD105 has been allocated 4 hotels, which are as follows. :-

1. Lindner Park – Hotel Hagenbeck
parking is available at extra charge.
2. The Mercure Arena – and again parking
available at extra cost
3. NH Norge Hotel – parking available
4. Engel Hotel – limited parking

Room rates are detailed on the LCI website. Parking can be booked direct with the Hotels, once you have received confirmation (by post) from LCI

The DGE's and partners will be housed in the Radisson Blu Hotel, which is close to the CCH / Messe Centre.

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, which is nearer to the Hotels we have been selected, as above. 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. Some District are, I am aware, in the process of arranging coaches from various locations around the MD, and your own District Officers will advise on this. You can also drive, of course.

Information is coming in all the time, and will update as soon as possible. Regards to all

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