



AUSTRIAN RED CROSS



NOTICE OF CONVOCATION TO THE 8TH EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES, VIENNA 13 – 16 APRIL 2010

Dear President,

The Austrian Red Cross together with the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies would kindly like to invite and request your honourable presence at the 8th European Conference taking place in **Vienna** in the facilities of the **Hofburg** from **Tuesday, 13 to Friday, 16 April 2010**.

In conformity with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement we are pleased to send you this notice of convocation together with the draft provisional agenda for the 8th European Regional Conference.

As already put down in an information letter sent out in July 2009 the main themes of the conference are **"Ageing in Europe"** and **"Multicultural Interaction"**. All relevant conference documents will be provided electronically on FedNet (<https://fednet.ifrc.org/sw180913.asp>).

We would also like to draw your attention to the **requirement for registration** via the online registration tool accessible through the conference website www.redcross.at/conf2010.

Please also note that the **reduced rates for conference participation** and accommodation are applicable until **7 January 2010** only.

Support with regard to **visa procedures** for those participants needing visa for entering Austria will be provided upon request and when indicated in the online registration form. We would like to thank in that respect the Austrian authorities who also support the conference by granting the visa to conference participants free of charge.

There will also be an exhibition area and we would be pleased to accommodate your requests for exhibition space and invite you to send us your application by 31 January 2010.

For your convenience we have drafted a "conference information note" giving further details on the conference and the different conference events.

Should you have any questions or require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us (conf2010@redcross.at or by phone: +43 1 58900 312).

We are looking forward to welcoming you soon in Vienna!

Best regards,

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