



AUSTRIAN RED CROSS



**INFORMATION LETTER 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 has the pleasure and honour to inform you that we have been entrusted with hosting the upcoming 8th European Regional Conference of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies in 2010.

The conference, will take place from **Tuesday, 13 to Friday, 16 April 2010** in Vienna with **"ageing in Europe"** and **"multicultural interaction"** being the main themes of the conference. Background and other conference documents will be provided in electronic version on FedNet (<https://fednet.ifrc.org>).

The conference facilities will be in the Hofburg; online registration is open as from now on and can be found under the secure server https://secure.austropa-interconvention.at/ei/getdemo.ei?id=358&s=_2YW0L4ED2 or via the conference website www.redcross.at/conf2010.

For early **registration** there is a special fee of EUR 600,- (registration and payment before 7 January 2010). The normal participation fee is EUR 700,- and the youth fee is EUR 500,- (please be aware that each and every National Society can send only one youth representative at this special youth rate).

Please note that **accommodation** expenses are *not* included in the participation fee and have to be paid extra and in advance. There are two "conference hotels", both in the city centre of Vienna.

- Hotel Savoyen Vienna - EUR 184,- (early booking rate until 7 January 2010 EUR 164,-) for single room per night, including breakfast buffet and all taxes
- Vienna Marriott Hotel - EUR 209,- (early booking rate until 7 January 2010 EUR 189,-) for single room per night, including breakfast buffet and all taxes

Please note that these are special rates and will only be granted when booked via the conference online registration tool.

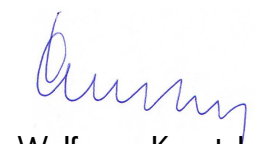
Transfer from/to Vienna Airport to/from these two hotels will be arranged as well as transfer from/to the hotels to/from Hofburg and is included in the conference fee. The same applies for the evening programmes such as a reception in the town hall by the Mayor of Vienna, a classical concert and a typical Austrian "Heurigen"-dinner in the outskirts of Vienna.

The official convocation letter and a preliminary agenda will follow at a later stage this autumn.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Johannes Guger (e-mail: johannes.guger@redcross.at, phone: +43/1/58 900 311).

Best regards,


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President


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