

Accommodation

**12th International Conference of Chief Inspectors of Explosives
Berlin
14 – 16 May 2012**

Introduction

This is Notice 2 for the Chief Inspector of Explosives Conference, to be held in conjunction with the IGUS meetings in Berlin in May 2012.

The IGUS secretariat have provided me with some hotel suggestions, which are attached to this email. I have also looked on booking.com and found several alternative hotels in the general area of the Best Western hotel (number 1 on the attached list.) Most of the alternatives are a bit cheaper than the Best Western – but not much. Hardly worth the extra effort, so that is where I plan to stay.

The Secretariat have also told me that there is a big football match in Berlin on 12 May and accommodation may become scarce for that weekend. If you plan to attend CIE Conference, you might want to book early.

At the end of this document I have included another copy of the background information on IGUS and the call for papers and agenda items for the CIE Conference. You have only about 4 months to get this sorted if you plan to participate. At this stage the agenda for the IGUS meetings is not set; send your CIE topics to me and I will pass the more technical ones to the IGUS chairmen.

Accommodation Options

Best Western Premier Hotel Steglitz International

Schloßstraße/Albrechtstraße 2, 12165 Berlin

Distance from meeting venue : 3 km.

Special rate per night: 79 € for single room, 102 € for double room (including breakfast and taxes). *NB:*

While on the web I also found that booking through www.booking.com gave me the option of booking without breakfast. €80 per night for a double room – KP.

Website: <http://www.si-hotel.com/>

E-Mail: reservation@steglitz.bestwestern.de

Reservation-Code: IGUS

available until: 9th April 2012

Citadines Apart' Hotel

Olivaer Platz 1, 10707 Berlin

Distance from meeting venue : 8 km.

Special rate per night: 70 € single room (including breakfast and taxes)

Website: <http://www.citadines.com/>

E-Mail: berlin.kd@citadines.com

Reservation-Code: IGUS

available until: 1st April 2012

Seminaris CampusHotel Berlin (4 star)

Takustraße 39, 14195 Berlin

Distance from meeting venue : 2-3 km.

Special rate per night:

79 € single room, 114 € double room (including breakfast and taxes)

Website: <http://www.seminaris.de/en/meeting/seminaris-campusotelberlin/at-a-glance.html>

E-Mail: veranstaltung4-berlin@seminaris.de

Reservation-Code: IGUS

available until: 31st March 2012

More details in the attached PDF document.

Agenda headings and format

CIE Conferences are “round table” format, with the accent on problem solving and minimal presentation of formal papers. Agenda items typically start with an introductory presentation by a specialist with a particular interest in the subject, which is then discussed in free form.

Please forward to me an email with suggestions of items for discussion, which I will use to develop the agenda. In due course I will need a summary introductory paragraph on the issue. Just tell me (email) in a few words, what you want to talk about and hopefully, what you want to achieve from your paper. This will help me to determine the time needed for our meeting and also whether the paper should perhaps be discussed in the IGUS meeting.

Some preliminary headings for agenda items are listed below

Accidents and Incidents	Regulatory Initiatives
Explosives security	Fireworks
Technical developments on explosives	Classification of ANE and the UN/IMDG test requirements.
Technical grade ammonium nitrate (TGAN).	Hazard and risk assessments on explosives and TGAN.
Test methods for explosives (this meeting will have an emphasis on Test Series 8)	

Costs

There will be a participation fee of \$AU 200 to cover administration costs, some meals, transport etc. You can register for the CIE conference by email to me at the address below. I will then send you an invoice and details of the program etc.

IGUS meetings

Participation in the IGUS meetings is by invitation of the Chairman. For further details consult the BAM web site: <<http://www.oecdigus.org/nextmeet.htm>>.

IGUS is the International Group of Experts on the explosion risks of Unstable Substances. It was originally formed as a consultative group for OECD to advise the United Nations Committee of Experts on Transport of Dangerous Goods, a role it still performs though it is no longer associated with OECD. The aim of IGUS is to exchange information on the behaviour of unstable substances, with respect to production, handling, storage and transport.

IGUS has two working groups. The Energetic and Oxidising Substances (EOS) working group will meet on 7-8 May. EOS considers: test methods, classification and safety aspects relating to organic peroxides, self-reactive substances and other energetic substances, fertilisers, ammonium nitrate and oxidisers; process hazards, particularly in relation to manufacturing; and incidents involving energetic substances.

The Explosives, Propellants and Pyrotechnics (EPP) working group will meet on 10 – 11 May. Its remit includes: explosive properties, general test methods and thermodynamic ratings, phenomenology of explosions, safety and regulatory aspects related to explosives, pyrotechnics and propellants.

Full membership of IGUS is limited to experts from the OECD countries insofar as they are members of government laboratories and organisations, or scientists who are involved in research and are governmental advisers on a permanent basis. Other organisations (e.g. universities) may also apply for membership, under restricted conditions. Membership is open to scientists who fulfill the above conditions and only upon invitation by the chairman and/or the steering committee. Scientists from non-OECD countries may apply for membership as independents if similarly engaged. Parts of working group meetings are also open for experts from industry, after being invited by the chairman. Independents and industry representatives are not eligible for office.

IGUS is self-supporting, members costs are being borne by their institutes.

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Registration and proposals for discussion

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Meeting to attend:

Will you be attending the IGUS meeting before the CIE Conference?

EOS 7-8 May Y/N

Joint EOS EPP 9 May Y/N

EPP 10-11 May Y/N

Contact details

Name _____ First name _____

Organization _____ Position.....
Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____
Mobile phone _____

Accompanied by partner? Y/N

Suggestions for Agenda

Subject,
Duration,
purpose.

If you have a preference, indicate whether the matter should best be discussed in the EPP Working Group or the CIE Conference.

- EPP deals primarily with technical and scientific matters.
- CIE deals more with regulatory and compliance safety matters.

Given the proximity of the two meetings, I will be working with the organisers of the IGUS meetings and may arrange for some papers to be discussed in the IGUS forum.

Participants must be willing to prepare a discussion paper to set the scene for discussion of that item on the agenda.

Schedule

Monday – Tuesday 7-8 May 2012	IGUS EOS meeting
Wednesday 9 May 2012	IGUS plenary meeting and joint session EOS and EPP
Thursday – Friday 10-11 May 2012	IGUS EPP meeting
Sunday 13 May 2012	CIE registration
Monday 14 May 2012	CIE Conference, Open session
Tuesday 15 May 2012	CIE field trip to BAM
Wednesday 16 May 2012	CIE Closed session

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4 January 2012