

**Sweden/UNEP on Integrated Approaches to Chemicals Control Riga, Latvia, 7- 8 December
2006,**

Practical Information for Participants

Date and Time

The meeting will be held from the 7-8 December 2006 at the Hotel De Rome” , Latvia, and will run from 9.00 a.m. to 18.30 p.m. on Thursday and from 9.00 am to 15.30 p.m on Friday

Venue

HOTEL DE ROME
Kalku str. 28, Riga, LV 1050
Ph.:+371 7087600
Fax: +371 7087606
reservation@derome.lv
<http://www.derome.lv>

Registration

Registration for the workshop will commence at 08:00 -10:00 a.m. on Thursday 7 December 2006

Language

The meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation in Russian

Daily subsistence allowance (DSA) and payment of expenses for sponsored participants

Participants sponsored by UNEP will be provided with accommodation, breakfast and 20% Daily Subsistence Allowance at the UN rate for Riga. In accordance with the UN rules, the allowance is paid from the first day of designated travel over the most direct route up to and including the last day before the traveler returns home on the first available flight after the closure of the meeting. Beyond the payment of this allowance and the accommodation and meals noted above, UNEP accepts no responsibility for the payment of other hotel expenses, meals, taxis, excess baggage charges, insurance, ground transport charges, and other incidental expenses. These liabilities should be settled directly by the participants.

Accommodation

The participants will be responsible for arranging their own hotel accommodation. The below might assist in choosing a hotel. The * indicate that the hotels are located in Old Riga, closely to meeting venue in Hotel de Rome

5 stars

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HOTEL „REVAL HOTEL RIDZENE”*

Reimersa str. 1, Riga, LV 1050
Ph.: + 371 7324433
Fax: +371 7322600
latvija.sales@revalhotels.com
<http://www.revalhotels.com/eng/ridzene/>

HOTEL GRAND PALACE*

Pils str. 12, Riga, LV 1050
Ph.:+371 7044000
Fax: +371 7044001
grandpalace.reservations@schlossle-hotels.com
<http://www.schlossle-hotels.com/grandpalace/index.php>

4 stars

HOTEL GUTENBERGS*

Doma laukums 1, Riga, LV 1050,
Ph.: + 371 7814090
Fax: +371 7503326
hotel@gutenbergs.lv
<http://www.gutenbergs.lv/>

REVAL HOTEL LATVIJA

Elizabetes str. 55, Riga, LV 1010,
Ph.: +371 7772222
Fax.: +371 7772221
latvija.sales@revalhotels.com
<http://www.revalhotels.com/eng/latvija/>

HOTEL BERGS

Elizabetes str. 83/85, Riga, LV 1050
Ph.:+371 7770900
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hotelbergs@hotelbergs.lv
<http://www.hotelbergs.lv>

HOTEL METROPOLE*

Aspazijas bulv. 36/38, Riga, LV 1050
Ph.:+371 7225411
Fax: +371 7216140
metropole@metropole.lv
<http://www.metropole.lv>

3 stars

HOTEL CENTRA*

Audeju str. 1, Riga, LV 1050

Ph.: +371 7 226 441

Fax.: +371 7503281

hotel@centra.lv

<http://www.centra.lv>

HOTEL RADI UN DRAUGI*

Marstalu str. 1/3, Riga, LV 1050

Ph.: +371 7820200

Fax: +371 7820202

radi.reservations@draugi.lv

<http://www.draugi.lv/>

HOTEL KONVENTA SETA*

Kaleju str. 9/11, Riga, LV-1050

Ph.: +371 7087501

Fax: +371 7087515

reservation@konventa.lv

<http://www.konventa.lv/>

HOTEL KOLONNA*

Tirgonu str. 9, LV 1050

Ph.: + 371 7358254

Fax.: +371 7358255

reservationriga@kolonna.com

<http://www.hotel.kolonna.com/index.php?parent=4>

Transportation

Riga International Airport is situated 15 km from the city centre. There are various possibilities to reach the city center:

- 1) Taxi to the hotel – approximately 10 Euros
- 2) Public transport. Bus No 22 to city center - bus station, 11 Novembra krastmala“ (see map and schedule of bus departures from the airport below) – ticket price 0.20 LVS (approx. 0.30 Euro)

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Insurance

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for insurance against accidents, if so desired.

Currency

The currency used in Latvia is called the Lats (LVL);

The exchange rate is 1 USD = 0.54 Latvian Lats (as of 28 August 2006), 1 EUR = 0.70 Latvian Lats

Weather

Latvia has a temperate climate, but with considerable temperature variations. Winter, which lasts from November to mid-March, can be very cold. Average temperature in Riga in December is -2°C. Snowfall is common in winter months. Warm clothing is therefore recommended.

Special information

Please indicate to the Technical Assistant if you are a vegetarian.

Time schedule for bus No 22 (departues from the airport)

Stop Lidosta Riga

Mon-Fri		Sat-Sun	
Hour	Min	Hour	Min
5	45	5	50
6	05 20 35 50	6	14 38
7	05 17 29 40 55	7	02 26 50
8	10 25 37 47	8	14 42
9	02 17 32 55	9	12 54
10	20 45	10	22 53
11	15 40	11	18 44
12	05 35	12	09 36
13	00 25 55	13	02 27 54
14	25 50	14	20 45
15	15 45 59	15	12 36
16	11 27 41 55	16	03 36 56
17	09 23 37 51	17	21 47
18	08 20 34 50	18	16 49
19	15 35	19	29
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22	15 40	22	18 40
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