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To: sc22-owgv-list ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 22/OWGV Standards Development
Subject: [SC22-OWGV] [Fwd: Re: logistics for upcoming meeting.]

John et al.,

here is the hopefully complete info for the upcoming meeting in Stuttgart. Please send me a short note whether you plan to attend. No rush, just to ensure logistics in time. I'll try to get you an open wireless LAN in the meeting room.

-- VENUE: ---

Meeting place is University of Stuttgart, Universitaetsstr. 38, Room 1.212, Stuttgart. The campus is in a suburb called Vaihingen (do not use this name unfiltered for navigation; you'll end up in the wrong place, since there is a town by the same name about 40 miles away; likewise do not get confused by a second campus downtown very close to the train station).

We have near-perfect metro ("S-Bahn", big green "S"-signs) connection to downtown, airport, train station, etc, 12-15 minutes to all these places. The metro station is called University (Universität). One way tickets range from 2,35 to maybe 3,80 Euro. Renting a car is a waste of money, unless you want to tour the surrounding area.

Tourist attractions: Black Forest (begins a few miles out of town); Mercedes Museum (in town; truly worthwhile, takes half a day); pretty good museums, opera, etc.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Closest airport is STR (Stuttgart). From the US, direct flights on Delta go there from Atlanta, everything else from the US connects somewhere. From within Europe, STR is your choice. The meeting place is a 15 minutes metro-ride from the airport, any train towards the city; get off at University (the first stop after the train goes seriously underground.)

The other decent airport is FRA (Frankfurt). It connects by high-speed train to Stuttgart. Some trains even count as flights and are sold by Lufthansa. (If not cheaply added, this leg is better paid directly to the train system, since not all trains are flights (maybe 20%) and you do not need reservations. The regular one-way fare is 54 Euro, 2.Class., no reservation required. Internet ticketing available.) The trains run every 30-60 minutes depending on time-of-day, not after say 10 p.m., though. The ride takes about 70 minutes; the main train-station in Stuttgart is downtown and 12 minutes metro-ride to the meeting place.

Flights connecting thru Frankfurt may have a long connect time; there just are not many flights because of the trains. Security is, as everywhere, a real hassle on short connect times.

(Personal advice: avoid Heathrow and Charles-De-Gaulle as connecting airports.)

If you arrive by car, see <http://www.iste.uni-stuttgart.de/WegweiserISTE.pdf>
(sorry, only in German, but self-explanatory.)

HOTELS:

Telekom-Tagungshotel
Universitaetsstr. 34
Phone: +49+711-68 63 40 60
Fax: +49+711-68 63 48 98
E-Mail: rezeption.tagungshotel-stuttgart@telekom.de
Single room per night: Euro 52 (weekend), Euro 73 (week)
including breakfast
Availability: Sep 28 to Oct 1

The hotel is 50 yards from the meeting place and as such ideal.
It is 125 yards from the subway station; take the front subway
exit, coming from the airport. The hotel is at the other end of
the green mall that you emerge to from the station.
It is a conference hotel; the rooms are ok, not fancy.
Make your reservation as soon as possible; rooms disappear quickly.
(On occasion, you may have to prompt them before they send a confirmation.)
I certainly recommend this hotel above all. Use the others if this
one is full.

Mercure Fontana
Vollmoellerstr. 5
70563 Stuttgart
Phone: +49+711- 730-0
Fax: +49+711 730-2525
Special rates for Stuttgart University
Single room Euro 89 (weekend), Euro 119 (week)
excluding breakfast
Availability: Sep 28 to 30

A bit more fancy as hotels go. Two subway stops away from the university. Alas,
not available on Oct 1st.

The rates are very special. To get them, reservations have to be made
in writing (fax) by the University Stuttgart. To make this happen,
send e-mail to my secretary kuhleka@informatik.uni-stuttgart.de.

Roemerhof
Robert-Leicht-Str. 93
Phone: +49+711-687 880
Fax: +49+711-678 88 60
E-Mail: info@roemerhof-vaihingen.de
Availability:
3 standard single rooms, Euro 78/night, including breakfast
3 small single rooms, Euro 68/night, including breakfast
These are special rates for University of Stuttgart;
therefore, you need to mention that name in your
reservation.

This is a small, typical Swabian hotel, standard issue, approx 750 yards

away from the meeting place. There is a bus connection, in case it rains.
Good food.

Weather: check the Internet. It can be cold, it can be hot.

Questions?

past Monday, try both my secretary and me...I am out of town/touch quite a bit during the next weeks.

[Added 27 August...A small add-on to the logistics info: If you arrive by train at Stuttgart Hbf: the metro (S-Bahn) station is on the right side (by train arrival direction) of the train station. Take any train on the S1, S2 or S3 line (directions Vaihingen, Airport, Boeblingen or Herrenberg) to "Universitaet".] ☒☒