



42nd United Nations Inter-Agency Games

Dear Friends,

The Inter-Agency Games Organizing Committee on behalf of the Staff of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is honoured to host **the 42nd United Nations Inter-Agency Games (UNIAG)** which will be held in **Salou, Tarragona, Spain** from **29 April to 3 May 2015**. This year you will also help us to celebrate the ITU 150th anniversary www.itu150.org.

Since 1865, the International Telecommunication Union has been at the centre of advances in communications – from telegraphy through to the modern world of satellites, mobile phones and the Internet. As part of the events held throughout the year, the ITU staff will be delighted to welcome our colleagues from around the world to celebrate with us at the 2015 UNIAG.

Salou is a municipality in the province of [Tarragona](#), in [Catalonia](#), Spain. The city is approximately 10 km from [Tarragona](#) on the [Costa Daurada](#) and 112 km from [Barcelona](#). Aside from its string of beaches interrupted by rocky coves, and its landscaped promenade, one of its main attractions is the [PortAventura](#) resort. The Dutch movie *Costa!* and the television series with the same title were both filmed in Salou.

All this and much more, just 5 minutes from the famous beaches of Salou, 10 minutes from the restaurants of the well-known fishing village of Cambrils, 10 minutes from the Roman remains of Tarragona city, and just 1 hour from the dynamic and cosmopolitan city of Barcelona. Don't wait a moment longer – come and discover this unique Costa Daurada resort - register today! - For further detailed information about *PortAventura* and the 42nd Games, we invite you to visit the 2015 UNIAG website www.interagencygames.org/iag2015/

2015 IAG DISCIPLINES (maximum players per team):

Athletics	5 women/6 men	7-a-side Football	10 players
Badminton	3 women/5 men	Golf	6 players
Basketball	12 women/men	Pétanque	11 players
Bridge	6 players	Swimming	5 women/5 men
Chess	7 players	Table tennis	3 women/5 men
Cricket	10 players	Tennis	5 women/5 men
Darts	7 players	Volleyball	9 women/9 men

Medical certificates:

Although medical certificates are not mandatory in Spain it is recommended that, for their own safety, participants consult with their general practitioner before engaging in any sporting activity. Participants and supporters are responsible for **their own medical insurance**. The host organization will not be held liable.

PortAventura can be reached by:

- *Airport:* There are connections to Barcelona Airport from any national or international destination. Transfers will be made free of charge from the airports of Barcelona or Reus on 29 April and 3 May.
- *Roads:* PortAventura is on the A-7 motorway. From Barcelona you can take the A-7 in the direction of Valencia and come off at exit 35. Once you are off the motorway, just follow the signs to PortAventura and you'll arrive at the resort. Check out the route [here](#) by adding your set-off point.
- *Railway:* One of the most comfortable ways to get to PortAventura is by train. The resort has a train station on the R-16 line, administered by the Renfe rail company, which connects the south of Catalonia with Barcelona.

IAG package and hotel information:

All participants and supporters must register for the Games exclusively via their Organization. No direct registration will be accepted or considered. Please find the Focal Point for your organization on the [2015 Inter-Agency Games website](#)

Reception of participants and the Secretariat during the Games will be at the Hotel Caribe which is where most participants will be staying and is close to many of the sports installations and the Opening Ceremony. We will also have an Information Desk at the Hotel Caribe throughout the duration of the Games.

The Registration cost is **EUR 410** per person for a double or twin room and **EUR 500** for a single room. This includes:

- 4 nights in the hotel with breakfast
- Welcome dinner (drinks included)
- Two dinners at the hotel
- Gala Dinner (drinks included)
- 4-day amusement Park passes
- Wi-Fi is available in the hotels and Amusement Park
- Access to swimming pools, spa, jacuzzi and fitness room.

There will be no cost for children under the age of 4 years old, and **Euros 200** for children aged 5 to 12 years on the basis of an extra bed in the parents' room. We should be grateful if you would confirm the participation of your Organization in the various sports by 10 February 2015.

Additional nights before or after the dates of the 42nd UNIAG are at EUR 63 per person for double rooms with breakfast only and at EUR 81 per person for single rooms with breakfast only. Extra nights will have to be indicated in the registration database and paid by the participants/supporters directly to the hotel.

To ensure the reservations of your participants please transfer **50%** of the total amount due before **Monday, 23 February 2015**. The balance should be paid before **Friday, 27 March 2015**. The Bank **Account details** will be provided to all focal points by email.

The registration deadline is **Tuesday, 24 March 2015**. The registration database will be closed after this date. Deadline for payment is set at **Tuesday 31 March 2015**. Nevertheless, we encourage all focal points to transfer the fund as early as possible.

Please ensure that all participants have the necessary visas for entry into Spain and we would like to remind you that all participants must bring an identity card issued by their Organization. Please also remember to draw up, in line with Article 13 of the General Rules, **a list of participants certified by your Personnel Department**, which will be checked by

the Control Committee before the beginning of the competitions. Any team that does not meet all criteria will forfeit their turns and will not be allowed to take part in any competition until their situation has been rectified.

Cancellation:

Full reimbursement of the IAG package cost will be possible for cancellations up to Wednesday, 1 April 2015. We reserve the right to assess refunds for cancellations after that date on a case-by-case basis.

Organizational matters:

The first Control Commission is scheduled on Wednesday, 29 April 2015 at 15h30 in Hotel Caribe. The Captains' meeting is scheduled on 29 April at 17h30 in the Hotel Caribe. The opening ceremony with welcome cocktail will start on **Wednesday, 29 April at 20h30**.

Golf practical issues:

Golf participants will have to contribute one day of green fees for the two competition days, **EUR 55**, to be paid directly to the Golf Club on the first day of competition. The Organizing committee will pay the second day of the green fees. The optional practice round will be at the cost of the participant. We remind you that only Golfers with certified handicap not exceeding 24 for men and 28 for women are authorized to play (IAG rules for Golf). Players must bring their official golf card with them to justify their handicap.

Transportation:

It takes just a little over an hour from any terminal of Barcelona Airport, at Prat de Llobregat, and only fifteen minutes from Reus Airport. Ryanair and Thomas Cook Airlines both have regular direct flights to Reus. During the Event, free transportation will be available to and from the hotels and discipline sites as well as between the various disciplines. In addition there will be free transportation between all locations involved with the Event.

Security

The UN Department of safety and security (UNDSS) recommends that each participant should register in the common security system DRITS. This would allow for UNDSS to know who is at the Game and to react efficiently in case of unexpected event. We strongly encourage individuals to register into the system which is available here <https://dss.un.org/dssweb/Home.aspx> and create a request in TRIP. If you are not already registered, you may need to create a new profile.

Entry visas

Kindly ensure that all participants have the necessary visas for Spain (and any countries they might need to travel through) and that they apply as early as possible to ensure that the visa is available on time. We would recommend immediate action to ensure visa availability. There will be no reimbursement for no-show due to visa-related problems.

Our Committee remains at your disposal for any further information you may require. We look forward to seeing you in Salou, PortAventura.

Sincerely,

Leroy Brown
Chairperson, 2015 Inter-Agency Games Organizing Committee