



**42<sup>nd</sup> United Nations  
Inter Agency Games**  
from 29 April to 3 May 2015



**Dear Inter-Agency Games Colleagues,**

### **URGENT: Flight Arrival and Departure times.**

The [Empresa Plana](#) is the Official Transport Company for the 2015 UN Inter-Agency Games. The bus company will provide round trip transportation for participants between the Barcelona (El Prat) or Reus airports and the Port Aventura hotels on 29 April and 3 May. In order to ensure that we have the correct number of buses on those dates please ensure that the flight schedules of times and arrivals are up to date. In the registration database we are still missing more than 700 arrival and departure times. It is imperative that we have the schedule of arrivals for those participants who arrive on 29 April and/or depart on 3 May. This information is very important to the Company which is providing the transportation so that it can schedule the buses accordingly. If there are 500 people who show up unexpectedly, there will be longer waiting times. We will give priority to the participants who have informed of their times of arrival.

### **WHO ARE THE IAG Participants?**

We are more than 1500 participants coming from 51 UN agencies. There are 125 different nationalities represented.

The UN staff who participate in the UN Inter-Agency Games are very accomplished in their professions and are also very accomplished in their sport disciplines. We have had Davis Cup players, ATP ranked tennis players, a Chinese Olympic volleyball team player, world champion table tennis player, an Olympic silver medalist (participating this year), members of Swiss national Championship tennis team, Swiss International bridge team member (world class ranking) all participating in the Games. And these are only the ones that I know personally. The majority of these players participate in National and regional competitions in their home countries. This is who we are.

### **Why do we do this?**

We must all remember the reason that we organize and participate in the Games. It is fine to win trophies and medals. However, we must never lose sight of the aims of the Inter-Agency Games. Rule number 1 of the General Rules of the IAG :

"The purpose of the United Nations Inter-Agency Games (IAG) shall be to enable current and retired members of the agencies and organizations of the

United Nations system and other eligible organizations to get to know each other through sports and other recreational activities and thereby to improve mutual understanding and work relations."

## 2015 UN Inter-Agency Sports Coordinators

Your 2015 IAG Sports Coordinators are working diligently to prepare the sports events for the Inter-Agency Games. We have been to Salou for the second site visit 10 days ago. This was during the Airline strike weekend. It adversely affected our scheduling. However, we were still able to get many things accomplished.

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## Extra Nights Stay

Each participant who is registered to arrive to Port Aventura before **29<sup>th</sup> April** and/or will be leaving **after 3<sup>rd</sup> of May** should have already received an email with a website link where you may register the details of your stay.

If you have not already done so, please go to this website [2015 IAG Extra Nights](#). After filling in the application, you will receive a bank transfer form by email to complete the reservation. This form will

include the booking details and the payment information. The filling of the first form will not confirm the room reservation. That will only be guaranteed after the transfer has been received.

**VERY IMPORTANT: The payment possibility is open until 22nd of April 2015. After this deadline this procedure will no longer be available. (for those who have completed the form in time the date can be extended)**

## Things to do in Salou



The Tourism Office of Salou would like for you to visit their website before coming to Salou. [VISIT Salou Info here:](#)

## Transportation before 29 April and after 3 May

There are many participants who will arrive the day before or leave the day after the 2015 Inter-Agency Games. **Empresa Plana** has agreed to provide transportation on before 29 April and after 3 May to the IAG at a discounted rate. You may get these rates by going here: [Empresa Plana Reservation](#) and using the promotional code **IAG2015**. You will receive a 10% discount.

## 2015 IAG Official Car Rental Sponsor

The Official Car Rental Company for the 2015 UN Inter-Agency is **GoldCar**. The promotional code is: **portaventura-iag2015**. With the promotional code you will get up to 20% discount on already low prices. You can also find this information on the home page of the [2015 IAG website](#).

## Children's Gala Dinner

In order for the parents to enjoy the Gala dinner without worrying about the kids, we have arranged for the kids 12 and under to have dinner in a dining area in a room adjoining the Gala dinner area on the night of the Gala. There may be a small fee of 5 to 10 Euros depending on the type

of entertainment provided.

### **Port Aventura Hotels El Paso and Caribe**

The IAG participants will be housed in the [El Paso](#) and [Caribe](#) hotels. The UN IAG will have exclusive use of the El Paso hotel. We will be the only guest in the hotel. This hotel will only open on the dates of 29 April to 3 May. As a result participants that are arriving before the Games or staying after will be accommodated in the Caribe Hotel. In El Paso we will have the run of the place and can do whatever we like ;-)

### **UNFCU – Helping the people Who help the world**

The 2015 Organizing Committee is proud to announce the support of the United Nations Federal Credit Union. The [United Nations Federal Credit Union](#) was originally incorporated in 1947. It currently has a membership of more than 100,000 members in 212 countries and territories spanning six continents, assets in excess of US\$3.8 billion and employs a staff of 401 at its headquarters in Long Island City, New York.

Here is a photo of the IAG Organizing Committee with Mr. Khalid Gherzeddine, (middle left) UNFCU Director of Member Services.



### **Control Commission and Captain's Meeting**

The first Control Commission meeting will take place at Wednesday 29 April at 15h30 in Hotel Caribe. The second CC meeting will be at 18h00 in Hotel Caribe.

The Captains' meetings will take place from 17h00 to 17h45 in Hotel Caribe.

This second of three information newsletters will be posted on the [IAG 2015 website](#).

Best regards,

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