

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. VENUE

The 4th GBEP Bioenergy Week will be held in in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary (1055 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos ter 11). The event will start at 2.00 pm hours on 21 June 2016, and will conclude at 5.30 pm hours on 24 June 2016.

Key addresses:

Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary
1055 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos ter 11.

FAO Regional Office
1068 Budapest, Benczúr utca 34

2. WORKING LANGUAGES

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Russian. The session documentation will be available in English.

3. ACCOMODATION

Accommodation is to be booked and covered directly by the delegates. A list of suggested hotels, with a location nearby the venue of the 4th Bioenergy Week, can be found below.

Name of the Hotel	Address	Internet site
Best Western Hotel Parlament****	1054 Budapest, Kálmán Imre u. 19.	www.parlament-hotel.hu/hotel
NH Hotel Budapest****	H-1137 Budapest, Vígszínház u. 3.	www.nh-hotels.com
Hotel President	1054 Budapest, Hold u. 3-5.	www.hotelpresident.hu/en
Starlight Hotel****	1051 Budapest, Mérleg u. 6.	www.starlighthotels.com/index.php/en
K + K Hotel Opera****	H-1065 Budapest, Révay u. 24.	www.kkhotels.com/opera
Radisson Blu Béke Hotel, Budapest****	H-1067 Budapest, Teréz krt. 43.	www.radissonblu.com/hotel-budapest

4. DINNER on 21st

We are organizing a sightseeing boat tour on the Danube River with buffet dinner. Kindly inform Giovanna Pesci (Giovanna.pesci@fao.org) before 10 June 2016 if you are interested in attending so we can calculate the numbers and make the reservations.

5. FIELD VISIT ON 23rd

Participants will be divided into two groups for separate field visit tours during the same afternoon

Location 1) Pilze-Nagy Ltd - raw material of oyster mushrooms, cultivation of oyster mushrooms and production of biogas.

Adress: Kecskemét, Talfája, 50, 6000

Proposed programme: duration 2,5 - 3 hours

Participants will visit 3 producing units: production of raw material of oyster mushrooms, cultivation of oyster mushrooms, and production of biogas.

Participants will have the opportunity to taste some food prepared with mushrooms. If possible and if time allows the visit could be extended to the nearby organic farm.

Location 2) South-Budapest WWTP - Budapest Sewage Works Ltd. – wastewater treatment and biogas plant.

Address: 1238 Budapest, Meddőhányó u. 1.

Proposed programme: duration 2,5 - 3 hours

Participants will visit the Budapest Sewage Works Ltd., a leading company in the establishment of environmentally friendly technologies and developments, notably the production of biogas and wastewater collection and treatment activities.

6. VISA

Foreigners seeking entry into Hungary must have a valid passport which does not expire for at least another 6 months.

Participants are advised to contact the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate-General at their duty station for the most up-to-date information on visa requirements. For more information, please refer to the following website: http://www.mfa.gov.hu/kulkepviselet/UK/en/en_Konzuliinfo/visa_information.htm

If you require the assistance of an invitation letter for the visa please contact GBEP-Secretariat@fao.org as soon as possible.

7. TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE LISZT FERENC INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE HOTEL

The *Liszt Ferenc* International Airport (previously called “Budapest Ferihegy International Airport”) is located 16 kilometres east-southeast of the centre of Budapest, accessible by the Üllői road. Exchange facilities and ATM/Bankomat are available at the Airport’s Arrivals Hall (please be careful of how much you are being charged and what exchange rate is being applied).

Depending on the traffic it takes approximately 30-45 minutes to reach the hotel from the airport. Participants are expected to arrange their own transport between the airport and the hotel. The airport is serviced by the Airport Minibus Service and Public Taxis.

Airport Minibus Service (AirportShuttle-Minibusz): The service takes passengers directly to the hotel but takes several passengers at a time, so may take longer than a taxi as other passengers may get dropped off before you. However passengers traveling with you will all be going to the same district. You can buy your tickets at the numerous Airport Minibus Service booths around the airport including in the baggage claim hall and just outside security doors in the Arrival Hall. A single ticket costs 4000 Forint (13 Euro or 15 USD) and a return ticket is 8000 Forint (Euro 26 or USD 300). You can check the company’s website for more details: <https://www.minibud.hu/en>

This service provider is quite new as it took the place of the previous company (but not as successor) in March 2016 and there is not much experience with them but this is the cheapest option besides using the public transportation.

Public Transportation:

Bus Nr. 200E commutes between Terminal 2 and the Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal (metro line M3), via the Ferihegy train station (trains to the Nyugati railway station in Budapest). From the Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal, passengers can take the M3 metro towards Újpest Központ to reach the city centre (Approx. journey time: 1 hour)

Public Taxi:

Public Taxis are available just outside of airport arrivals terminals. Cost is approximately 25 to 30 EUR (28 to 34 USD) (7840 to 9400 Forint) per trip, depending on traffic.

8. CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES

The Hungarian currency is Hungarian forint (HUF). Current exchange rate is currently approximately Euro 1.00 = USD 1.12 = Ft 313.

All major credit cards are readily accepted in Hungary. Exchange facilities are available at the Airport, at the banks and at the exchange counters in many locations in Budapest.

9. CLIMATE

In Summer time the weather can be really hot but also rainy.

June average is: Temperature mean of **24°C** / 75°F: Average monthly rainfall 60 mm (chance of rain 38%)

July average is: Temperature mean of **26°C** / 79°F: Average monthly rainfall 44 mm (chance of rain 38%)

10. ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Hungary is the European standard 220 Volt with the two round prongs and generally recessed sockets.



11. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

If you require any support in regards to your travel, accommodation and in-land transportation please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Giovanna Pesci Giovanna.pesci@fao.org; phone: +39 06 57056818

12. OTHER CONTACTS

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