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*Dears Friends,*

*This triennium the first I.F.W.L.C. “Bureau” Meeting will take place in Évora, Portugal, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Its main purpose is to discuss and to approve a Working Plan for the I.F.W.L.C., which Draft I’ll send you soon, asking then for your suggestions and proposals.*

*In addition, and according to article 20° n°2 of the I.R., the meeting will appoint a Vice-President substitute of the President, and will prepare the next Council, that will be hold in Buenos Aires, in November 2010.*

*In attachment, I send you also the Agenda proposal, already forwarded to all “Bureau” members.*

*This I.F.W.L.C. meeting will be hold in Alentejo, in Évora, a city at the south of Portugal, classified by the UNESCO as Humankind world patrimony, renowned by its monuments, its surrounding landscape and its ... gastronomy <sup>(1)</sup>.*

*Évora is a city of an outstanding beauty, home of a rich and diverse cultural background, built and preserved throughout the centuries.*

*Évora, embraced by its fortress walls, filled with historic memories in each street, each home, each inhabitant... Its squares and monuments tell us about national History, Religion and culture episode. It’s townsfolk are proud of both past and present times.*

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<sup>1</sup> [www.evora.net/cice/](http://www.evora.net/cice/) and [www2.cm-evora.pt/guiaturistico/](http://www2.cm-evora.pt/guiaturistico/)



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*Inhabited since the Neolithic period, the archaeological landscape that surrounds the city presents important monuments, such as the cromlech of Almendres, 2000 years previous to Stonehenge.*

*The Romans transformed Évora into an imperial town. They called it Eborá Liberalitas Julia, and left several signs of their passage, from which the roman temple stands out.*

*In 715 AD, the city was conquered by the Arabs but there are only a few archaeological evidences of that time. In 1165, Geraldo Sem Pavor (Fearless Geraldo), on a sudden incursion, took the city from the Moor, and that event was printed on the city coat-of-arms. The importance of Evora is undeniable along the centuries: during the Avis Dynasty (1385-1580) the city became the chosen place of the court, which settled here frequently, to the detriment of Lisbon or Coimbra.*

*Since the XX century, one can notice a rousing will to recover from the wasted time, restore the monuments and embellish the city. The historical centre of Évora, as a monumental ensemble of great historical and cultural value, was classified by UNESCO, in 1986, as World Heritage.*

*So Évora is a good challenge for those who love History, landscapes, fine food and good wine tasting ... and here it's where we will attend the next Bureau meeting!*

*The program was prepared for April 29th and 30th, May 1st. For those who arrive before or wish to stay longer there are suggestions of social activities or visits, as the Evoramonte Castle<sup>(2)</sup>, the Vila Viçosa Palace <sup>(3)</sup>, the Alter do Chão horses <sup>(4)</sup>, or the Arraiolos carpets<sup>(5)</sup>.*

*The escorts may choose from a number of possibilities to meet Évora charms while the Bureau work proceeds.*

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<sup>2</sup>[www.estremozmarca.com/index.php?it=241&lang=1](http://www.estremozmarca.com/index.php?it=241&lang=1)

<sup>3</sup> [www.fcbraganca.pt/paco/fcb.htm](http://www.fcbraganca.pt/paco/fcb.htm)

<sup>4</sup> <http://far.alterreal.pt/ca/>

<sup>5</sup> [www.cm-arraiolos.pt/pt/conteudos/o+concelho/Tapete+de+Arraiolos/](http://www.cm-arraiolos.pt/pt/conteudos/o+concelho/Tapete+de+Arraiolos/)



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*Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, will be spent visiting an area which represents Alentejo's History – Reguengos de Monsaraz (6).*

*We will leave in the morning, by bus, to Reguengos de Monsaraz, 60 km from Évora, in order to visit this little town, afterwards, we'll go to. S. Pedro do Corval, the biggest clay pottery center in Portugal and where we'll visit some workshops - and see how some beautiful pieces are made in the old traditional way.*

*Later on, we will visit the Agricultural Cooperative of Reguengos de Monsaraz "CARMIM"(7), which is the biggest and most well known wine producer and the prize winner - Wine Cellar of the Year, 2010. We will find out how fine wine is made and bottled. Lunch will follow at CARMIM premises.*

*The menu was carefully selected and we will be able to taste appetizers and main courses of typical food, along with high quality wines.*

*After lunch, we will visit the medieval village of Monsaraz.*

*This region has some of the oldest Portuguese settlements, being next to the river Guadiana and up the hill for good defense. It was successively occupied by Romans, Visigoths and Arabs. The Mozarabics, Jews and Christians inhabited there. The people who live there bear the marks of so many different cultures.*

*The village has a very well preserved waist of walls. We'll stroll along narrow alleys, doing a guided tour and admiring its monuments (8)*

*There are several handcraft shops and local products available such as pottery, wine, olive oil and cork. We may even watch craftsmen at work.*

*Back to Évora, we will enjoy a calm sunset by Alqueva, the biggest artificial lake in Europe.*

*Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll begin our meeting at the Appeal Court of Évora, where its President will welcome the meeting participants.*

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<sup>6</sup> [www.cm-reguengos-monsaraz.pt/pt](http://www.cm-reguengos-monsaraz.pt/pt)

<sup>7</sup> [www.carmim.eu](http://www.carmim.eu)

<sup>8</sup> [www.cm-reguengos-monsaraz.pt/pt/conteudos/o%2Bconcelho/h2/CZM\\_index.htm](http://www.cm-reguengos-monsaraz.pt/pt/conteudos/o%2Bconcelho/h2/CZM_index.htm)



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*In the afternoon, we'll attend a Conference on the general theme adopted for this triennium by the Paris General Assembly: "The accomplishment of the application of Women's Human Rights at the globalization era", which invited speaker is Maria do Céu Cunha Rego, a well-known expert on this matter. The Conference will take place at the Regional Council of the Bar.*

*Before this Conference we'll stroll in the narrow streets of the ancient town, and we'll visit the ancient Jew district.*

*An excellent diner of traditional cooking will close this working day.*

*Saturday, May 1st, we'll resume our Bureau meeting and once concluded, we'll visit the megalithic site of Almendres <sup>(9)</sup>.*

*And our gathering will be complete with a diner in one of the most well known Évora restaurants, the ancient cuisine of the Palace.*

*This program has been prepared with a special care in order to give you an experience of pleasure and work, which we hope will stay in our memories as a most enjoyable experience.*

*Some useful tips for your journey:*

- ✚ It's very urgent to make the Hotel reservations. Évora is a well known tourist destination and the it's frequent for the Hotels to be full. The Hotel recommended is the EVORA HOTEL - [www.evorahotel.pt/](http://www.evorahotel.pt/)*
- ✚ A list of the recommended Hotels and of the Tourist Agency to use in order to make all your reservations is sent in attachment.*
- ✚ The hotel prices stand only till 26<sup>th</sup> March.*
- ✚ Évora is 130 km away from Lisbon. It's served by the Highway A-6, by train and by Express Bus.*

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<sup>9</sup> [www2.cm-evora.pt/guiaturistico/evora\\_megalitica.asp](http://www2.cm-evora.pt/guiaturistico/evora_megalitica.asp))



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- ✚ *At the Airport you may rent a car to travel to Évora. You must take the direction of the Vasco da Gama Bridge and from there the Highway A-6.*
- ✚ *Or, then you may catch the Bus to Évora, which timetable is in annex at the Sete Rios Terminal -[www.rede-expressos.pt/](http://www.rede-expressos.pt/).*
- ✚ *And last, but not the least, an advise: bring comfortable shoes !*

*My friends, before finishing this letter, I would like to draw your attention on the **application form**, which you must **send** to the I.F.W.L.C. headoffice **until March 31st**.*

*I'm waiting for you in Évora !*

*The I.F.W.L.C. President*

*Maria Teresa Féria de Almeida*