

PROPOSAL FOR 2015 IAMSLIC CONFERENCE IN ROME, ITALY

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To: IAMSLIC Site Selection Committee

From: Maria Kalentsits, Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch Library, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO, Rome, Italy

Re: Proposal for 2015 IAMSLIC Conference in Rome, Italy

Thank you for considering the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch Library as host for 2015 IAMSLIC Conference. In 2005, the Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch Library already had a chance to host the IAMSLIC Conference in Rome, which brought together over 140 participants and was a very successive event. If held in Rome, 2015 IAMSLIC Conference will be co-sponsored by FAO.

The capital city of Italy, **Rome** has a rich history which extends over more than two thousand five hundred years. It is also capital of Latium Region and Rome Province and situated on Tiber River. Rome is famous for many different things. To name a few: Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon, Vatican state, the Pope, gladiators, Michelangelo, and on it goes.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – FAO is a knowledge organization committed to achieving food security for all. Its mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy. Activities of the FAO's **Fisheries and Aquaculture Department** reflect the main FAO mandate of managing knowledge and information, assuring a global neutral forum for Members and providing technical assistance. **The Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch Library** was established in 1967 to provide specialized library and information services to FAO staff and to disseminate FAO information to fisheries and aquaculture organizations in Member Countries. Its collection includes over 1,600 periodical titles and more than 20,000 reports on developing and tropical fisheries and aquaculture. The most recent and frequently used publications are physically located in the Fisheries & Aquaculture Branch Library. The older collection is integrated in the **David Lubin Memorial Library of FAO**, whose total collection is approaching a million volumes.

Local Host Committee:

Maria Kalentsits, Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch Library, FAO

Armand Gribling, Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch Library, FAO

Jose Garnica, ASFA Secretariat, FAO

David Lubin Memorial Library's representative, FAO

Proposed Dates:

The second week in October 2015 - **12-16 October 2015 (Mon–Fri)** – (Alternative options: **5-9 Oct or 19-23 Oct**). The meeting is proposed to be held from Monday to Friday as FAO security policy doesn't allow holding meetings in Headquarters during weekends.

Meeting venue:

Meeting will take place in **FAO Headquarters**. FAO Headquarters is located on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, in front of the *Circo Massimo*. It can be reached by car, bus, tram and metro line B (*Circo Massimo* stop). There are six buildings in FAO Headquarters, all interconnected. The large conference rooms (Plenary Hall, Red Room, Green Room) are in Building A. Several smaller meeting rooms are located in Buildings A, B, C and D. The two-story glass-enclosed Atrium interconnects Buildings A and B and may be the center of some of the activities scheduled during meetings.

Depending on the number of participants as well as room availability, we consider either **Iran Room** (total seats: 127) or **Green Room** (total seats: 496, 2005 IAMS LIC Conference venue) as a venue for the meeting.

Three smaller size rooms located in David Lubin Memorial Library - Library-Culture-Change-Room (A046, 30 people), Library-E-Learning-Lab (A050, 24 computers), Library-Facilitation-Room (A048, 50 people) are available for smaller group meetings (Executive Board meetings, pre-conference workshop, mini-ASFA meeting, GE-MIM Session, etc.)

Internet

Computer and internet facilities are available in David Lubin Memorial Library located at the FAO Headquarters Complex on the Ground floor of Building A. FAO meeting rooms and the Atrium have wireless internet access.

Invited speakers:

FAO leading officers and consultants from the Fishery and Aquaculture Department and other departments or scientists from other Italian institutions would be invited speakers.

Welcome reception venue

The Welcome Reception will most likely be held on Monday in **Aventino Room or on the Terrace, FAO** (both located on the 8th Floor and offer breathtaking view over Rome).

Banquet venue

Conference banquet will be held in one of the restaurants, located in a walking distance from FAO.

Coffee-breaks

Coffee-breaks will be arranged with one of the catering companies located in FAO which provide service to all FAO meeting rooms.

Dining Facilities

We propose self-service lunch in one of the FAO Cafeterias and restaurants. The FAO Headquarters Complex offers a variety of dining and snack bar facilities. The FAO Cafeteria, located on the eighth floor, Building B, is available to participants from 12.00 hours to 14.30 hours for lunch. The free-flow cafeteria offers a selection of hors d'oeuvres, first and second courses, grill and salads. The FAO Restaurant, located on the eighth floor, Building C, offers a daily menu and *à la carte* service. Also, many of the local restaurants and shops are located on Viale Aventino.

Registration

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Accommodation

There are several hotels and guesthouses in vicinity of FAO. A number of monasteries and convents provide budget accommodation.

Hotel Santa Prisca**

<http://www.hotelsantaprisca.it/> - 50 rooms

tel.: +39 065741917

single/double: EUR 110/140

Hotel Primus Roma*** - 25 rooms

<http://www.hotelprimusroma.it>

tel: + 39 3277918266; +39.06.57250515

single/double: EUR50/70 to 85/145 (discounts for FAO)

Hotel San Anselmo**** - 34 double rooms

<http://www.aventinohotels.com/sa/en/hotel.htm>

Tel: +39 06 570057

Single/double: EUR150/177 breakfast included

Rome monastery and convent accommodation

<http://www.monasterystays.com/>

Food

The Italian cuisine is famous all over the world for its diversity and richness. There is a number of restaurants and pizzerias around FAO and in the vicinity of hotels.

Transportation

Rome is easily accessible from everywhere in the world and Italy. It is the central point of Italy rail system and well connected by highways and motorways.

Rome has two major airports: Rome's main airport, Leonardo da Vinci (or **Fiumicino**) and **Ciampino** airport.

There is a non-stop **train service** (The Leonardo Express) which takes you **from Fiumicino airport** to Termini Station (the main train and metro station in the centre of Rome) in approximately 30 minutes. The fare is € 14. From Termini Station, you can take the Metro Line B (direction Laurentina) three stops to Circo Massimo. The entrance to FAO is in front of you as you go up the steps from the metro station. Subway tickets can be purchased at a "Tabaccheria" at the Airport and Termini Station and from the automatic machines at the metro stations. Tickets cost €1.50 (these tickets are also valid on buses for a total duration of 100 minutes).

For additional information on the Rome public transport system, please visit www.atac.roma.it (site is in Italian).

A taxi from Fiumicino airport to FAO should cost approximately € 48.

From Ciampino Airport you can use shuttle bus and subway to get to FAO area. There is also a shuttle bus connection between Ciampino airport and Termini Station (the main train and metro station). From Termini station you can take Metro Line B (direction to Laurentina) three stops to Circo Massimo. The entrance to FAO is in front of you as you go up the steps from the subway station.

A taxi from Ciampino airport to FAO should cost approximately € 40.

For **train connection** please visit the ItaliaRail and Trenitalia websites:

<http://www.italiarail.com>

<http://www.trenitalia.com>

Possible Field Trips

- Heart of Rome (Half day introduction to baroque Rome)
- The Vatican City and Museums <http://saintpetersbasilica.org/touristinfo.htm>
- Ancient Ostia day-trip <http://www.ostia-antica.org/>
- Day trip to Tivoli <http://www.villadestetivoli.info/infoe.htm>
- Pompeii Tour <http://www.pompeiturismo.it/>
- Florence day-trip <http://www.firenzeturismo.it/en/>
- Tuscany day trip <http://www.turismo.intoscana.it/>

<http://www.romaround.com/home/welcome-to-romaround>

Other activities

Rome provides endless possibilities for exploring. Here are just some of the options that are available.

- Segway and Bike rentals
- Eating Italy Food Tours in Rome <http://www.eatingitalyfoodtours.com/>
- Catacombs and Roman Countryside Walking Tour
- Rome's Tiber River Dinner Cruise