INFORMATION

We are pleased to invite you to attend the European Athletics Calendar Conference and the related meetings which will take place from the 11th to the 15th October 2007 at St. Paul’s Bay, in Malta/MLT. Please find below important organisational information:

1. REGISTRATION
Registration and hotel booking for all participants to Calendar Conference will be managed by the online European Athletics Guest Management System (GMS). The web form is based on a secure Internet connection, providing you with the necessary security to include credit card details as well.

The registration form can be accessed on the following address:

https://www.eaa-admin.ch/gmsconf

In order to enter the system, you need an ID and password which are provided in the invitation letter.

For further information, please find attached the European Athletics Guest Management System User’s Manual.

The deadline for registration is Friday **14 September 2007**. Only participants registered by the deadline can be guaranteed accommodation.

Then, the LOC will send you a confirmation letter, which will include the confirmation of your hotel booking, your tour reservation as well as the provisions concerning payment.

2. FLIGHT BOOKING AND ARRIVAL
Please note that Air Malta is offering a 10% discount for all participants booking their flight with Air Malta. In order to book a flight, please visit the website: [http://www.airmalta.com/conferences](http://www.airmalta.com/conferences) and use the ID & password which are provided in the invitation letter.

Participants should arrive at Malta International Airport where they will be welcomed by LOC representatives. They will be transported to the ‘Dolmen Hotel Resort’ for accreditation. Transport will be provided by bus, minibus or light car depending on the number of delegates arriving at any one time. The trip from the airport to the hotel should not take more then 30 minutes.
Air Malta operates flights to and from the following airports:

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For detailed flight schedule of Air Malta please refer to website: [www.airmalta.com](http://www.airmalta.com).

### 3. Visas

Nationals of the following countries must apply for visa to the Maltese Embassies or Consulates in their countries:

- Albania (ALB)
- Armenia (ARM)
- Azerbaijan (AZE)
- Belarus (BLR)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)
- Georgia (GEO)
- Moldova (MDA)
- Montenegro (MNE)
- Russia (RUS)
- Serbia (SRB)
- Turkey (TUR)
- Ukraine (UKR)

Nationals of the following countries do not require a visa to enter Malta provided that their stay does not exceed 3 months:

- Andorra (AND)
- Austria (AUT)
- Belgium (BEL)
- Bulgaria (BUL)
- Croatia (CRO)
- Cyprus (CYP)
- Czech Republic (CZE)
- Denmark (DEN)
- Estonia (EST)
- Finland (FIN)
- France (FRA)
- Germany (GER)
- Great Britain (GBR)
- Greece (GRE)
- Hungary (HUN)
- Iceland (ISL)
- Ireland (IRL)
- Israel (ISR)
- Italy (ITA)
- Latvia (LAT)
- Liechtenstein (LIE)
- Lithuania (LTU)
- Luxembourg (LUX)
- Monaco (MON)
- Netherlands (NED)
- Norway (NOR)
- Poland (POL)
- Portugal (POR)
- Romania (ROM)
- San Marino (SMR)
- Slovak Republic (SVK)
- Slovenia (SLO)
- Spain (ESP)
- Sweden (SWE)
- Switzerland (SUI)
Participants who require a visa should contact the Malta Amateur Athletic Association as soon as possible to obtain a special invitation letter and visa application information.

Please send an e-mail to joeger46@gmail.com or a fax to +356 21 894847 with the following information:-

- FULL NAME (FIRST AND FAMILY)
- DATE OF BIRTH
- NUMBER OF THE PASSPORT ON WHICH YOU ARE TRAVELLING
- DATE, PLACE OF ISSUE AND EXPIRATION OF THE PASSPORT

The invitation will be sent to you and to the issuing Embassy as soon as possible.

4. ACCOMMODATION & ROOM RATES

The participants will be accommodated in the following hotels:

**Main Conference Hotel: DOLMEN HOTEL RESORT**
Qawra, St. Paul’s Bay SPB 05
Tel +356 2355 2355
Fax +356 2355 5666
Web: www.dolmen.com.mt

The hotel is located right on the seafront and offers space and comfort. All rooms have full air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom, direct-dial telephone, TV, with the majority of rooms having a private balcony overlooking the sea. The hotel has a buffet style dining room, as well as à la carte restaurant “La Sybillie” and a café “Delos Bistro”. The hotel has a bar, casino, swimming pool and spa.

There is WIFI on all public area and conference area. Two PC are at disposal of the public in the lobby.

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<td>Single room</td>
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The LOC is offering a 8% discount on these rates to all those who book for five or six nights, and a 12% discount on the same rates to those who book for seven or more nights.

The price quoted is on Bed and Breakfast basis (includes VAT) as well as the following amenities:

- Free portage in and out, safety deposit boxes, use of leisure facilities including fitness room, sauna and jacuzzi.
- Free entry to the Hotel’s Casino including a voucher Lm 5 (Euro 11.50) match & play bet.
- Free voucher of Lm5 (Euro 11.50) at the Myo Ka Spa valid for treatments of Lm15 (Euro 34.50) and over.
Second option: TOPAZ HOTEL
Bugibba, SPB 03
Tel +356 21 572416
Fax +356 21 571123
Web: www.tumas.com/topaz

The TOPAZ HOTEL is situated in the heart of the very popular seaside resort of Bugibba and is just ten minutes walk from the sea front promenade. It is also just about the same distance from the Dolmen Hotel Resort.

The Topaz Hotel offers fully air-conditioned rooms enjoying en-suite bathrooms. Many of the rooms also have balcony. The hotel amenities include a large fresh water swimming pool with kid’s section, an indoor pool, a games room, sauna as well as a hair dressing salon and gift shop.

| Single room: EUR 100.00 per person per night |
| Double/Twin room: EUR 130.00 per room per night |

The price includes VAT and Breakfast.

We kindly ask you to register online as soon as possible and not later than 14 September 2007. After that date, we will not be able to guarantee your accommodation.

**PAYMENTS**

In order to assure accommodation, a prepayment, by credit card or bank transfer, of one night’s accommodation is required at the time of booking.

**Without prepayment, the booking will not be accepted!**

The remaining accommodation costs shall be settled on arrival directly at the cash desk located in the Dolmen Hotel Resort, in cash or by credit card (VISA, MASTERCARD).

Bank transfer should be done to:

| Beneficiary: | FEXCO FINANCIAL SERVICES (MALTA) LTD |
| Beneficiary address: | NAXXAR ROAD, SAN G WANN, SG N9032 MALTA, EUROPE |
| BANK: | DEUTSCHE BANK AG |
| BANK ADDRESS: | D- 60262, FRANKFURT, GERMANY |
| IBAN Number: | DE72 5007 0010 0963 4767 00 |
| SWIFT CODE: | DEUTDEFF |

In the payment details please make sure that you include the following text: “Payment for EA CALENDAR CONFERENCE MALTA2007”, including your name and country.

Should anyone find any difficulty in submitting this payment, kindly contact Mr. Anthony Chircop on aaachircop@nextgen.net.mt
ROOM CANCELLATION POLICY
Cancellation policies are as follows:

- for any cancellation made after the deadline of 14 September 2007, one night payment will be charged to the participants;
- in case of no-show, the full stay will be charged to the participant.

5. ACCREDITATION DESKS
The accreditation & payment desks will be located in the lobby of the Dolmen Hotel Resort. All participants need to call at this desk on arrival in order to be accredited and accommodated. Information boards will be available in the Topaz Hotel and will be updated regularly.

The opening hours will be according to the arrival/departure of the participants.

6. CONFERENCE CENTRE
The Calendar Conference and related meetings will be held in the Dolmen Hotel Resort.

7. PROGRAMME
The provisional general programme is attached. Continuously updated programmes will be published on the conference website (www.athleticsmalta.org).

The final programme will be distributed upon arrival.

8. SOCIAL PROGRAMME
Friday 12 October:

- 13h30 Lunch hosted by IAAF and served at the Dolmen Hotel Resort.
- 15h30 Departure for a sight-seeing tour to Ta Qali Craft Village and Mdina for all the participants. The tour will be directly followed by the joint European Athletics & Malta Athletic Association dinner which will take place at the Mediterranean Conference Center in Valletta city. During the dinner, we will have the award ceremony of the Athlete of the Year 2007.

Please note that we will not come back to the hotel before going to Valletta for the Dinner. Please see next point for further information about the tour to Mdina.
9. SIGHTSEEING PROGRAMME

Further to the social activities indicated in the programme, the following sightseeing excursions will be organised. In order to participate, you need to indicate your wish while you register online and confirm your participation upon arrival in Malta.

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**Friday 12th October: CITY OF VALLETTA**  
9.00am to 12.30am

**Itinerary:**
- **Upper Barracca Gardens** - with magnificent 180° views of the Grand Harbour and the 3 Cities.
- **St John’s Co Cathedral** - a must especially to view Caravaggio’s masterpiece ‘The beheading of St. John’  
  St John’s Museum - housing a unique collection of religious artefacts including Caravaggio’s masterpiece ‘The Beheading of St. John’.
- **Grand Master’s Palace** - housing the president’s office and seat of Malta’s Parliament, the palace is a treasure trove of art.

**Programme:**
The city of Valletta was built after the Great Siege of 1565. The tour starts from the Upper Barracca Gardens followed by walk along the straight and narrow streets to the Co-Cathedral of St. John. The tour then proceeds to the Grand Master’s Palace.

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**Friday 12th October - THE SILENT CITY OF MDINA & TA QALI CRAFTS VILLAGE**  
3.30pm to 6.30pm and followed by the Official Dinner!

**Itinerary:**
- **Ta Qali** - Local artistic handwork.
- **Mdina bastions** - guided walk-around along the bastions with 270° views of the islands.
- **St Paul’s Cathedral** - destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and rebuilt 4 years later, it is believed to stand on the site where the house of Publius once stood. Publius was the Roman governor when St. Paul arrived in Malta in 60ACE, and eventually became the islands first bishop. St. Paul’s Catacombs typical of the subterranean Christian cemeteries common in the 4th Century ACE

**Programme:**
Our tour starts with a visit to the Ta Qali Crafts Village where we would be spending about an hour seeing Glass blowing, Filigree (silver) work and decorative pottery skills among others. We would then go up to The Silent City of Mdina, with its defence bastion dating back to the 9th century. We walk through the town, visiting St. Paul’s Cathedral and then to the bastions for a panoramic view of the island.
We will then drive to Valletta where the joint European Athletics and Malta Athletic Association Dinner will be served.

Note: we will not come back to the hotel in between the tour and the dinner but would be given time to rest and refresh ourselves before proceeding to Valletta.

### Tour C - price of Lm 19.50 (EUR 45) and includes coach, ferry and lunch

**Thursday 11th October & Sunday 14th October - ISLAND OF GOZO**

Full day tour

**Itinerary:**
- **Basilica of Ta Pinu** - a national shrine and centre of pilgrimages.
- **Ggantija** - The Ggantija (place of giants) temples are considered to be the oldest free standing structures in the world, dating from the third millennium BCE. First excavated in 1827, the complex consists of ..
- **The Citadel** - Medieval City dominating the heights of the capital Victoria.
- **Lunch** served at the St. Patrick’s Restaurant
- **Dwejra** - The Azure Window is an impressive natural arch standing some 20 metres high, immediately outside the Inland Sea. The inland sea is a secluded bathing pool with crystal clear water and surrounded by sheer cliffs.

**Programme:**
Tour to Malta’s sister island of Gozo. After a twenty-minute ferry crossing, on setting foot in Gozo, you will notice that although both islands are similar in history and development, Gozo has a character entirely of its own. Gozo is the legendary adobe of Calypso; daughter of Atlas; the island renowned for its local lace and knitwear. Gozo, the three-hilled island, is greener and more picturesque than Malta.

During this excursion we will first visit the Prehistoric Temples of Ggantija with its impressive walls, which are in some cases twenty feet high and weigh several tons. We will then proceed to visit Dwejra Bay, the Citadel in Victoria, Xlendi Bay and Qala Heights. Lunch is also included. Free time for shopping will also be allowed. Finally we embark the ferryboat at Mgarr Harbour to return to Malta.

### Tour D - price of Lm 15 (EUR 34.50) and includes lunch

**Thursday 11th October & Saturday 13th October - MDINA, RABAT, MOSTA AND TA QALI**

Full day tour

**Itinerary:**
- **Mosta Church** - built in 1833, the church’s dome is the third largest in the world
- **Mdina bastions** - guided walk-around along the bastions with 270° views of the islands.
- **Mdina Experience** - an audio-visual presentation that traces the history of Malta’s former capital, from its foundation to the present St Paul’s Cathedral.
Mdina - destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and rebuilt 4 years later
Lunch - Lunch will be served at the Bacchus Restaurant in Mdina
St. Paul's Catacombs - typical of the subterranean Christian cemeteries common in the 4th Century ACE
Rabat & Ta Qali Crafts Village - Local artistic and crafts work.

Programme:
Our first visit is to St. Mary’s Church in Most built in 1833 with the third largest unsupported dome in the world. Our next visit is to the silent city of Mdina with its defence bastions dating back to the 9th Century. We walk through the town, visiting St. Paul’s Cathedral and then to the bastion for a panoramic view of the island. A stop to see The Mdina Experience and after a short break for coffee and cake is also included. We will then proceed to Rabat to visit St. Paul’s Catacombs. According to a strong tradition, based on early writings of St. Luke, the Apostle Paul found shelter in this grotto after he was shipwrecked. The day ends with a visit to the Handicrafts Village of Ta’ Qali.

Tour E - price of Lm 15.75 (EUR 36) and includes lunch

Thursday 11th October - VALLETTA & THE THREE CITIES OF KOTTONERA
Full Day Tour

Itinerary:
- Upper Barracca Gardens - for a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour and the 3 Cities.
- St John’s Co Cathedral - a must especially to view Caravaggio’s masterpiece ‘The beheading of St. John’.
- St John’s Museum - housing a unique collection of religious artifacts
- Grand Master’s Palace - housing the president’s office and seat of Malta’s Parliament, the palace is a treasure trove of art
- Inquisitors Palace (Vittoriosa) - once the seat of the inquisition in Malta. One may see the inquisitor’s private apartments, the judgement hall and dungeons. It also houses a museum that displays tools, farming implements, objects of devotion and other artefacts used in a bygone age.

Programme:
The city of Valletta was built after the Great Siege of 1565. The tour starts from the Upper Barracca Gardens followed by walk along the straight and narrow streets to the Co-Cathedral of St. John. The tour then proceeds to the Grand Master’s Palace, followed by lunch. We then proceed to discover the splendor of the most important part of Malta during the period of the Knights. Our first visit starts at the Gardjola Gardens Senglea’s watch point. We then drive through the historical city of Vittoriosa, followed by a visit to the Inquisitors Palace.
**10. DEPARTURES**

Individual departure forms will be distributed with the welcome bags and must be returned to the welcome desk no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day before the departure. The transfer schedule will be displayed in both hotel lobbies the evening before departure.

**11. PRELIMINARY EUROPEAN CALENDAR 2008**

The European Athletics Member Federations are invited to enter their competitions data for the 2008 Calendar into the European Athletics Website. As basis for this, European Athletics will use the web based calendar database 2007. Please note that all entries should be received by **Monday, 17 September 2007**. Later entries cannot be considered for the Preliminary Calendar which will be distributed to the participants on arrival in Malta/MLT and can be viewed on the European Athletics website after **Wednesday, 26 September 2007**.

Entry procedures are the following:

Online Entries for the Calendar 2008 shall be made into the European Athletics Calendar database on the European Athletics website at the following link: [www.european-athletics.org/cal2008](http://www.european-athletics.org/cal2008)

In order to enter your calendar data, please use the existing User-ID and the Password which has been assigned to your federation also for making online entries to major European Athletics Events.

**The database will be open from Monday, 3 September to Monday, 17 September 2007.**

Further instructions and helpful information will be available in the Calendar section of the European Athletics website. In case of questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact:

- Competition Department  Tel. +41 21 313 43 56/8
  e-mail: competition@european-athletics.org

  or for technical questions:

- Nicolas Russi  Tel. +41 62 752 46 76
  e-mail: nrussi@mediasprint.ch

**Applications for European Athletics Permit Meetings 2008 (Indoor, Walking and Outdoor/Premium):**

Meeting organisers wishing to obtain European Athletics Permit/Premium Meeting status for their event are requested to fill in the appropriate application form, which must be approved and signed by the European Athletics Member Federation concerned and then returned to the European Athletics Office. Please note that the application deadline is **Saturday, 1 September 2007**.

The decision on which Meetings will receive European Athletics Permit/Premium in 2008 will be made by European Athletics before the Calendar Conference. **Permit applications forms will follow under separate cover.**
12. Contact
For further information, please contact:

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