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Welcome note from Didier Hespel

Dear AIACE members,

Everyone knows the famous song "Valencia" that made the city famous throughout Europe. Although it was written by a Spaniard, José Padilla Sanchez, in 1926, it started its international career in Paris in 1926. So it was not until some time after that the song's Spanish career began, before getting known in the whole world.

But next year Valencia will be best known as the venue for the AIACE Congress, as decided by the Management Board on May 31st in Maastricht.

Valencia, the third largest city in Spain and the capital of the Valencian Autonomous Community, is still relatively unknown, but it is a city that strikingly combines the old and the new. It is the seat of a renowned university and is proud of its futurist Calatrava City of Arts and Sciences and its port which is the largest Spanish freight port; it is also the third largest economic centre in Spain, living mainly from trade and agriculture (think of oranges ...). It has excellent infrastructure (thank you Mr. FEDER. ...): a modern airport located near the city, a network of roads and motorways that many cities would envy, an excellent bus-tram-métro network (the latter unfortunately unfinished because of lack of money). But it is also a city with a historical centre rich in monuments and museums as well as numerous remarkable Art Nouveau buildings (including the famous Central Market) and Art Deco. The totally pedestrianised centre is an invitation to stroll through old lanes.

Needless to say Valencia is the capital of paella, but also of other rice-based preparations as well as fideuà (similar to paella but based on a small vermicelli type pasta). It is also the home of Agua de Valencia, a cocktail whose recipe I will not reveal, but that you will have the chance to taste on the spot.

I invite you to discover Valencia and its gastronomy during the Congress which will be held there from 22 to 26 May 2018 in the magnificent Palacio de Congresos, designed by the architect Norman Foster. You will find the programme further on. As at Maastricht, the opening will be on the eve of the General Assembly with guest speakers of renown. Outside the General Assembly, as usual, you can attend thematic workshops. You will also be able to meet the new president, with whom a closing session is scheduled. The gala dinner will be held in an idyllic setting; I will not say more ...

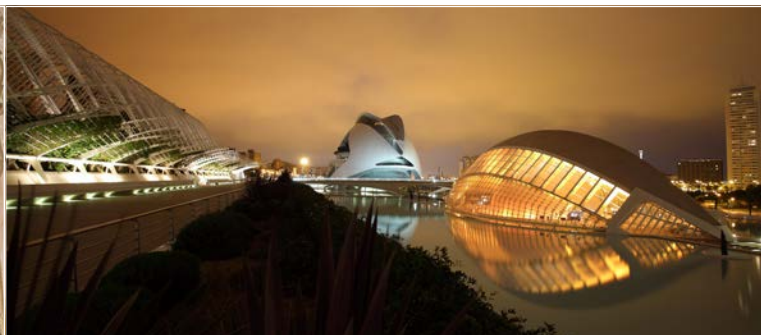
I hope I have said enough to tempt many of you to join us in Valencia.

Hasta pronto !

Didier Hespel

Secretary General, in charge of the organization of the Congress

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Valencia in few words

Valencia offers a combination of avant-garde style, culture and Mediterranean spirit, bound to captivate its visitor. Spain's third-largest city is a magnificent place, a wonderfully liveable city with thriving cultural, eating and historical scenes. Great 21st century buildings, such as the City of Arts and Sciences designed by Santiago Calatrava, the Conference Centre by Norman Foster and the Veles e Vents building by David Chipperfield, have all helped to make Valencia a landmark of architecture and a symbol of European avant-garde.

A city with 2000 years of history

Valencia contains influences from Roman, Visigoth, Moorish and Medieval cultures. This is evident in many of its iconic monuments and buildings, such as the Lonja de la Seda (Silk Exchange, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site), La Almoina, the Serranos and Quart Towers and the Cathedral.

300 days of sunshine – lifestyle

A mild climate with 300 days of sunshine per year and an average temperature of 19°C make Valencia an ideal destination at any time of year. In Valencia, there are seven kilometres of beaches waiting to be explored. In Valencia, thousands of people soak up the sun all year round at an outdoor bar or café, while having a few tapas and a glass of wine or cold beer.



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Valencian

Valencian is a Catalan dialect and the traditional language in most parts of the Valencian Community. It was introduced by colonists from the Principality of Catalonia in the newly formed Kingdom of Valencia after the recapture of the Muslim territories by James I of Aragon during the first half of the 13th century.

Valencian authors gave its credentials to Literary Catalan and played a leading role during the Spanish Golden Age. In the 16th century the Iberian Union and the propagation of Castilian as sole language of the nobility and the institutions, pushed Catalan into the background, but it remained the main language of the people, also in the Valencian area. During Franco's dictatorship (1939-1975) the language was not used by the institutions and speaking it in public was prohibited and sometimes even repressed; publications in local languages were strictly controlled and the region experienced a massive immigration, mainly from Andalucía. Valencian suffered a real setback as far as

the number of native speakers, but remained largely spoken in the provinces of València and Castellón, mainly outside the larger cities.

Today Valencian represents almost one third of all Catalan speakers; however, most Valencians consider it a separate language, partly due to politicised controversies about its name or its classification as a dialect during the Democratic Transition. The Valencian Academy of Language (AVL), the Institut d'Estudis Catalans, as well as the Spanish Constitutional Court produced various decisions and declarations which resolved the dispute from the legal, academical and institutional point of view. Since 2006 the term "Valencian" is officially recognised.





Congress programme

Congress Package

Tuesday 22 May 2018 - Arrivals

- 18:00** Welcome Reception at Hotel Melià
(included in package)
- 19:00 – 22:00** Dinner (optional)

Wednesday 23 May 2018

- 09:30 – 15:00** City Tour & Lunch
(included in package)
- 16:00 – 18:00** Opening and Conference at VCC
Free evening

Thursday 24 May 2018 - Statutory General Assembly at VCC (with interpretation)

- 09:30 – 11:15** Statutory General Assembly
- 11:15 – 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30 – 13:30** Statutory General Assembly
(continued)
- 13:30 – 15:00** Lunch
(included in package)
- 15:00 – 17:30** General Assembly
(continued)
- 19:30 – 23:00** Gala Dinner
(included in package)

Friday 25 May 2018

- 10:00 – 13:00** Workshops at Hotel Melià
- 13:00 – 14:30** Lunch
(included in package)
- 14:30 – 18:30** Management Board meeting at Hotel Melià
- 14:30 – 19:30** Half Day Programme
(Optional)
Free evening

Saturday 26 May 2018

- 10:00 – 11:30** Congress Closing at Hotel Melià
(included in package)
- 15:00 – 22:30** Optional Programme
(dinner included)

Post Congress Programme

Sunday 27 May 2018

- 10:00 – 19:00** Full Day Excursion
(optional, lunch included)



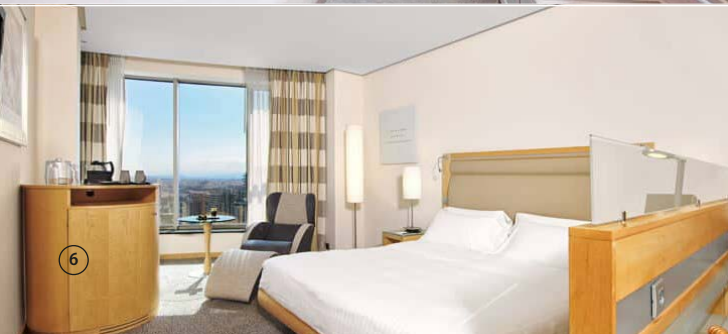
Congress venue

The General Assembly will take place in
VCC (Valencia Conference Centre)
Av. Cortes Valencianas, 60, 46015 Valencia
T: +34 963 179 400
W: <http://www.palcongres-vlc.com>

Congress hotel

The Management Board meeting and the workshops will take place in
Meliã Valencia Hotel
Avenida Cortes Valencianas 52, Valencia
T: +34 963 030 000
W: <https://www.melia.com>

The **Meliã Valencia** is located in one of the most important and dynamic areas of Valencia, near the Valencia Conference Centre. Meliã Valencia offers an excellent Mediterranean and international cuisine. A taxi rank is located just outside the hotel and a metro station only a few minutes away. The hotel offers excellent access to and from anywhere in the city.



How to reach Valencia

The international airport (VLC) is located just 10 km from the VCC and has a metro line link. The city offers flights to 14 Spanish cities and 40 European cities.

Assises 2018 de l'AIACE, 22-26 mai 2018
Valencia Conference Center (VCC) & Melià Valencia hôtel

FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION ET DE RESERVATION

Registration to the 2018 AIACE Congress is made by filling in and sending to ARTION Conferences & Events either:

- a) the on-line registration form www.aiace-europa-assises.eu ou
b) the printed registration form below by **30 Mars**, the registration deadline.

Congress Secretariat: ARTION Conferences & Events

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INFORMATIONS POUR L'INSCRIPTION

Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.			
First Name:		Family Name:	
Maiden Name:		Former European Institution:	
City:		Address:	
Post Code:		Country:	
Tel:		Mobile:	
E-mail:		Fax:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to appear on the participant list to be published.			

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS *

Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.			
First Name:		Family Name:	
<i>*Please contact ARTION Conferences & Events if you have more than one accompanying person.</i>			

DATA PROTECTION: We inform you that providing personal information is voluntary; personal data collected by the registration forms of the participants is exclusively used for the fulfillment of purposes of your registration in the AIACE 2018 Congress. In no case are they sold, rented or released to third persons; their treatment is in accordance with the Greek legislation and the EC Directives 95/46 and 2002/58 on the protection of individual and data of personal character.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate any special dietary requirements

<input type="checkbox"/> Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	Other, please specify:
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	Other, please specify:

SPECIAL SERVICES

Please let us know if you have any special needs (allergies, mobility problems, etc.), particularly if you need a walk-in shower.



I. PACKAGE DEALS

The Congress Package 4 nights includes:

- Hotel accommodation at Melià Valencia hotel for 4 nights (22,23,24 & 25 May 2018)
- Welcome Reception (22 May 2018)
- City Tour & Lunch included (23 May 2018)
- General Assembly attendance & material (23,24,25 & 26 May 2018)
- Coffee Break (24 May 2018)
- Two lunches with beverages (24 - 25 May 2018)
- The Gala Dinner

The Congress Package 3 nights includes all the above services except from 1 night (25.05.2018)

	Participation Fees (Registration Deadline 30/03/2018)	
Packages 2018	Melià Valencia Hôtel	
	One person in Single	Two persons in Twin/Double
4 nights Congress Package 22 - 26 mai (4 nuits)	€ 1110 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 1740 <input type="checkbox"/>
3 nights Congress Package 22 - 25 mai (3 nuits)	€ 980 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 1600 <input type="checkbox"/>
		I. TOTAL

There will be an extra charge of 100€ for registrations from 31 Mars 2018 onwards.

If you wish to enjoy a fast-lane check-in on arrival at the hotels, please fill in hereunder your passport or ID number, your credit card number as well as your **date of birth** (essential):

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II. WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

Please select the workshop you wish to attend during the congress on 25 May, from 10:00 to 13:00

- ☐ 1. Social services
 ☐ 2. Pensions and statutory benefits
 ☐ 3. Sickness insurance scheme

III. AIRPORT TRANSFERS – ARRIVALS - DEPARTURES

In case your flight details are not available yet, please inform us at a later stage.

Arrival from:	Flight Nr.:	Date:	Time:
Departure to:	Flight Nr.:	Date:	Time:

IV. SOCIAL PROGRAMME & COST

Social programme includes	Date	I wish to participate		
		Cost per person	Participant	Accompanying person
Dinner	Tuesday 22 May 19:00 - 22:00	€ 55	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half Day Programme City of Arts and Sciences Panoramic Tour & Palace of the Arts	Friday 25 May 14:30-19:30	€ 45	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half Day Programme & Dinner America's Cup Port, the Rice Museum & Albufera Natural Park	Saturday 26 May 15:00 - 22:30	€ 115	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please check your preferred language for the guided tours	Participant	Accompanying Person
	<input type="checkbox"/> EN	<input type="checkbox"/> EN
	<input type="checkbox"/> FR	<input type="checkbox"/> FR
	<input type="checkbox"/> DE	<input type="checkbox"/> DE

V. OPTIONAL TOUR

Excursion/Programme	Date	One person	Two persons	Total Cost
Visit to Xàtiva & Fontanars dels Alforins wine area 1 extra night included (27.05.2018)	Sunday 27 May 10:00-19:00	€ 245 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 370 <input type="checkbox"/>	
V. TOTAL				

Remarques: a) The Price for the excursion includes car transfer, tickets, taxes and a reception b) Artion Conferences & Events reserves the right to cancel the excursions in case of low participation. Full refund or alternative options will be provided. Please contact ARTION Conferences & Events for further information.

REGISTRATION & RESERVATIONS FORM TOTAL

Please fill in based on your selections above:

I. Total of Package Deals	€
IV. Social Programme & Cost	€
V. Optional Tour	€
Grand Total for I + IV + V	€
30% of the total amount must be paid within 10 days upon registration. Please indicate the amount.	€
70% residual amount must be paid by 15/4. Please indicate the amount.	€

PAYMENT DETAILS

Please choose method of payment:

☐ **Bank transfer to the following bank account:**

Beneficiary: ARTION Conferences & Events

IBAN Nr.: BE61 0016 5768 3217

Swift/ BIC: GEBABEBB

Bank: BNP PARIBAS FORTIS, BRANCH: SCHUMAN - Rond Point Schuman 10, 1040 BRUSSELS

Please make sure you state your name when transferring your payment. Note that all banking costs are born by the participant.

☐ **Credit Card**

I duly authorise ARTION Conferences & Events to debit my credit card and settle my debit balance for 30% of the total amount in the following 10 days after the registration and the total amount by 15 April 2018.

A transaction fee of 2% of the total amount will be added to your total amount due, in case of payment by credit card.

☐ Visa

Card Nr.:

☐ Mastercard

Expiration date: / (MM/YY)

Cardholder's name:

Invoices are issued in the name of the participant unless requested otherwise. Please contact ARTION Conferences & Events if this applies to you.

It is highly advisable

- **to contract a travel insurance (including repatriation)**
 - **to contract a cancellation insurance (if not covered by your travel insurance)**
 - **to take with you the cover's attest of the JSIS (to be requested from RCAM on-line or from your Settlements Office)**
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In case of cancellation after 15 April 2018, whichever the cause, no refund can be claimed from AIACE or ARTION.

CANCELLATION POLICY

For: - Package Deal
- Congress Package
- Optional Tours

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 15 April 2018 | No cancellation fees |
| 2. Written cancellation received from 16 April 2018 | No refund |

All refunds regarding cancellations sent in writing to ARTION Conferences & Events the latest by 15 April will be processed after 28 June.

By signing this form, I

accept all instructions & conditions for reservations made, including cancellation clauses.

Date: / /

Signature:



Social and cultural programme & excursions (optional unless otherwise specified) / Descriptions

Tuesday 22 May 2018

19:00 – 22:00

Optional Dinner with local specialities at Masía Aldamar, a spectacular country mansion built in the early 20th century with typical Valencian architectural elements and surrounded by orange groves.





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Wednesday 23 May 2018

09:30 – 15:00

Historic Valencia Tour followed by a Traditional Paella Lunch (included in package)

During this visit we shall discover the historic centre of the city and see some of the most emblematic areas and buildings: the Basilica, Cathedral (with visit), Church of San Juan del Hospital, Plaza del Patriarca, Marqués de Dos Aguas Palace, Plaza del Ayuntamiento, Plaza Redonda, Santa Catalina, El Carmen neighbourhood, Palau de la Generalitat, Serranos Towers, Benicarló Palace and the Lonja de la Seda (the Silk Exchange Building - a World Heritage Site; with visit). At the Central Market –a jewel of art nouveau - we will enjoy a glass of horchata (a traditional Valencian drink made from tiger nuts) with fartons (long sponge biscuits). The tour will close with a paella lunch at a traditional restaurant on the seafont.





Thursday 24 May 2018

19:30 - 23:00

Gala Dinner (included in package)

at Masia Xamandreu, a typical Valencian 19th century country mansion, just outside the city, surrounded by ample beautiful gardens with palm trees and orange groves.

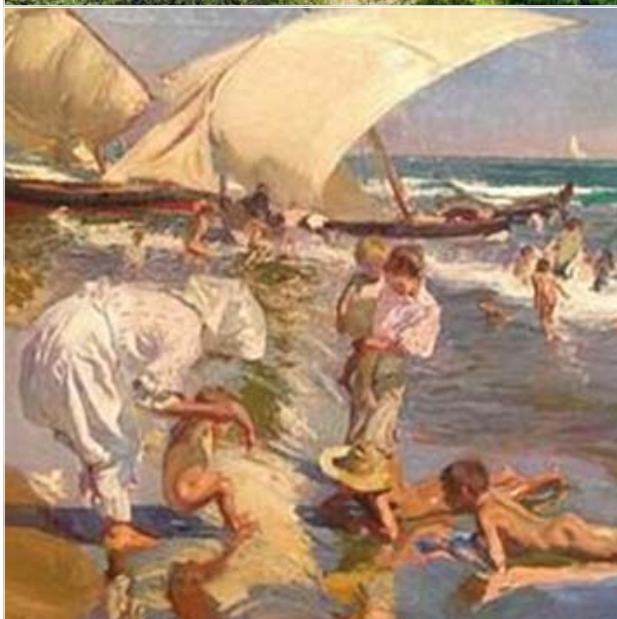




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Friday 25 May 2018

14:30-19:30

City of Arts and Sciences Panoramic Tour & Palace of the Arts

The visit focuses on the most modern part of the city as we take in the stunning exteriors of buildings at the science and culture complex known as Ciudad de las Artes y de las Ciencias designed by the architect Santiago Calatrava: Opera House, Hemisfèric, Umbracle, Museo de Ciencias (Science Museum) and Agora.

The City of Arts and Sciences is situated at the end of the old Turia riverbed (Jardín del Turia), which became a bed garden in the 1980s, after the diversion of the river due to the great flood of Valencia in 1957. It is, today, one of the biggest attractions of the city of Valencia and it disposes currently some of the most important buildings and spectacular modern art in the world.

We will complete the tour with a guided visit of the interior of the Calatrava's master piece "Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia" (Opera House).





Saturday 26 May 2018

15:00 – 22:30

America's Cup Port, the Rice Museum & Albufera Natural Park followed by a dinner

After a short drive we'll find ourselves surrounded by nature as the natural reserve comprises marshlands, woodlands, dunes and a lake. It has a high ecological value and in it there are species in danger of extinction. The marshlands contain some of the biggest rice-fields in Spain, while the lake known as La Albufera is a favourite stopover for migratory birds. Panoramic drive on board the bus to La Albufera passing by the woods of La Dehesa and the rice fields. We arrive at the village of El Palmar, where we board our boats for our cruise on the placid lake (45 min approx).

Boat trip will end with a spanish dinner.





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Post Congress Programme

Sunday 27 May 2018

10:00 – 19:00

Xàtiva & Fontanars dels Alforins wine area (lunch included)

Xàtiva has played a major role in the history of the region. Situated only 70 km south of Valencia, the town is famous as the birthplace of the Borgia Popes: Calixtus III and Alexander VI who divided the new world between Spain and Portugal. It has a considerable historic and artistic heritage. On foot, we will enjoy a guided visit to Xàtiva's town centre, the Colegiata – gothic facade of the former 15th Century hospital, Plaza del Mercado and Alameda. We go up to the lofty castle in a train run by the city council. Once inside the castle we can marvel at the vestiges of Roman and Islamic rule as well as those of the Middle Ages. A visit to L' Almudin (City Museum) will follow to enjoy archaeology and fine arts by José Ribera, Vicente López, Santiago Rusiñol and Mariano and José Benlliure.

Although the town of Fontanars dels Alfonsins has no historical monuments to boast with, it is situated in the middle of a less well-known wine area; after a tour among the vineyards, we will stop at a bodega with a wine tasting as a nice aperitif before going back to Valencia.



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