

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
HELD ON MARCH 16th, 2019 IN SPLIT (HR)**

Attendees:

COUNTRY	<i>NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE</i>	
	<i>First name</i>	<i>Surname</i>
AEHT HEAD OFFICE	Nadine	SCHINTGEN
BELGIUM BELGIQUE	Sanne	HUYGENS
CROATIA CROATIE	Vesna	BARANASIC
CYPRUS CHYPRE	Michael	CHARLISTOS
ESTONIA ESTONIE	Neeme	RAND
FRANCE FRANCE	Didier	LEDER
GERMANY ALLEMAGNE	Sigrid	WOLF
HUNGARY HONGRIE	Marta	GYÖMBER
IRELAND IRLANDE	Ray	CULLEN
LITHUANIA LITUANIE	Audrius	KURLAVICIUS
LUXEMBOURG LUXEMBOURG	Michel	LANNERS
MACEDONIA MACEDOINE	Zoran	NIKOLOVSKI
MONTENEGRO MONTENEGRO	Darko	VUKCEVIC
THE NETHERLANDS PAYS-BAS	Remco	KOERTS
PORTUGAL PORTUGAL	Ana Paula	PAIS
RUSSIA RUSSIE	Olga	VAKHMANOVA
SLOVENIA SLOVENIE	Helena	CVIKL
SPAIN ESPAGNE	Nuria	MONTMANY

GUESTS:

CROATIA CROATIE	Ivo and his 2019 Annual Conference organizing team	BILIC
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1. Welcome address and apologies for absence

The meeting started with a welcome address from the President Remco Koerts and the presentation of apologies for absence from certain National Representatives:

AEHT HEAD OFFICE	Klaus	ENENGL
FINLAND FINLANDE	Marja	HEMMI
ICELAND ISLANDE	Helene H.	PEDERSEN
ITALY ITALIE	Paulo	APRILE
LATVIA LETTONIE	Silva Ilze	OZOLINA LOCMANE
SLOVAKIA SLOVAQUIE	Jozef	SENKO
SWITZERLAND SUISSE	Charles	BARRAS
UNITED KINGDOM ROYAUME-UNI	Aysegul	YESILDAGLAR

The current Presidium had decided to turn the Executive Board meetings into more interactive sessions to create more learning opportunities and to make the AEHT more efficient. During this meeting, following major points would be discussed:

- the AEHT GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) policy & the new AEHT communication strategy
- the state of play of Christmas in Europe 2019 in Barcelona
- the events calendar, including the Youth Parliament and guidelines on the promotion of events
- a working session with Ana Paula Pais and Nuria Montmany to follow up on some of the committee's past discussions.
- the AEHT Academy and future projects
- a presentation by the organizing team of the next Annual Conference in Split

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting (Leeuwarden, November 14th, 2018)

The above-mentioned minutes had been published on the AEHT website www.aeht.eu and were approved unanimously by the delegates present.

3. Report from the various Vice-Presidents on developments in their assigned portfolio

- ***AEHT ICT strategy (Neeme Rand)***

Neeme Rand presented the new communication strategy.

The AEHT journalist Jo Laengy had resigned from his post to hand over to a younger person. After intense discussions, the Presidium had decided to adopt a new communication strategy: no journalist would be appointed, but organizers would be asked to provide articles with pictures reporting on their event, and these would be published on the AEHT Internet site and social media. Each event would also be advertised by a special banner on our website. Currently most Facebook posts are done by Nadine Schintgen, but in future, 'editor's rights' for the AEHT Facebook and Instagram pages would also be given to organizers of official AEHT events for the duration of the event so that live content and pictures may be shared in real time with the AEHT community. Having access to AEHT social media would thus provide organizers with a broader platform for the promotion of their event, and AEHT officers and the AEHT community would have a better picture of the event.

To promote the AEHT page and to stay connected, it is essential that National Representatives ask their national network to click on the Like button for this page.

Following Neeme Rand's presentation, some National Representatives shared their communication strategy with the meeting. In several schools, one or several persons are responsible for putting information on the school's website or social media and all requests for publication are routed through this person. In Belgium, the national (Flemish) network of AEHT schools is about to become a legally recognized organization with a common Facebook page, where all national members may put useful information online, such as problem-solving approaches and examples of good practice in their schools. So far, the page is only in Flemish, but, in future, the content might be translated into English (and/or French). They would like to link their page with the AEHT Europe Facebook page to make sure that Belgian schools also stay connected with the European network and receive all information from AEHT. Regarding the management of her school's Facebook page, Sanne Huygens is in charge of promoting future actions, whereas her teachers will publish gathered information on past activities. In the view of Sanne Huygens, it is essential to have a coordinator supervising the sharing of information with a community.

In Russia all institutions are forbidden to use social media and to publish links to social media on their website. Links are mainly shared via Google drive and information passed by mobile phone.

The Hotel school in Marseilles has at its disposal two websites, one with restricted functions made available by the education department, and a much more interactive site run by the school community (students, former students, teachers and partners/companies). The school also has also its own Facebook page and the French network of member schools recently opened an AEHT France Facebook and Instagram account. Regarding the management of the school's Facebook page, teachers forward the documents to be published to Didier Leder, who has exclusive authority to upload items.

Ana Paula Pais suggested that the AEHT follow the Facebook page of all National Representatives to get this 'organic' information on our timeline.

To avoid additional costs for translating a website into other languages, Ana Paula Pais recommended designing the page to incorporate additional languages at the time the page is created, as this is much cheaper than adding a language afterwards, which would require almost as much time as that for setting up a new website.

The AEHT former website had a robot to translate publications. This was no longer the case and therefore organizers of events were asked to provide documents in two languages, the content and translations of which must be correct, so that the AEHT Head Office needs only to publish the documents.

Nuria Montmany who is responsible for the AEHT Instagram page wished to receive more input and suggested that participants use the ‘hash tag symbol’ to publish instantly their pictures on the event on the AEHT Facebook and Instagram pages.

Nadine Schintgen recapitulated the conditions for event organizers to obtain a grant, which are as follows:

TYPE OF EVENT	AEHT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
Seminars, Festivals and Competitions (except those held during the Annual Conference)	Subsidy of €700 (€1000 for HEG seminars) on receipt of the final report and on condition that: there are delegates from at least 6 AEHT Member Schools from 4 different countries. (including the organising school and country)
Conferences on academic subjects	Subsidy of €700 on receipt of the final report and on condition that: there are at least 25 delegates from 6 AEHT Member Schools from 4 different countries. (including the organising school and country)
Youth parliament	Subsidy of €2.000 on receipt of the final report and on condition that: - there are delegates from at least 12 different member countries (including the organising school and country)

- **AEHT GDPR policy (Neeme Rand)**

The AEHT GDPR (General data protection regulation) policy would be published on our website and members would receive a link with an agreement for their acceptance. When accessing the annual conference registration platform, members would in future have to agree with the purposes and the use of information requested, otherwise they would not be able to register.

Schools would have to confirm that the person in charge of entering data relating to teachers and students on our platform, had previously received authorization to communicate this data. Additionally, schools would have to agree, by ticking a box, that the AEHT, the organizers and the subcontractors may use the data within the organization of the event. However, the use of private data would in any case be limited as much as possible.

If members have recommendations to make regarding the implementation of our GDPR policy, please let AEHT officers know. At the Institute of Technology in Waterford, with a large number of students and staff members, one person was entirely dedicated to GDPR matters. According to Ray Cullen, this should be the case in all large institutions to ensure enough reactivity in case of problems.

At the EHTL in Diekirch, all students had to agree on their registration to share some personal details (including photos) for pedagogical issues and institutional promotion.

Regarding the EU GDPR compliance, the AEHT operated under Luxembourg Law. According to iTrust, a company expert in this matter, the authorities were more lenient with small sized entities as ours than with large groups. However, as the AEHT handled a lot of data of young people, a sensitive category, we had to make sure that their data was securely saved on our platform and that the access to our offices and computers was protected.

What happens after some years with the stored data? Normally, data must be deleted after a certain time, but in its private policy, the AEHT planned to keep the data and pictures for 30 years for historical evidence and for future publications (such as the AEHT 30th anniversary edition of the Cognac encyclopaedia). There were different ways to retrieve data from the AEHT platform, one consisted of contacting its Head Office, the second consisted of asking the data officer from the relevant school to do so.

4. Calendar of events 2019 (Nadine Schintgen)

The following events would be organized in 2019:

MONTH	EVENT
MARCH	
March 13 th - 15 th	International competition ‘IL PIATTO VERDE 2019’ on the topic “Le Erbe del Sorriso” (Herbs for a Smile), Riolo Terme (Ravenna) (IT)
March 20 th -23 rd	5 th edition of the Fish & Cooking festival, a cooking and cocktail competition, Aveiro (PT)
APRIL	
April 2 nd - 4 th	14 th Bartender G&T Competition 2019 - topic: Cocktails & Art, Bled & Ljubljana (SI)
April 8 th - 11 th	21 st edition of the Bartolomeo Scappi International Competition (bar, barista sommelier, pastry, cooking, oenogastronomic exhibition competitions), Castel San Pietro Terme (IT)
April 30 th – May 4 th	6 th AEHT Youth Parliament, London (UK)
MAY	
May 9 th - 12 th	8 th edition of the HEG seminar for teachers and directors (for EQF level 5 and above), Oporto (PT)
JUNE	
June 20 th - 29 th	10 FEST AZORES 2019 – 10 days, 10 chefs, Ponta Delgada, Azores (PT)
SEPTEMBER	
September 16 th – 19 th	Seminar for The WSET® (Wine and Spirit Education Trust) Level 2 and 3 Awards in Wines and Spirits, Maribor (SI)
OCTOBER	
October 23 rd – 24 th	Eurocup 2019 – 27 th edition of the Junior bartender competition, Prešov (SK)
NOVEMBER	
November 11 th - 16 th	32 nd AEHT Annual Conference, Split (HR)
DECEMBER	
December 1 st - 7 th	28 th Christmas in Europe, Barcelona (ES)

5. 2019 Christmas in Europe in Barcelona (ES) (Nuria Montmany)

The next edition of Christmas in Europe organized by Barcelona's Jesuïtes Sarrià-Escola Superior d'Hostaleria i Turisme Sant Ignasi was able to host 24 schools. So far, there were 28 candidates and a selection has to be made on the basis of following criteria; 1) at least one school per country, 2) newcomers first and 3) first come first served. The event will be organized according to its usual framework. So, the different pillars will be as always the exhibition, a parade in traditional costume through the neighbourhood to the local town hall, the European buffet on two evenings, the cultural show and a guided tour, as well as some ice breaker games and team building activities and a treasure hunt. Below you will find the preliminary programme, which may still be subject to changes to ensure that the delegations receive a warm welcome:

SUNDAY | 1st December 2019

Transfer from the airport and railway station to hotels. Accommodation

Informal welcome dinner

Team building activities



MONDAY | 2nd December 2019

Breakfast at hotels

Christmas meeting | General briefing

Exhibition hall and school stands set up

Lunch time

Departure from school to City Hall of Sarrià for Christmas parade

Parade through Sarrià old town

Return to School and **Grand exhibition opening with all participant schools**

Dinner buffet at Escola Superior d'Hostaleria i Turisme Sant Ignasi

Team building activities



TUESDAY | 3rd December 2019

Breakfast at hotels

General exhibition with various activities

Lunch and assessment session

Dinner - European buffet

WEDNESDAY | 4th December 2019

Breakfast at hotels

General exhibition with various activities

Lunch and assessment session

Dinner - European buffet



THURSDAY | 5th December 2019

Breakfast at hotels

Removal of stands from the exhibition hall

Lunch time

Barcelona Christmas | Students - Treasure hunt in the Gothic Quarter

Teachers/Staff - Barcelona Tourism presentations

Guided tour in mixed groups

Christmas Cultural Performances at School

Gala Dinner at Escola Superior d'Hostaleria i Turisme Sant Ignasi



FRIDAY | 6th December 2019

Breakfast at hotels

Departures. Transfer to airport and railway station

Nuria Montmany suggested accommodating young people in a Youth Hostel in the heart of the city, some 20 minutes from the school where most activities will be held. The organizers would also accept students that are minors, but they needed to obtain parental authorisation before leaving for Barcelona. Olga Vakhmanova expressed the regret that for her school Visa costs are too high to participate.

6. 2019 Youth Parliament in London (UK) (Nadine Schintgen)

The first Youth Parliament was initiated by Klaus Enengl and held in 2009 in Bad Ischl. Murray Cooper had been appointed supervisor of the AEHT Youth Parliament. He had agreed to draft the guidelines for this event and these had already been presented at the Annual Conference in Leeuwarden; he had also agreed to host the AEHT Youth Parliament for the second time in London at the Docklands Academy, this time from April 30th to May 4th. The registration deadline was April 9th 2019. The debates of this 6th edition would hinge on a broad theme of contemporary importance, in particular ‘*Climate Change and the Hospitality, Travel and Tourism Industries*’. This topic arose from the actions of 16-year-old Swedish climate change activist Greta Thunberg, who inspires young people all over Europe to protest against global warming. However, there seemed to be a contradiction between the concerns of young people and their own behaviors and life-style, including e.g. carbon impact of their travels, which will form the basis for discussion and debate at the AEHT Youth Parliament in 2019.

Youth Parliament Timetable 2019

Day	Date	Event	Time	Activities
1	Tue 30 th Apr 2019	Arrival in the UK		Transfer from Airport to Accommodation
2	Wed 1 st May 2019	Youth Parliament	9 am – 10:30	Induction
			10:30 – 11:00	Tea
			11:00 – 12:30	Debate
			12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
			13:30 – 16:00	Excursions
3	Thu 2 nd May 2019	Youth Parliament	9 am – 10:30	Preparing a presentation
			10:30 – 11:00	Tea
			11:00 – 12:30	Presentations & Debate
			12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
			13:30 – 16:00	Excursions
4	Fri 3 rd May 2019	Youth Parliament	9 am – 10:30	Preparing a manifesto
			10:30 – 11:00	Tea
			11:00 – 12:30	Debate & Election
			12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
			13:30 – 16:00	Excursion
5	Sat 4 th May 2019	Departure		

The organizers together with the AEHT would pay for accommodation in shared dormitory rooms, lunches, Oyster card for their urban travels as well as excursions. All other costs have to be borne by the participants or their school.

An AEHT Student President would be elected at the Youth Parliament and represent the voice of the students within the AEHT at the next Annual Conference, where he/she would be asked to make a speech at the opening ceremony, have the opportunity to attend a masterclass and to present the resolutions of the Youth Parliament 2019 at the Executive board meeting.

7. Working session to improve the cooperation with National Representatives (Ana Paula Pais)

It had been decided in 2018 that the Presidium would share more responsibilities with National Representatives with the aim of forming closer links between both parties, to profit from each other's expertise and experience and to ensure input from all over Europe.

Ana Paula Pais' task consisted of stimulating more active collaboration to attract new institutions to reverse the current trend of diminishing membership and to ensure greater satisfaction among existing members. Therefore, it was essential to create value to make schools appreciate being part of the AEHT and to encourage them to attend more AEHT activities.

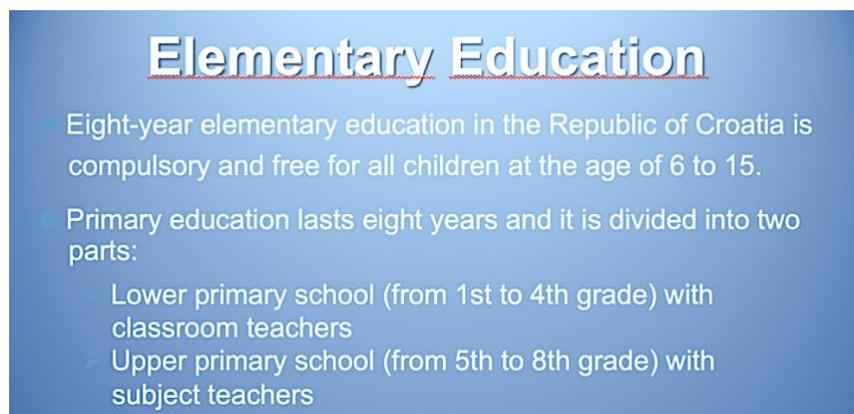
To improve the strategy of the AEHT for developing its membership and for increasing its attractiveness, the Executive Board agreed in November 2018 on the following steps:

1. Update its data | information
2. Share trends in education and tourism
3. Work more closely with national networks
4. Be present, at least, at one event per country to promote the AEHT
5. Invite 3 potential member schools per country to the AEHT Annual Conference
6. Offer a special 3-day package for directors at the AEHT Annual Conference (already available for 2019)

7. Create an AEHT Academy under which Academic Programs for Directors and Teachers at the Annual Conferences, as well as technical and pedagogical conferences, workshops, seminars, etc. would be organized in future. The aim would be to bring knowledge to member schools. If you have any suggestions for a logo, please let Ana Paula Pais or the AEHT Head Office know.
8. Launch an AEHT Start-up Competition – two alternatives: either redefining the Hotel Management competition and/or creating an AEHT Start-up Competition
9. Share online documents amongst the network via Office 365.

During the working session these points were discussed in greater detail and it was decided to concentrate for 2019 on objectives 1 to 6.

Regarding point 1, the Split Hotel school had been invited to prepare a presentation of the education and training system in Croatia, especially with regard to Tourism and Hospitality. There follows the presentation given by Andrea Bilandzic.



Secondary Education

- Pupils choose their secondary education based on their grade level scores from the Primary school under equal conditions.
- Some kind of schools, such as Art schools require a test of talents and capabilities too.

- Electronic identity from the AAI@EduHr system
- Students sign up via the website of the National Information Administration System for Secondary Schools (NISpuSŠ).

- Application provides the students:
 - quick and direct access to personal data,
 - ratings and special accomplishments achieved during basic education,
 - detailed calculation of their grade points for each registered educational programme under the conditions given by high schools,
 - insight into the position they occupy on the list for each educational programme they sign up for.

- Secondary schools, depending on the type of curriculum they implement, are:



- **Gymnasiums**
(general or specialised- languages, science, math and IT, sport...)
- **Vocational or trade schools (VET)**
(technical, industrial, tourism, trading... defined by the type of instructional plan and program they offer)
- **Art schools**
(music, dance, visual arts and others, defined by the type of instructional plan and program they offer)

Tourism and catering school Split

Has 5 programs:

Four years programmes with classes maintained in classrooms with partial winter and summer practice in hotels, tourist board and travel agencies.

- Three years program (cook, waiter and pastry) .

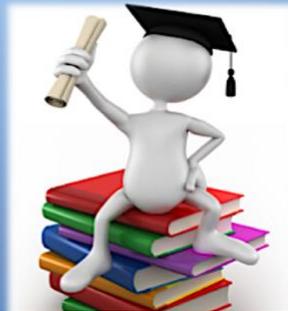
One school week consists of:

- ✓ three days in standard classroom,
- ✓ one day practice in school,
- ✓ one day practice in hospitality object where they also have summer practice

The state graduation exam

- Secondary education of pupils completes upon passing the state graduation exam (the Matura exam).
- Students in vocational and art programmes, which last at least four year finish their secondary education by submitting and presenting their graduation project.
- Mandatory subjects which must be evaluated within the state graduation exam are general education subjects that students attended during high school, and those are:

- Croatian language,
- Math
- English language.



- Each of the state exams is carried out at the same time throughout the country, with the same test materials and in the same way for all applicants.
- The content, conditions, methods and procedures of the National exams and the state graduation exam are prescribed by the Regulations of the Ministry of Science.

Higher Education

- Is conducted at the institutions of higher education through University and vocational studies.
- All institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia have agreed to accept the results of the State graduation exam as one of the criteria for ranking candidates for the study programmes.



Higher Education – Bologna process

- Croatia joined the Bologna process in 2001 and has been an active participant ever since.
- All study programmes have been aligned with the Bologna structure in 2005, and all students graduating in Croatia from these programmes receive ECTS credits and are entitled to diploma supplements (3 years- bacc, and 5 years mag.)



For more information, please visit:

- Web pages: www.mzos.hr and www.upisi.hr .
- Article: <http://croatia.eu/article.php?id=35&lang=1>
- Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRgs9jv8ah0>

Following a question from Michel Lanners, Vesna Baranasic explained that 70% of secondary education consists of vocational education and the rest is in general education. University studies last between 3 and 5 years. 5 years are mainly for medical programmes.

To complete the page on the national educational paths in each member country on the AEHT website, Vesna will send over to the AEHT Head Office the form published on the website of the Croatian Ministry of education.

8. Academic Programme for the 2019 Annual Conference in Split (HR) (Nuria Montmany)

Nuria Montmany presented a draft AEHT Academy programme for the 2019 Annual Conference in Split. The topic so far chosen was ‘The power of education for sustainable tourism’. The presentations would be followed by a round table on the topic led by an experienced journalist.

The aim for the AEHT Academy, including the academic programme, consists of:

- learning more
- getting new inputs from tourism sector and from education
- getting prospective inputs (e.g. trends of a decreasing number of students in Hospitality education)
- creating opportunities for discussion and debate in smaller groups.

Ray Cullen suggested having a panel of 4 speakers of which 2 are outstanding, in order to attract people. It was important to produce a biography, including information on their work and research. A small leaflet could be produced. As far as possible, speakers would be from the local area to keep costs down (less travel costs and no accommodation costs).

Target group: Directors / Managers and teachers of AEHT member schools

Arrival: Wednesday the 13th November 2019

Departure: Saturday the 16th November 2019

Wednesday November 13th

Arrival during the day: transfer of participants from the airport / railway station to the hotel

18.30: Welcome reception specially for this group

Thursday November 14th

09.00-12.30: AEHT General Assembly (suggestion: -> switch to the afternoon)

12.30-13.30: separate lunch for all attendees of the General Assembly

13.30-15.30: guided visit of all competitions, that are still going on (suggestion: -> switch to the morning 9.00 am)

15.30-19.30: guided tour of Split

19.30: aperitif and dinner in town, especially for this group

Friday November 15th

09.00-12.30: Academic program Part I

12.30-13.30: lunch especially for this group

13.30-17.00: Academic part II

17.00-19.00: Free time

19.00: Gala Diner & Price Awarding Ceremony

The meeting suggested making changes to the programme by swapping the General Assembly with the guided visit of the competitions, as some competitions would already be over by lunch time. It was also suggested that the programme started with a special speaker on the first day (November 13th), so that attendees may have time to discuss the topic with their European counterparts. Ana Paula Pais would ensure that the outcome was assessed after the event and necessary adaptations would be made for future editions.

9. HEG Seminar in Oporto (PT) (Nuria Montmany)

Nuria Montmany presented the forthcoming edition of the Seminar of the Higher Education Group:

Topic: Enhancing training methodologies through the use of simulators and gamification.

Dates: May 9th – May 12th, 2019

Venue: Hotel school in Oporto

Organizers: Escolas do Turismo de Portugal

Target group: Tourism & Hospitality Teachers (EQF 5 and up)

Working language: English only

Aims of the workshop:

- Sharing good practices of the use of simulators in teaching and training Tourism & Hospitality
- Benchmarking experiences and software solutions
- Presentation of one Simulator (CESIM)

Programme:

Thursday (day 1) - 09/05 /2019	
During the day	Arrival to Porto
19:00	Casual Get Together @ Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo do Porto (EHTP)
Friday (day 2) - 10/05/2019	
09.00	Welcome & Opening moment @ EHTP
09:45	Presentation “Portugal, the place to be!” (EHTP students)
10:30	Introduction of participants and Information on “Enhancing training methodologies by the use of Simulators“ (Paulo Morais Vaz
11:00	Presentation of CESIM Simulator & Case Study (Telmo Silva)
13.00-14.30	Lunch at EHTP
14:30	Guided tour through EHTP (EHTP students)
15:00	Exchange of good practices / successful teaching strategies in tourism, hospitality and F&B management (all participants)
17:30	Coffee break
18.00	Closing the day! (Paulo Morais Vaz & Rui Santos)
18:30	Free Time
21:00	Dinning in Porto – discover Portuguese wines & gastronomy

Saturday (day 3) – 11/05/19	
09:30	Exchange of good practices / successful teaching strategies in tourism, hospitality and F&B (cont.)
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Conclusions presentation & next meeting theme definition
13:00	Lunch time
15:00	Walking tour in Porto: City Hall, São Bento Railway station, Sé, Ribeira, Wine Cellars
18:30	Return to the hotel & Free time
21:00	Dinner @ Surprise!!!!
Sunday (day 4) – 12/05/2019	
During all day	Departure ☹



Terms & Conditions

.Price Includes:

- 3 nights at hotel (single room BB basis @ StayInn Hotel or similar
- All meals (from Thursday dinner till Saturday dinner)
- Transfers from airport to hotel and vice-versa.

.Excluded: return flight to Porto, personal expenses and SHOPPING! ☹

.Price 395€ (EARLY BIRD RATES AVAILABLE UNTIL 24/03/2019)
After this date, admittance dependent on availability

Bank details (NB.: Bank transfer costs must be covered by the attendees):
IBAN: **PT50 0035 0310 00037527330 28** // BIC SWIFT: **CGDIPTPL**

Together with your confirmation email, send a copy of the bank receipt to paulo.vaz@turismodeportugal.pt



Special price for those attending only the Workshop – 115€ !!!
Meals included

2019 AEHT WORKSHOP
Enhancing training methodologies through THE use of **Simulators and gamification**
Porto, May (9th to 12th)

Each school should make a presentation on the above-mentioned topic, but the seminar is also open to schools that intend to use simulators.

The simulation game of the AEHT Privileged Professional Partner CESIM will also be presented at the seminar and is already used during our Annual Conferences for the Hotel Management competition. Ray Cullen, who has introduced this Business simulator at his school

and is very satisfied as this system is much more advanced, but less expensive than the system they used before.

10. The 2019 Annual Conference in Split (HR) (organizing team)

The 32nd edition of the AEHT Annual Conference and Competitions will be held in Croatia from November 11th to 16th 2019. The main location of the congress and the competitions will be the Le Méridien Lav Hotel in Podstrana just outside Split. The hotel will also host the gala dinner and prize-giving ceremony on the last evening.

The 2019 Annual conference organizing team from the Split Tourism and Catering School remains unchanged and will be headed by Ivo Bilic:



The following packages will be available:

Package	Early bird registrations before July 10 th 2019	Registrations after July 10 th 2019
Single room	845 €	895 €
Double room (for all)	705 €	750 €
Triple room* (only for students)	595 €	640 €
3-day package for Headmasters/Directors/School Managers	595 €	640 €

*Triple room: max. 240 students (80 rooms)

Early bird rates are available till 10th July 2019

Payments for early bird packages must be made by July 17th, 2019

There followed a presentation of the conference programme and other details of the conference:

Framework Conference Programme			
Day	Time	Activites	Location
Monday, 11/11/2019			
	8.00 - 18.00	Arrival	Central train/bus station
	19.00	Dinner	Hotel
	21.00	Meeting of the Judges	Hotel
Tuesday, 12/11/2019			
	7.00 - 9.30	Breakfast	Hotel
	10.00 - 11.15	Opening Ceremony	HNK-Theater
	11.15 – 11,45	Millenium photo	In front of the HNK Theater
	12.00-	Lunch	Hotel
	13.00 -	Briefing part 1	Hotel
	15.00 -	Briefing part 2	Hotel
	19.00 -	Dinner	Hotel
Wednesday, 13/11/2019			
	7.00 - 9.30	Breakfast	Hotel
	8.30 - 17.00	Competitions	Hotel
	8.30 - 17.00	Social programme	
	10.00 - 13.00	Meeting of Executive Board	Hotel
	12.00 -	Lunch	Hotel
	14.00-17.00	Split sightseeing, Stella Croatica - Klis, Trogir ChiA	
	19.00	Dinner	Hotel
	21.00-24.00	Party	Hotel
Thursday, 14/11/2019			
	7.00 - 9.30	Breakfast	Hotel
	8.30 - 17.00	Competitions	Hotel
	8.30 - 17.00	Social Programme	
	10.00 - 13.00	General Assembly	Hotel
	12.00 - 15.00	Lunch	Hotel
	14.00 - 17.00	Split sightseeing, Stella Croatica - Klis, Trogir ChiA	
	14.00 - 17.00	Academic programme for headmasters and directors – lecture "Sustainable tourism"	EFST
	19.00	Dinner	Hotel
	21.00-24.00	Party	Hotel
Friday, 15/11/2019			
	7.00-8.30	Breakfast	Hotel
	10.00 – 12.00	Academic programme for headmasters and directors – Culinary art	ASPIRA
	8.30 - 16.00	Excursion - NP Krka	
	19.00	Gala dinner	Hotel
	21:00	Price giving and Closing ceremony	Hotel
	23:00	After Party	Hotel

After the Opening Ceremony the participants will gather in front of the Croatian National Theatre (HNK Theatre) in Split to form a Millenium picture, reproducing the logo of the AEHT. Excursions will be organized on several days and include a sightseeing tour of Split, a visit to Klis - Stella Croatica (a family-owned company which produces traditional handmade Dalmatian delicacies of which some won international awards), a tour of the historic city of

Trogir – an Unesco World Heritage site and filming location for Game of Thrones. The day excursion on Friday will take participants to the Krka National Park, known among things for its beautiful waterfalls.

Please note that parts of the academic programme for directors and teachers will be held in Split at the Faculty of Economics and the University of ASPIRA, a private college and a nonprofit institution, which organizes and conducts professional studies in Sport Management, Computer Science – Programme Engineering, International Management in Hospitality and Tourism as well as in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Aspira’s key feature is its dynamic adaptation of programmes and content to the current market needs.

Michel Lanners insisted that a time slot be reserved for the CHIA (Certification Hotel Industry Analytics) test held by Steve Hood from Share and for a presentation of ALHEI (American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute) educational material by Ed Kastli, Vice President of international sales at ALHEI, both activities organized a part of the newly set up academic programme.

Remco Koerts suggested organizing the CHIA test during the sightseeing tour of Split. As the CHIA test is open to students, a second session should also be organized on Thursday. Helena Cvikl also requested that a certificate of attendance should be presented to all judges and Head judges as they need it as a reference when applying for other judging posts. Nadine Schintgen would provide the organizers with a model.

11. Date of next Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board would be in Split (HR) on November 13th, 2019 during the next Annual Conference.

Diekirch, April 25th, 2019



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