

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

(IALA COMMITTEES)



## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM FRANCIS ZACHARIAE IALA SECRETARY-GENERAL



#### **Distinguished IALA Members and Participants**

I, together with my colleagues in the IALA Secretariat have the pleasure of welcoming you to the IALA Headquarters in Saint Germain en Laye and to the IALA Committee meetings. If this is your first visit, we hope that you will find the general information provided in this booklet useful both for your stay in Saint Germain en Laye and your attendance to the Committee meetings.

I look forward to your active participation in the work of the Committees. Your expert contribution to the discussions and your support to the Committee Chairs are important to the success and the continued work of IALA.

I wish to express my thanks in advance for your active and valuable involvement.

The Staff of the IALA Secretariat joins me in wishing you a very pleasant stay in Saint Germain en Laye and a fruitful meeting









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#### IALA Headquarters building: STRATEGY CENTER - 3rd floor



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#### REGISTRATION TO ATTEND A COMMITTEE MEETING

In accordance with the rules of IALA, participants are kindly requested to register their attendance at IALA Committee meetings via the **On-line Registration System (ORS)** on the IALA website: www.iala-aism.org. The Registration Form is compulsory and must be completed in order to ensure appropriate arrangements. There is no registration fee to attend Committee meetings.

#### LOGIN and PASSWORD

<u>Login</u> and <u>Password</u> are required for participation in all Committee meetings and to access meeting documents from the various Committees' websites, which are accessible via <a href="www.iala-aism.org">www.iala-aism.org</a>. As on-line registration using the IALA website is compulsory, please follow the instructions and submit your registration. You will receive a notification from the Secretariat that your registration has been activated. Please keep your <a href="Login">Login</a> and <a href="Password">Password</a> safely for future use.

#### **INVITATION LETTER**

An official invitation letter for visa purposes can be obtained by writing to: contact@iala-aism.org

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel information is made available for each session of an IALA Committee as an "Input" paper (e.g. VTS43-0.1) and can therefore be found on each Committee website (accessed via <a href="www.iala-aism.org">www.iala-aism.org</a>). There are specific reference codes to book accommodation for each Committee session. Participants are responsible for booking their hotel reservation.

#### TRANSPORT SERVICES

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The IALA Headquarters building is located in the leafy "Bel Air" district of Saint Germain en Laye, a former royal town, 26 kms west of the centre of Paris.

St Germain en Laye is served by the **Regional Express Railway (RER)** trains. It may be the better option compared with taxis as Paris traffic can be heavy and unpredictable at all times. A taxi journey from one of the Paris airports to St Germain en Laye takes one hour at the very least and costs approximately Euro 90.00. A taxi from Central Paris takes 30 to 45 minutes, depending on traffic, and costs approximately Euro 70.00



#### GENERAL TRANSPORT INFORMATION

The St Germain en Laye RER station is the western terminus of **RER** <u>Line A</u> ("RER A"). Please note that RER Line A divides at one point outside Central Paris so you need to make sure that the train you board is going to St Germain en Laye, which is the train serving the "RER <u>A 1</u>" Line. Illuminated destination boards on the train platforms clearly indicate which stops the arriving train will make.



**RER tickets:** a single RER ticket costs Euro 4.00. It is cheaper when purchased in lots of 10 (a booklet of tickets or "carnet de billets" costs Euro 34.80). RER tickets are also valid on the Paris Metro (and vice versa). For more information see: <a href="www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c">www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c</a> 21879/visiting-paris

**Upon arrival at St Germain en Laye RER station,** you can take several local buses to reach IALA HQ. The ride takes about 15-20 minutes, depending on traffic. The local bus station (the name of the bus company is Résalys) is located around the corner from the RER station, next to the easily recognisable Town Hall ("Hôtel de Ville"). When you reach street level exiting the RER station, you need to stay on the same side of the street – on the opposite side you will see the Castle of St Germain en Laye ("Château de St. Germain en Laye") and the entrance to its park. When you exit the RER station, turn back onto yourself (i.e. make a U-turn) and walk about 40 metres, past de Town Hall ("Hôtel de Ville"), and you will see the bus station right there. A map can be found at http://www.saintgermainenlaye.fr/en/cadre-de-vie/venir-circuler-et-stationner-a-saint-germain/rer-bus-voiture-taxis-liaisons-avec-les-aeroports/

**Bus tickets:** a bus ticket costs Euro 2.00 and can be bought from the driver but must be paid for in cash. Please note that Paris Metro tickets are also valid (tickets to travel on the Metro), but they are a little more expensive: a booklet of 10 tickets ("carnet de billet") costs Euro 13.70 and can be purchased at any Paris Metro or RER station.



**Taxis** are available right outside the St Germain en Laye RER station. A ride to IALA HQ may cost Euro 20.00 to Euro 30.00, depending on traffic (which tends to be heavy in the town centre). The RER station is about 2 kms by car to IALA HQ.

Last, for those who like to stay fit and see something of the charming town of St Germain en Laye, it is possible to walk to IALA HQ. This will take half an hour (brisk walk) to 40 minutes, but you should not attempt this with heavy luggage (small suitcase on wheels is fine). For walking directions see map in **Annex D**.



#### **RER TRAINS FROM PARIS AIRPORT**

Paris is served by two airports: **Aéroport Roissy-Charles de Gaulle** and **Aéroport Orly**. The RER train journey to St Germain en Laye takes approximately *o*ne and a half to two hours. For more information look under: About IALA / Location on the IALA website www.iala-aism.org Detailed directions are also provided in <u>Annex A</u>.

#### RER TRAINS FROM CENTRAL PARIS RAILWAY STATIONS

The most commonly used Central Paris railway stations ("gare" in French) from which you may depart to reach St Germain en Laye. They are: **Gare du Nord, Gare de Lyon** and **Charles de Gaulle-Etoile Metro station**. Detailed directions are provided in <u>Annex B</u>.

#### LOCAL BUSES AND TAXIS IN ST GERMAIN EN LAYE

#### **BUSES DURING THE DAY:**

There are two buses that will take you to IALA HQ.

They depart from the local bus station (around the corner from the St Germain en Laye RER station).

Bus R2-Sud ("Sud" stands for southern circuit) stops at "Gaudines" (Rue des Gaudines)

Bus R1 stops at "Gare du Bel-Air".

They run from 05:57 to 21:00 only. Their routes are shown on the map provided in Annex C.

#### **NIGHT BUS SERVICE / NAVETTE MUNICIPALE DE NUIT:**

A free of charge municipal night bus runs from 21:30 to 01:30, Monday to Friday only. You can catch it opposite the castle ("Château de St. Germain en Laye"). It stops at the "Gare du Bel Air" but you need to tell the driver your stop when you board the bus.



The Château de Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

#### TAXIS

There is a taxi rank right outside the St Germain en Laye RER station served by **Taxis de St Germain en Laye**. **Tel: +33 (0)1 48 78 05 05** 



#### SECURITY AT IALA - SAFETY BRIEFING

IALA takes security of all its visitors very seriously and would appreciate your full cooperation.

#### **EMERGENCY EXITS and MUSTER POINT**

There are two Emergency Exits at IALA HQ, as shown in the diagram. The Muster Point is at the Ground level and located between the Strategy Centre's Buildings D and E and the site Cafeteria.

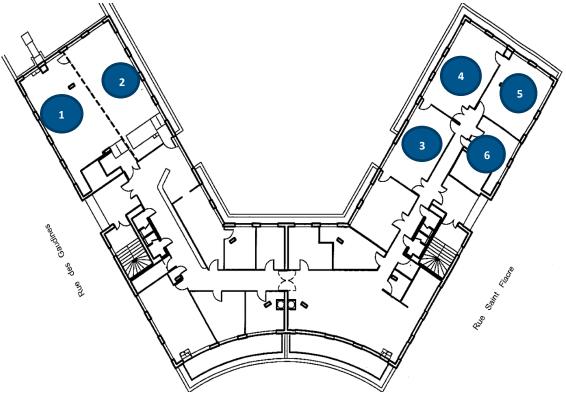
Please note that IALA maintains a strictly No Smoking policy for all its offices and meeting rooms.



IALA IS A NON SMOKING ZONE!

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#### LAYOUT OF MEETING ROOMS



#### Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

The Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 can be opened up into one larger room, with a maximum capacity of 100, in order to accommodate the Plenary Sessions of the Committees:

- Monday afternoon (for the opening Plenary Session marking the start of the meeting)
- Thursday afternoon (depending on whether the Committee participants would adjourn)
- Friday morning (for the closing Plenary Session)

When functioning as separate rooms, they are used by Working Groups during Committee meetings.

#### Meeting Rooms 3 to 6

Meeting Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6 are available for Working Groups throughout Committee meeting weeks, as follows:

□ Meeting Room 3: 11 maximum (with screen) / 12 maximum (without)
 □ Meeting Room 4: 20 maximum (with screen) / 22 maximum (without)
 □ Meeting Room 5: 13 maximum (with screen) / 14 maximum (without)
 □ Meeting Room 6 (also known as the Library Room): 8 maximum

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#### **IT SERVICES**

#### ■ WI-FI NETWORK

Login: IALAGUESTPassword: belair2013

#### ☐ FILE SHARING SYSTEM

For use during Working Groups to share files and to download and upload documents.

Please go to IALA website: <a href="www.iala-aism.org">www.iala-aism.org</a>
Then go to "Meetings & Events" menu.

Username: ftpcttesPassword: Cttee&216!

#### ■ VIDEO CONFERENCE SYSTEM

A Video Conference system is available to provide a link to Plenary Sessions for the benefit of any "overflow" audience seated in Meeting Room 4 (i.e. when the combined Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 have reached the maximum permitted 100-person capacity).

#### ☐ CLICK SHARE - wireless presentation system

Click Share is an intuitive, dynamic and easy to use technology for wirelessly connecting laptops to the presentation projectors. All the IALA Meeting Rooms are equipped with Visualization video screens for the Click Share Wireless Presentation system. The Click Share dongles are available from the front desk (Reception).

- Plug a Clickshare dongle into a USB port. The circular light on the dongle will begin to flash;
- Open Windows Explorer and wait until the Clickshare drive appears;
- Click on the Clickshare drive to open and double click on the "Clickshare for Windows.exe" file. Wait while the Clickshare driver is opened and loaded;
- When the circular Clickshare dongle light becomes a fixed white light, press the button on the Clickshare dongle. The circular light on the dongle will change to fixed red;
- The laptop image should now be displayed on the projector/ screen;
- As soon as you are finished using the screen, press the Clickshare button to disconnect. The Clickshare circular dongle light will turn fixed white.

IMPORTANT! Make Sure to disconnect the Click Share dongle correctly to avoid crashing the Click Share receiver

PLEASE REMEMBER! RED LIGHT means ON and WHITE LIGHT means OFF

#### ☐ INTERNET CAFÉ

Two computers and a colour printer with USB port are available in the Lounge for personal use to access mails through Outlook - internet, print documents/ boarding passes, scan documents/images, etcetera.

There is no Login and no Password



#### □ RICOH PRINTER

A Ricoh printer is located in the Conciergerie for use with a USB device (instructions are displayed on the printer). Please note that printing of PDF and TIFF documents only is available with the Ricoh printer.

#### ☐ SCREEN IN THE LOUNGE

The large screen positioned in the Lounge is available for displaying presentations related to Committee work and which you believe would be of interest to the other participants. For more information please contact the Executive Assistant (Virginia Butler) and we kindly request you to seek her assistance prior to attempting the use of the screen.

#### ■ WEBSITE ENQUIRY

Any IALA website enquiries should be directed to the IALA Webmaster (Audrey Guinault) at the front desk (Reception), or you may contact her via <a href="mailto:contact@iala-aism.org">contact@iala-aism.org</a>

#### LUNCH OPTION



- Site cafeteria
- 12€ all inclusive
- Cash payment only!
- IALA badge to gain entrance

#### Brasserie de l'Européen Place de la Rotonde

IALA does not organize lunches for delegates.

There is a site cafeteria (Ground Level) and the local area offers a choice of shops and restaurants (see map).

The Lounge is of course open for everyone wishing to eat their lunch there.

The use of the water fountains, coffee machines, and hot water flasks for tea is free of charge.





#### IALA SECRETARIAT

## Francis ZACHARIAE SECRETARY-GENERAL

#### **FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION (F&A)**

Christine PHILIP - Finance and Administration Manager

Lorraine MBONG - Membership and Finance Officer

Virginia BUTLER - Executive Assistant

Audrey GUINAULT - Administrative Assistant

**Christophe LAGLENNE - General Duties** 

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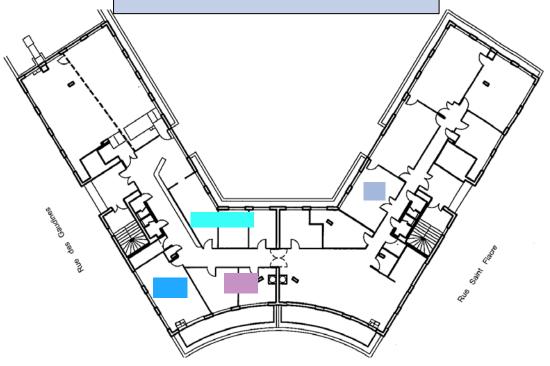
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#### Annex A

## DIRECTIONS FOR **RER TRAINS FROM PARIS AIRPORTS OF ROISSY-CHARLES DE GAULLE** and **ORLY** to **ST GERMAIN EN LAYE**

#### FROM THE ROISSY-CHARLES DU GAULLE AIRPORT: JOURNEY TIME 1H30

Follow the signs for RER Line B ("RER B"), taking the direction "St Remy les Chevreuse". Get off at "Châtelet Les Halles". Now follow the signs for RER Line A ("RER A"), taking the direction "St Germain en Laye".

IMPORTANT! Make sure, once you arrive on the platform for the RER A trains, to board the train going to St Germain en Laye, which is the "RER A 1" Line. Illuminated destination boards clearly indicate which stops the arriving train will make.

#### FROM THE AIRPORT ORLY - SUD or OUEST TERMINALS: JOURNEY TIME 1h30 - 2H

There is a **shuttle bus** from both terminals to the RER station of **"Orlyval"**. Buy a ticket to St Germain en Laye at Orlyval station.

Follow the signs for RER Line B ("RER B"), taking the direction "Aéroport Roissy-Charles de Gaulle – Mitry Claye". Get off at "Châtelet les Halles". Now follow the signs for RER Line A ("RER A"), taking the direction "St Germain en Laye".

IMPORTANT! Make sure, once you arrive on the platform for the RER A trains, to board the train going to St Germain en Laye, which is the "RER A 1" Line. Illuminated destination boards clearly indicate which stops the arriving train will make.

#### **Annex B**

## DIRECTIONS FOR RER TRAINS FROM CENTRAL PARIS RAILWAY STATIONS And METRO STATION (CHARLES DE GAULLE-ETOILE) to ST GERMAIN EN LAYE

#### FROM GARE DU NORD: JOURNEY TIME 35 - 40 minutes

Buy a ticket to St Germain en Laye. Follow the signs for RER Line B ("RER B"), taking the direction "St Remy les Chevreuse". Get off at "Châtelet Les Halles" (one stop). Now follow the signs for RER Line A ("RER A"), taking the direction "St Germain en Laye".

IMPORTANT! Make sure, once you arrive on the platform for the RER A trains, to board the train going to St Germain en Laye, which is the "RER A 1" Line. Illuminated destination boards clearly indicate which stops the arriving train will make.

#### FROM GARE DE LYON: JOURNEY TIME 30 minutes

Buy a ticket to St Germain en Laye. Follow the signs for RER Line A ("RER A"), taking the direction "St Germain en Laye".

IMPORTANT! Make sure, once you arrive on the platform for the RER A trains, to board the train going to St Germain en Laye, which is the "RER A 1" Line. Illuminated destination boards clearly indicate which stops the arriving train will make.

#### FROM CHARLES DE GAULLE – ETOILE : JOURNEY TIME 25 minutes

Charles de Gaulle – Etoile is a Paris Metro station: line 1, 2 and 6. Buy a ticket to St Germain en Laye. Follow the signs for RER <u>Line A</u> ("**RER A**"), taking the direction "St Germain en Laye".

IMPORTANT! Make sure , **once you arrive on the platform for the RER A trains**, to board the train going to St Germain en Laye, which is the "**RER <u>A 1</u>**" Line. Illuminated destination boards clearly indicate which stops the arriving train will make



#### **Annex C**

#### LOCAL BUS ROUTES IN SAINT GERMAIN EN LAYE TO IALA HQ

The local bus station (the name of the bus company is Résalys) is located around the corner from the St Germain en Laye RER station, next to the Town Hall ("Hôtel de Ville").



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#### **Annex D**

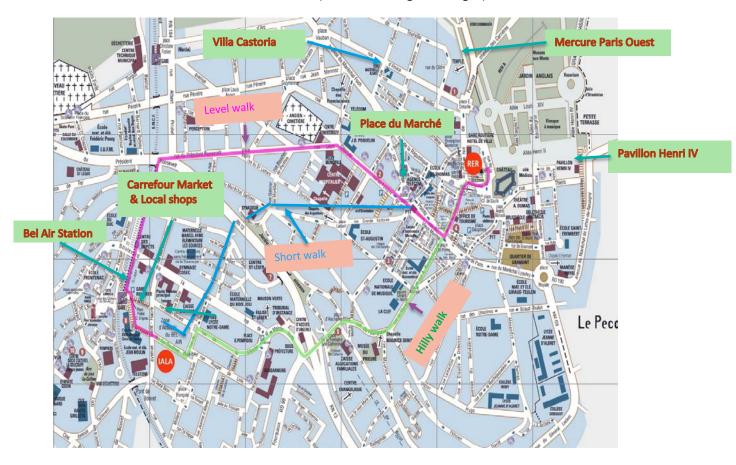
#### WALKING TO IALA HQ FROM SAINT GERMAIN EN LAYE CENTRE



Distance from St Germain en Laye RER station: 2 kms

Distance from Hotel "Pavillon Henri IV": 2.30 kms

Distance from "Hotel Mercure Paris Ouest" (former Ermitage des Loges): 2.60 kms





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