OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)

STAFF COMMITTEE

CSAIO 12

CONFERENCE OF STAFF ASSOCIATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
http://staffassoc.web.cern.ch/staffassoc/CSAIO/

Alicante, 2 September 2011

CONFERENCE CIRCULAR 3

The 12th Conference of Staff Associations of International Organisations (CSAIO 12), which will be hosted this year by the OHIM Staff Committee, is a follow-up to the previous conferences organised each year since 2000[1].

Each year, this series of conferences aims to bring together staff representatives from international organisations whose headquarters or main offices are in Europe to discuss topics of common interest.

The OHIM Staff Committee will host the Conference at the headquarters of:

Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) - OHIM
(Jean-Claude Combaldieu Room)
Avenida de Europa, 4
03008 Alicante, Spain

Conference dates:

Thursday 22 September (afternoon) and
Friday 23 September 2011

!! New : An informal session on Thursday morning, dedicated to the follow up of the previous conference, is proposed to those participants of the conference who so wish (cf., programme in annex 1).

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[1] The previous Conferences were organised by OECD in 2000, CERN in 2001, EBRD in 2002, ECB in 2003, EPO in 2004, the European Commission in 2005, the Council of Europe in 2006, OECD in 2007, EMBL in 2008 and EIB in 2009.

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In this circular, you will find information on the contents and organisation of the Conference. If you need additional information or if you would like to comment or make suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact: the OHIM Staff Committee:

-       preferably by email : stacomse@oami.europa.eu

-       or by telephone (+34 95 513 9268 ou +34 96 513 9162).

THIS YEAR'S TOPICS

Each year, the Scientific Organising Committee (SOC)[2] selects topics of wide interest for the staff representatives of international organisations for the annual Conference, in consultation with the Local Organising Committee (LOC)[3], on the basis of suggestions made during the previous Conference. Three topics have been selected for this year's Conference:

1. International civil servants' lack of job security

Increase in the number of definite duration contracts and the uncertain nature of financial resources; outsourcing of certain services; unemployment conditions and possible right to unemployment insurance. The specific case of the termination of international organisations (notably WEO) could also be addressed.

2. Rights of expatriate civil servants

Terms and conditions of the granting of expatriation allowance, home leave, education allowance and other rights reserved for expatriates, etc. This theme will be based on the questionnaire sent out in advance to the staff associations and which will be the basis for the deliberations.

3. The function of elected representatives in staff representative bodies

During the mandate, the terms and consequences of secondments, competences of the elected representatives and possible recourse to specialists, etc.

Presentations

The following speakers will make presentations:

1)   **Topic 1. International civil servants' lack of job security**

Ms. Catherine BONY BRANDT (European Council)

Ms. Maria STAHL (ECB)

2)   **Topic 2. Rights of expatriate civil servants**

Mr Philippe DEFFERT (CERN)

Mr Bob HARLE (EPO)

3)   **Topic 3. The function of elected representatives in staff representative bodies**

Mr Affaf ABBASS (UNOG)

Mr Bertrand BEAUMONT (ITER)

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[2] Scientific Committee: Anya DEMARLE (OECD) and Joel LAHAYE (CERN)
[3] OHIM Staff Committee: Janice BATTERBEE, Natalie PASINATO

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Ms. Catherine COMTE-TIBERGHIEN (ILO)

Ms. Nanette LOMARDA (WMO)

Mr Henry VON BLUMENTHAL (EIB)

Proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published after the conference on the basis of the texts provided by the speakers (brief summary of your presentation and the slides used) and the minutes taken during the discussions. Summaries will be published in the languages used by the speakers.

Languages

Simultaneous interpretation both in English and French will be provided throughout the conference. Presentations can therefore be made in English or French.

Conference dinner and lunch

The conference dinner will take place on Thursday evening, 22 September in the Escuela Cocina "LA FONT", c/ Font del Realtet Nº13, San Juan, Alicante (http://www.escueladecocinalafont.com/). Each participant will be asked to cover the cost of his/her own meal (50 €).

Lunch on Friday, 23 September, will be offered on the OHIM premises.

Please see the separate information about the dinner and complete and return the form with your choice of meat/fish/vegetarian to: stacomse@oami.europa.eu

Transport

A bus will be made available as follows:

- Thursday, 21 September at 1815 from OHIM to Hotel Melia (Plaza del Puerto, 3)

- Thursday, 21 September at 2000 from Hotel Melia (Plaza del Puerto, 3) to Restaurant

- Thursday, 21 September at 2330 from Restaurant to Hotel Melia (Plaza del Puerto, 3)

- Friday, 22 September at 0800 from Hotel Melia (Plaza del Puerto, 3) to OHIM

No financial contribution

As usual, there will be no registration fees.

People attending the conference dinner on Thursday 22 September will be expected to pay for their own meal, but registered conference participants will be offered lunch on Friday, 23 September, at the invitation of the OHIM.

Insurance

Please note that the OHIM Staff Committee cannot take out insurance for the participants. It is up to the organisation or individual participants to do so.

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Passport/ID

Please be sure to bring your passport/identity card with you in order to access the premises of the OHIM.

Annexes

1. CSAIO 12 – Programme
2. Menu (dinner on 22 September)
3. Choice of meat/fish/vegetarian (excel form to complete)
4. Map of Alicante

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ANNEX 1

PROGRAMME

Thursday 22 September 2011 (informal session)

09:30-12:00	Chair: Joel LAHAYE (CSAIO Scientific Committee) Follow up of the previous conference
09:30	Discussion
10:30	Coffee break
12:00	End of informal session

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Thursday 22 September 2011

13:30 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:20	Introduction
14:10	Speech by Mr Antonio CAMPINOS (President of the OHIM)
14:20 – 18:00	Session A – Chair: Anya DEMARLE (CSAIO Scientific Committee)
14:20	Presentations on international civil servants' lack of job security
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Discussion
18:00	End of Session A
20:30	Dinner La Font – Escuela de Cocina

Friday 23 September 2011

09:00 – 12:15	Session B - Chair: Gianni PALMIERI (Council of Europe)
09:00	Presentations on the rights of expatriate civil servants – Presentation of the results of the questionnaire
10:30	Coffee break
10:45	Discussion

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12:15	End of Session B
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 – 14:30	**Preparation of the next conference**
14:30 – 17:00	**Session C -** **Chair: Doros PANAYI (EMBL)**
14:30	Presentations on the function of elected representatives in staff representative bodies
15:45	Discussion
16:45	End of Session C
16:45 – 17:00	**Conference conclusions**

Menú *(Jueves 22 de Septiembre)*

- *Aperitivo de bienvenida: Kir Royal brut D'Argent*
  o *Cerveza*

- *Verbena de ibéricos de Guijuelo*
  o *Mojama de Alicante*

- *Gazpacho real en visita oficial*

- *Ópera de foie "La Font"*

- *Tabulé de coliflor con salmón ahumado de Noruega*

- *Pescado* en regalo sobre esencia marina*
  (* según mercado)
  o *Morcilla de cochinillo trufado con pistachos sobre emulsión de tinto rioja*

- *Sorbete de pera al champagne y fondant de chocolate negro venezolano con coulis de fruta de temporada*

Bodega: *Tinto Rioja "Viña Otano"*

   Blanco "Rueda verdejo"

   Brut "André Gallois"

Aguas minerales

Café e infusiones

Precio: 50 € (todo incluido)

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List of hotels in Alicante

OHIM has negotiated special rates with some hotels –cf . "reservation code"

Hotels in green = 2011 rates, all others 2010 rates.

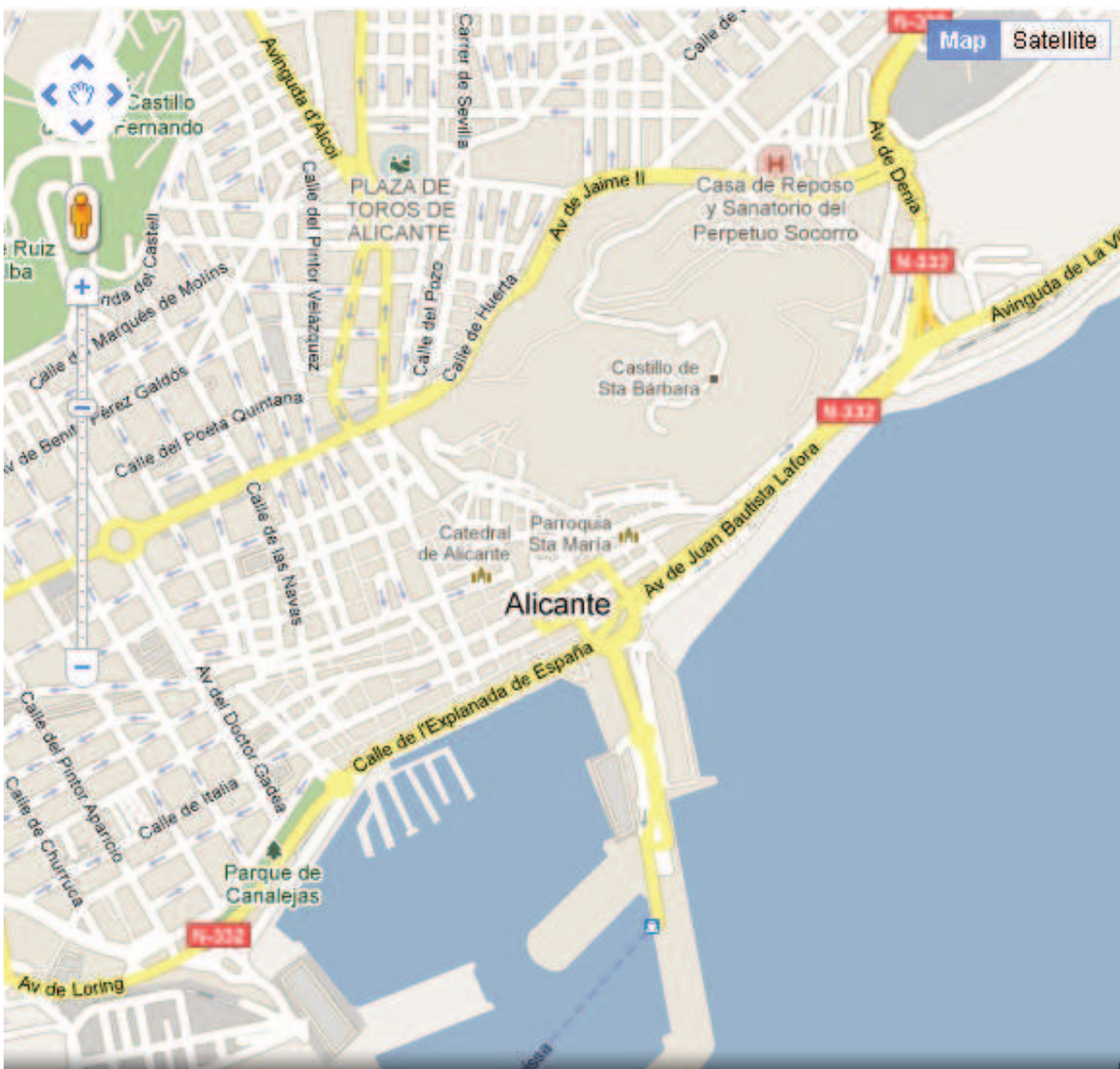| Hotel	Address	Contact	Rates (€)
AMÉRIGO *****	Rafael Altamira 7 Alicante centre	Tel: +34 965 146 570, Fax. +34 965 146 571 amerigo@hospes.es www.hospes.es amerigo.comercial@hospes.es	Dreamer room: 115 € (possibly breakfast included) For 1 / 2 pax + 8% VAT
SPA PORTA MARIS ****	Plaza Puerta del mar 3,	Tel: +34 965 147 021 - Fax: +34 965 216 945 reservas@hotelspaportamaris.com Reservations code: OAMI 592	Room 1/2 pax: 80,00€ Breakfast-Buffet: 12,90 € + 8% VAT
ABBA CENTRUM**** Sup.	Pintor Lorenzo Casanova 31 Alicante centre	Tel: +34 965 130 440 - Fax: +34 965 928 323 direccion.comercial@abbahoteles.com	Single/double room: 60,05€ Incl. breakfast: single 65€ + 8% VAT
AC HOTELS ****	Avda. de Elche, 3 Alicante centre	Tel: +34 965 120 178 - Fax: +34 965 135 360 acalicante@ac-hotels.com - www.ac-hotels.com	Single/double room: 65 € Breakfast: 12 € + 8% VAT

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Hotel	Address	Contact	Rates (€)
MELIA ALICANTE ****	Plaza Puerta del Mar 30	Tel. +34 902 144 444 - Fax: +34 965 204 756 melia.alicante@solmelia.com - www.solmelia.com Reservations code (phone): 240195 (Web): 240195GQF	Single room: 80€ Double room: 80€ Breakfast Buffet: 12€/ + 8% VAT
TRYP CIUDAD DE ALICANTE ***	Gravina 9 Alicante	Tel. +34 965 21 07 00 tryp.alicante@solmelia.com	Single bed: 52.00€ Single room: 56.00€ Double room: 60.00€ (possibly breakfast included)
GRAVINACINCO ***	Gravina 5 Alicante	Tel. 965 14 73 17 info@hotelgravinacinco.es www.gravinacinco.com	Single room: 65.00€ Double room: 70.00€ (possibly breakfast included)
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ALICANTE ***	Avd. de Elche, 112 (in front of OHIM)	Tel: +34 966 011 000 - Fax: +34 966 011 001 express.alicante@whgeu.com www.alicante.hiexpress.com	Room 1/2 pax: 59€ + 8 % VAT (possibly breakfast included)

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ANNEX 4
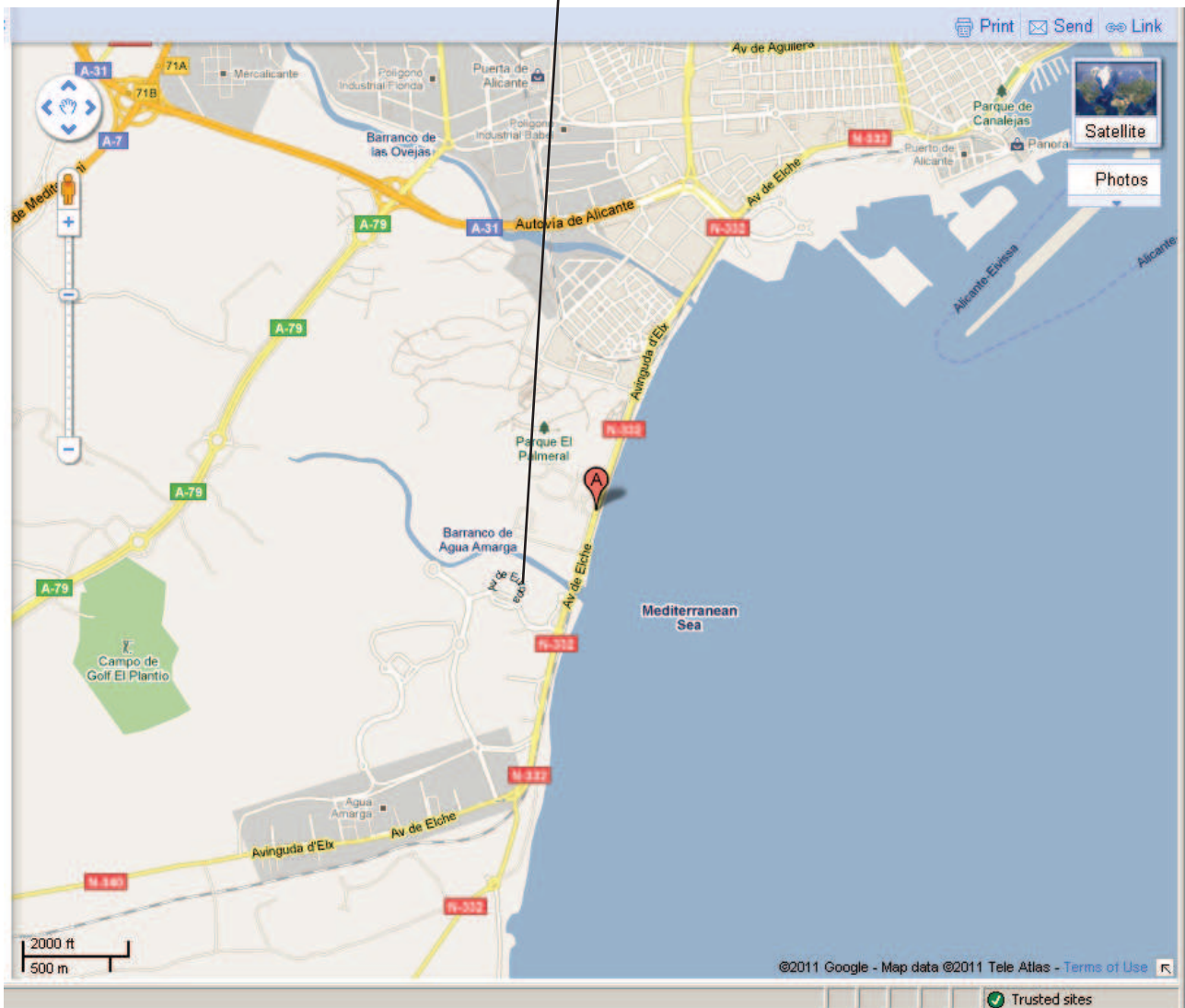
Plan of Alicante centre

http://www.callejeando.com/Mapa/Alicante/callejero-alicante.htm

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Location of OHIM

OHIM's website:

http://oami.europa.eu/ows/rw/pages/index.en.do

OHIM (OAMI)
Avenida de Europa 4
03008 Alicante

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Location of Hotel Mélia (Bus pick up point)

Hotel Melia
Plaza del puerto 3

Direction: OHIM + Airport