

GGI EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
23-26 APRIL 2015
LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

INVITATION LETTER



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Dear GGI Member and Friend

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our upcoming **GGI European Regional Conference** on **23-26 April 2015** in Lausanne, kindly hosted by GGI member firm **Fiduciaire FIDAG SA**. We are especially delighted to be bringing a Conference home to Switzerland in 2015, as this is an important anniversary year for us.

In this document, we have included important information on the Conference. Separately, we have also issued a *draft* Delegate Programme. We will continue to update the programme right up until the Conference so please ensure you are always referring to the latest version.

Should you require any further information, do let me know. We would really love to have you join us in April! It's going to be a great Conference.

Kind regards



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CONFERENCE DETAILS

Lausanne

The hilly city of Lausanne is Switzerland's fourth largest city and capital of the canton of Vaud. It has a beautiful lakeside location on Lake Geneva, with spectacular views of the Swiss and French Alps in the distance. The medieval centre of the city is dominated by a grand Gothic cathedral but there are unique museums devoted to interests as diverse as Art Brut and the Olympics. Lausanne is home to two highly regarded universities, the Federal Tribunal (Switzerland's highest court), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and many other sporting federations and multinational corporations.

For more information on the city, do have a look at the following websites:

www.lonelyplanet.com/switzerland/lake-geneva-region/lausanne

www.lausanne-tourisme.ch/en/

Conference Hotel(s)



The Conference will be held in the **Beau Rivage Palace** in Lausanne, Switzerland. This is a spectacular venue in Ouchy, which was once a picturesque lakeside village in its own right but has long since been enveloped by the city).

GGI delegates will have the option of staying in any one of the two hotels below:

Beau Rivage Palace (5*)

Place du Port 17-19
1000 Lausanne 6
Switzerland
T: +41 (0)21 613 3333
F: +41 (0)21 613 3334
W: www.brp.ch

Angleterre & Residence (4*)

Place du Port 11
CH-1006 Lausanne
Switzerland
T: +41 (0)21 613 3434
F: +41 (0)21 613 3435
W: www.angleterre-residence.ch

The hotels are right next to each other and part of the same complex. Although seemingly separate, the hotels are under the same ownership. Therefore, any additional incidental expenses (e.g. drinks at the bar, food at any restaurant, massage treatments at the Beau Rivage Palace spa) at either hotel can always be charged directly to your room and cleared upon check out.

Guests at the A&R hotel would usually have to pay CHF 100.- per day for access to the Beau Rivage Palace spa facilities such as the pool and sauna, however we have negotiated that this fee is waived for GGI delegates staying at the A&R. Please note that any treatments will be billed as normal.

How to Get There

Geneva would be the closest international airport to Lausanne at 30 minutes. Zurich is 2 hours away and Paris just under 4 hours, both by train. The trains in Switzerland are very efficient and tend to run on time. The timetable (including times for buses and trams, and incorporating walking distance if necessary) is fully integrated with Google maps so it is quite easy to navigate to the hotel from an airport or indeed anywhere in the country. This page will give you more specific information:

www.brp.ch/en/hotel/access.html

On this website, there is also information on the hotel's limousine service and prices. Guests at both the Beau Rivage Palace and the Angleterre & Residence may book these services directly with the Concierge using the email conciierge@brp.ch. We will remind all registered delegates of this service once again closer to the Conference.

Programme

Please refer to the accompanying *draft* Delegate Programme, issued separately. GGI reserves the right to change the times and any part of the programme at any time up to the Conference.

Practice Group Meetings

We would ask you to sign up to attend the Practice Groups as scheduled. For the Rounds on Friday, please select only ONE Practice Group from each Round. Practice Groups are optional and will not affect the price of your Registration Fee at this Conference.

Should you have any specific questions about any of the Practice Groups, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Practice Group Chairperson directly using the email address provided below.

THURSDAY, 23 April 2015, 14:30 – 18:00:

- **International Taxation (ITPG)**
Oliver Biernat, o.biernat@benefitax.de

FRIDAY, 24 April 2015, 14:00 – 15:30 (Round 1):

- **Auditing, Reporting & Compliance**
Dr Thomas Geiger, t.geiger@munkert.de
- **Business Development & Marketing**
Inna Deputat, deputat@ap-center.com
- **Corporate, Commercial & IP**
Ady Nordman, nordman@ip-law.co.il
- **Global Political Economy & International Relations – Understanding the International Economic Order**
Claudio G. Cocca, cocca@ggi.com
- **Labour Law**
Jeffrey L.R. Kenens, kenens@tk.nl
Kai F. Sturmfels, ksturmfels@law-wt.de
- **Litigation & Dispute Resolution**
Johan F. Langelaar, langelaar@tk.nl
- **Private Equity & International Wealth Management**
Prof Robert Anthony, robert@antco.com

FRIDAY, 24 April 2015, 16:00 – 17:30 (Round 2):

- **Debt Collection, Restructuring & Insolvency**
Dr Attila Kovács, kovacs.attila@krs.hu
- **Immigration & Expatriate Services**
Ionut Catalin Zeche, izeche@mirus-group.eu
- **Indirect Taxes (ITPG Sub-Group)**
Raluca Tutu, traluca@mirus-group.eu
- **M&A**
Tim van der Meer, t.vandermeer@marktlink.nl
- **Real Estate**
Paul Simmons, PDSimmons@hwca.com
- **Trust & Estate Planning Meeting**
Henry Charles, henry.charles@citroenwells.co.uk

Workshops

Details of the workshops will be issued in the final Conference programme. Any GGI member who would like to contribute by presenting one of these should contact Linda Soriton (soriton@ggi.com) with a proposal no later than **14 February 2015**. It would be beneficial to have attended a GGI Conference in the past and to have an understanding as to how the workshops are run.

Conference Fees

All prices quoted are in Swiss Francs (CHF).

Conference fees are all-inclusive and cover the following costs:

- All Conference materials and facilities.
- Accommodation (3 nights) on a B&B basis at either the Beau Rivage Palace or the Angleterre & Residence in Lausanne, Switzerland, as indicated in the schedule below.
- Meals as specified in the programme.

There is no reduction in fees for non-attendance of any portion of the full Conference Programme.

There are a limited number of rooms in each hotel. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, depending on availability. Availability on GGI's website (intranet) does not necessarily indicate

rooms actually available in the relevant hotel, although every effort will be made to update the intranet as soon as information is received.

***EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:** The Early Bird Rate applies to delegates who register no later than 14 February 2015 and who complete payment by credit card or bank transfer no later than 1 March 2015. GGI reserves the right to amend invoices back to the regular rate in the case where payment has not been received on time.

FOR CLARITY: An Accompanying Person is classed as a partner/spouse or friend who is traveling with DELEGATE #1 but **NOT** attending the Conference (except for the social events).

BEAU RIVAGE PALACE 5*	EARLY BIRD* BY 14 FEB 2015	REGULAR AFTER 14 FEB 2015
▪ ONE DELEGATE SINGLE OCCUPANCY B&B	CHF 3'180.-	CHF 3'680.-
▪ ONE DELEGATE & ONE ACCOMPANYING PERSON DOUBLE/TWIN OCCUPANCY B&B	CHF 4'125.-	CHF 4'625.-
▪ TWO DELEGATES SHARING A ROOM DOUBLE/TWIN OCCUPANCY B&B	CHF 5'325.-	CHF 5'825.-
▪ EACH ADDITIONAL NIGHT SINGLE OCCUPANCY B&B		CHF 395.-
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY B&B		CHF 445.-

*The prices quoted are for Superior Rooms. The following Upgrades are also available – please email either Laura Herbert (herbert@ggi.com) or myself (soriton@ggi.com) for price details:

*Lake & Alps View
Deluxe Room
Deluxe Room with Lake & Alps View
Junior Suite*

ANGLETERRE & RESIDENCE 4*	EARLY BIRD* BY 14 FEB 2015	REGULAR AFTER 14 FEB 2015
▪ ONE DELEGATE SINGLE OCCUPANCY B&B	CHF 2'880.-	CHF 3'380.-
▪ ONE DELEGATE & ONE ACCOMPANYING PERSON DOUBLE/TWIN OCCUPANCY B&B	CHF 3'765.-	CHF 4'265.-
▪ TWO DELEGATES SHARING A ROOM DOUBLE/TWIN OCCUPANCY B&B	CHF 4'965.-	CHF 5'465.-
▪ EACH ADDITIONAL NIGHT SINGLE OCCUPANCY B&B		CHF 295.-
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY B&B		CHF 325.-

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*Lake View
Executive Room
Executive Room with Lake View
Junior Suite
Junior Suite with Lake View*

Extra-Curricular Activities (OPTIONAL)

THURSDAY, 23 April 2015, 07:30 – 15:30 (not suitable for those planning to attend the ITPG meeting)

GAME OF GOLF AT GOLF CLUB MONTREUX: CHF 340.-

The Golf Club Montreux is located in the heart of the Rhone Valley and enjoys spectacular views of the Alps. Protected by the surrounding mountains and out of reach of the mists of Lake Geneva, the golf course lies at the centre of an unusually mild microclimate. The course has the advantage of being flat, and provides a very diverse and selective game. The Golf Club Montreux opens its doors to all players with a minimum handicap of 36.

This price includes transfers, as well as lunch and refreshments in the Clubhouse afterwards.

Optional extras:

**Manual Golf Cart CHF 9.60*

**Golf Clubs Rental incl. Bag, 12 balls & tees: CHF 84.-*

THURSDAY, 23 April 2015, 14:00 – 16:30 (not suitable for those planning to attend the ITPG meeting)

LAUSANNE PAST & PRESENT WALKING TOUR: CHF 15.-

Start the tour by discovering the beautiful lake surrounding Ouchy and take the first unmanned tube in Switzerland. Following our expert guide, you will stroll through the pedestrian streets of the city to discover the medieval works of art of the cathedral and, from there, take picturesque steps that will lead you to the modern world of Lausanne.

This tour will give you a different opinion on the numerous and varied aspects of a town which is at the same time traditional, creative and modern.

Comfortable clothing and walking shoes recommended.

FRIDAY, 24 April 2015, 08:30 – 17:30 (ONLY for Accompanying Persons)

DAYTRIP TO GRUYÈRE & BROC: CHF 225.-

Visit, taste, smell and see how cheese is prepared by visiting the Gruyère museum. At the end of the visit, enjoy a historical guided tour of the picturesque village before heading for a well-deserved break in a local restaurant. After lunch the bus will take you to the city of Broc to discover the production of a Swiss specialty at the Cailler chocolate house. You will get to taste their many chocolates!

SATURDAY, 25 April 2015, 14:00 – 18:00 (Select ONLY ONE Option)

CHILLON CASTLE & WINE-TASTING: CHF 75.-

Follow your guides for a visit of Chillon Castle that will take you back in time. This medieval castle, built on a rock formation in the south of Montreux, is an architectural jewel located in a unique setting between the shores of Lake Geneva and the Alps. Afterwards, take a short bus ride and conclude your visit with a wine-tasting of the regional product.

THERMAL BATHS AT LAVEY: CHF 90.-

After the busy-ness of the Conference, why not take a little time out and enter into an oasis of wellness! The water at the baths of Lavey comes from the hottest spring in Switzerland (62°C to 70°C). A unique setting high up in the mountain (up to 600m). Enjoy a moment of relaxation with full access to all swimming pools (inside/outside), jacuzzis, hammam, saunas and relaxation areas of the complex.

Don't forget to pack your swimsuit, flip-flops and a bottle of sun cream (you never know!).

SALT MINE IN BEX: CHF 100.-

On a visit to the museum and the mine, discover the various techniques of salt mining from the year 1684 to the present. Start the tour by taking a small mine train which will guide you into the subterranean world at a depth of 400m. Enjoy an unusual guided adventure into the tunnels that date from the 17th century.

Warm, woollen attire is recommended (17°C in the mines), as well as comfortable walking shoes.

SUNDAY, 26 April 2015, 09:00 – 18:00 (Select ONLY ONE Option)

GLACIER 3000 FULL DAY MOUNTAIN EXCURSION: CHF 420.-

After a transfer from the hotel to the Glacier 3000, reach the peak by a cable car ride. Spend the day on top of the glacier and appreciate one of the most stunning views in the region. After the lunch on the top, enjoy the new attraction: the peak walk, a spectacular hanging bridge at 3000m! Enjoy a guided walk through mountain roads covered with eternal snow using special snowshoes. Accessible but not advisable for children.

You will need to bring warm, woollen attire as well as a warm jacket, hat, gloves, shoes suitable for walking on snow (non-slip with good grip) and a bottle of sun cream.

DISCOVER THE GSTAAD REGION FULL DAY EXCURSION: CHF 250.-

After a short transfer to Montreux, you will enjoy a unique train ride on the GoldenPass with panoramic views all the way to Gstaad. Upon arrival, you will be picked up by horse-drawn carriages. In this traditional Swiss village, you will learn to appreciate important branches of the region's industry such as craftsmanship, alpine farming, cattle-breeding and cheese production. Learn about historical facts in a guided tour of the Landschaft Museum and visit a local farm to meet local farmers in their home. Let yourself be immersed in a world of wonder.