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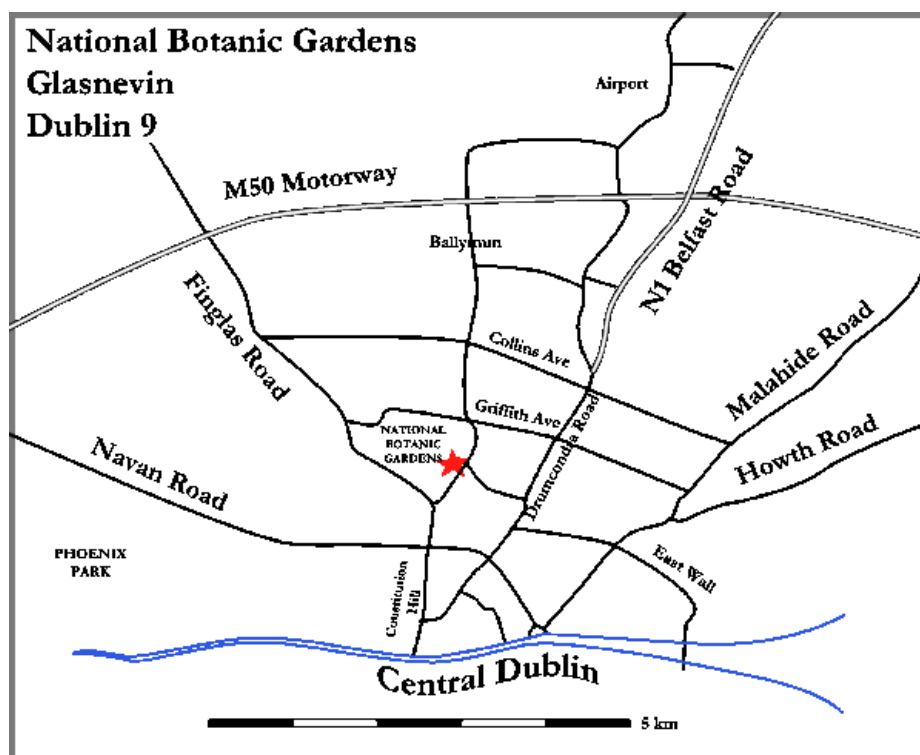
1. Opening and registration

The Liaison Group Meeting of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation will be held in Dublin, Ireland from Tuesday, 26 to Thursday, 28 May 2009.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 May 2009, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland. The National Botanic Gardens are situated 3.5 kms north of Dublin city centre, mid way between the Dublin Airport and the city centre.



Further details about the National Botanic Gardens are available at the following web-site: www.botanicgardens.ie

Contacts

For further information participants may contact Irene O'Sullivan at the National Botanic Gardens (office hours) +353-(0)1-804-0300; fax: +353-(0)1-836-0080; e-mail: Irene.osullivan@opw.ie. In case of difficulties on arrival participants may contact Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson on +353-(0)86-836-7105 (mobile); e-mail: peter.wysejackson@opw.ie

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=GSPCLG-03>

5. General information on access to Dublin, Ireland



Dublin is serviced by the Dublin International Airport which is about 10 kms from the city centre. Upon arrival at the Dublin Airport please take a taxi from the airport to your hotel as no shuttle will be provided. Taxis are available at the Arrivals area of the airport, the cost of the taxi from the airport to the botanical gardens will be approximately €10 to €15, the duration of the journey is approximately 15 – 30 mins. The botanical gardens are located mid way between the airport and the city centre.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below **DO NOT** require an entry visa for the Ireland and all others are strongly advised to contact the nearest Irish diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Irish diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the website of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland at: <http://www.foreignaffairs.gov.ie/home/index.aspx?id=8605>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications. The National Botanic Gardens of Ireland will also issue an invitation letter for participants as a letter from the host country is often required before a visa is granted. Participants proposing to come to Ireland via the United Kingdom should remember that they may also require a visa to enter the U.K. if they intend to spend any time there.

7. Hotel information

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**annex B**) located in the vicinity of the meeting venue.

<http://www.discoverireland.com/ca-en/accommodation/>



Other information on tourism in Ireland can be found on the following web-site: <http://www.tourismireland.com/>.

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**.

8. **Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

9. **Official language in Dublin, Ireland**

English is an official language in Ireland and will be the language of the meeting.

10. **Weather and time zone information**



In May, temperatures in Dublin usually range between a maximum of 14°C in the daytime and a minimum of 7°C at night. The standard time zone will be GMT + 1 hour. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/067/c00188.htm>. Weather in Ireland is unpredictable so participants are encouraged to bring appropriate rain gear.

11. **Electricity**

The electrical currents are 220 volts, 50 Hertz. The type of sockets used is illustrated below:



12. **Currency**



The currency in Dublin is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as at 14 April 2009 is US \$1 = € 0.75 and € 1 = US \$1.33.

13. **Disclaimer**

The CBD Secretariat and the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A – Country listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER IRELAND AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF IRELAND)

Citizens of the following countries and territories do not require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Ireland:

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| A Andorra Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Australia Austria | F Fiji Finland France | M Macao Malawi Malaysia Maldives Malta Mauritius Mexico Monaco | T Tonga Trinidad & Tobago Tuvalu |
| B Bahamas Barbados Belgium Bermuda Belize Bolivia Botswana Brazil Brunei Darussalam Bulgaria | G Germany Greece Grenada Guatemala Guyana | N Nauru Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua Norway | U United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America Uruguay |
| C Canada Chile Costa Rica Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic | H Holy See Honduras Hungary | P Panama Paraguay Poland Portugal | V Vanuatu Venezuela |
| D Denmark Dominica | I Iceland Israel Italy | R Romania | |
| E El Salvador Estonia | J Japan | S Saint Kitts & Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent & the Grenadines Samoa San Marino Seychelles Singapore Slovak Republic Slovenia Solomon Islands South Africa Spain Swaziland Sweden Switzerland | |
| | K Kiribati | | |
| | L Latvia Lesotho Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg | | |

Rate of exchange: US \$1 = € 0.75 and
€1 = US \$1.33

Annex B – Hotel Listing

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN EUROS

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| A. FIVE STAR HOTELS | Approximate room rates | Distance to the meeting venue | Remarks |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1. The Shelbourne Dublin 27 St Stephen's Green Dublin, 2 Ireland Phone: +353-(0)-1-663-4500 Fax : +353-(0)-1-661-6006 Web-site: http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/dubbr-the-shelbourne/ | €199 B&B | 6 km. | |
| 2. Westbury Grafton Street Dublin 2, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-679-1122 E-mail: westbury@doylecollection.com . Web-site: http://www.doylecollection.com/locations/dublin_hotels/the_westbury_hotel.aspx | €184 B&B | 6 km. | |
| 3. Fitzwilliam Dublin Hotel St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-478-7000 Fax: +353-(0)-1-478-7878 E-mail: enq@fitzwilliamhotel.com Web-site: http://www.fitzwilliamhotel.com/ | €179 B&B | 6 km | |
| B. FOUR STAR HOTELS | | | |
| 4. Jurys Croke Park Jones's Road Dublin 3, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-871-4444 E-mail: crokepark@doylecollection.com Web-site: http://www.doylecollection.com/locations/dublin_hotels/jurys_croke_park_hotel.aspx | €79 B&B | 3 km. | |
| 5. Gresham 23 Upr. O'Connell St. Dublin 1, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-874-6881 Fax: +353-(0)-1-878-7175 E-mail: the_gresham_dublin Web-site: http://www.gresham-hotels.com/dublin-city-hotels/ | €117 B&B | 3 km. | |
| 6. Dublin Skylon Hotel Upper Drumcondra Rd. Drumcondra, Dublin 9, Ireland Phone: +353-(0)-1-884-3900 Fax: +353-(0)-1-837-2778 E-mail: reservations@dublinskyonhotel.com Web-site: http://www.dublinskyonhotel.com/ | €83.33 B&B | 2 km. | |

| C. THREE-STAR HOTELS | | | |
|---|---|-------|--|
| 7. Days Inn Hotel, Dublin Airport Days Hotel Dublin Airport, Santry Cross, Ballymun Road Dublin 9, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-866-9500 Fax: +353(0)-1-866-9501 Web-site: http://www.dayshoteldublinairport.com/ | €58 Rm only | 4 km. | €11.00 for Cont. Breakfast and €12.50 Full Irish breakfast |
| 8. Travelodge, Ballymun Main Street, Ballymun Dublin 11, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-842-2000 Fax: +353-(0)-1842-3000 Web-site: http://www.travelodge.ie/hotel_locations/dublin_airport_hotel_ballymun.474.1.10178.details.html | €29 Rm only | 4 km. | Breakfast €10.00 |
| 9. Ardmore Hotel Tolka Valley, Between Finglas & Glasnevin Dublin 11, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-864-8300 Fax: +353-(0)-1-864-8311 E-mail: reservations@ardmore-hotel.com Web-site: http://www.ardmore-hotel.com/ | €55 Rm. only | 3 km. | €8.50 for Cont. Breakfast and €12.50 Full Irish |
| 10. Egans House Hotel 7 Lona park Glasnevin, Dublin 9 Tel: +353-(0)-1-830-3611 Fax: +353-(0)-1-830-3312 Web-site: http://www.eganshouse.com/index.html | Single €67 B&B Double €79 | 1 km. | |
| 11. Express by Holiday Inn, Dublin Airport Express By Holiday Inn Dublin Airport Northwood Park Santry Demesne Dublin, Ireland Tel: +353-(0)-1-862-8866 Fax: +353-(0)-1-862-8800 Web-site: http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ex/1/en/hotel/dblex?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/hi/1/en/hotelsearchresults | €79 1 st night €99 2 nd night €79 3 rd night | 4 km | |
