

Dear ESU Member

You are invited to the English-Speaking Union International Council meeting (ICM) 2019 in St Petersburg, Russia. We are looking forward to the opportunity to gather together. We will have two days of Council meetings to share ideas, followed by a day of cultural activities.

Package Cost: £495 per person for Delegates and Guests - Including transfers to and from the airport, meals, excursions and transport during the programme Payment can be made by credit/debit card, cheque or BACS. Vegetarian options will be available at all meals. Please let us know when registering if you have any special dietary or

available at all meals. Please let us know when registering if you have any special dietary or access requirements. The final deadline for registration is **30 June 2019** (but please see below regarding hotel discounts) and the booking form is enclosed. This form should be emailed to kay.dacey@esu.org

Accommodation options: Accommodation is not included in the package price and you will therefore need to make your own arrangements. The Conference will be held in the Novotel St Petersburg Centre Hotel and ESU St Petersburg has reserved a limited number of rooms at special rates for attendees should they wish to stay there. The hotel booking form is also attached and rooms should be reserved **directly with the hotel** before **01** April 2019 to receive the discounted offer. Hotel booking forms should be sent to the hotel, with a copy to Margarita Mudrak, Chair of ESU St Petersburg at <u>mmudrak@mail.ru</u> (who is co-ordinating logistics on behalf of the ESU).

**Note:** If you choose to stay in a different hotel, please be advised that transport will not be provided to or from the Novotel St Petersburg Centre Hotel for the programme and meals.

Flights: Flights are not included in the package price and you will therefore need to make your

own arrangements. ESU St Petersburg will arrange transfers to and from Pulkovo airport. Flight and accommodation details will therefore be collected from delegates and guests in due course.

Visa requirements: Please check visa requirements from your country and ensure that you have made the necessary arrangements.

Access: Please note that disabled access is not guaranteed at all venues.

For more information please contact **Kay Dacey**, **Executive Assistant**, <u>kay.dacey@esu.org</u> or telephone +44 207 529 1561. Confirmation will be sent on registration and a full delegate pack including detailed itinerary will be issued prior to the event.

Yours sincerely,

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Jane Easton Director-General Encl: Booking Form



Wednesday, 25 September	
Arrival & Welcome Dinner	
<ul> <li>Transfer from Pulkovo airport</li> <li>19:30 - Welcome Dinner at Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel</li> <li>Thursday, 26 September</li> </ul>	
ICM Delegates: International Council Meeting Day One: Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel • 09:30 - Registration • 10:00 - ICM Meeting • 11:30 - 11:50 - Tea/coffee break • 12:00 - 13:30 - ICM Meeting • 13:30 -14:30 - Lunch at Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel	<ul> <li>Guests:</li> <li>09:30 - Departure by coach for Tour of Peterhof including summer palaces of the Tsars and park with fountains</li> <li>12:30 - Lunch at the Orangery café in the Park</li> <li>13:30 - Leave for St. Petersburg</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>15:00 - 17:30 - Tour of the City, Peter &amp; Paul Fortress</li> <li>18:00 - Departure to the Theatre</li> <li>19:00 - Ballet performance at Mariinsky or Mikhailovsky theatre followed by a late dinner at the Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel</li> </ul>	
Friday, 27 September	Cuesto
ICM Delegates: International Council Meeting Day Two: Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel • 10:00 - ICM Meeting • 11:30 - 11:50 - Tea/coffee break • 12:00 - 13:30 - ICM Meeting • 13:30 -14:30 - Lunch at Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel	<ul> <li>Guests:</li> <li>10:00 -13:00 - Visit to St. Isaak's Cathedral, Saviour Church on the Spilled Blood and the Russian Museum</li> <li>13:30 - 14:30 - Lunch at Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>15:30 - Depart for the tour of the Hermitage Museum</li> <li>16:00 - 18:00 - Tour of the Hermitage Museum</li> <li>18:00 - 19:00 - Dinner - venue to be confirmed</li> <li>19:00 - Free time</li> </ul>	
Saturday, 28 September	
<ul> <li>Cultural Activity Day</li> <li>10:00 - 13:00 - Visit to Tsarskoye Selo, Catherine the Great Palace, Amber Room, Park</li> <li>13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch in Tsarskoselsky Present Café</li> <li>14:00 - Depart to St. Petersburg</li> <li>15:30 - 17:00 - Boat trip along rivers and canals</li> <li>19:00 - Farewell dinner at Novotel St. Petersburg Centre Hotel</li> </ul>	
Sunday, 29 September	
Departure Day     Transfer to Pulkovo Airport	
End of activities	