# **13th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**



# AIMSA'2008 AI@Work

4 - 6 September 2008 Sunny Day Tourist Complex Varna, Bulgaria



## **MEETING VENUE**

## The AIMSA'2008

Conference will be held at the Sunny Day Tourist Complex. The complex is situated in the immediate vicinity of St. Constantine, 10 km north of the city of Varna and 16 km from its airport. Convenient location, wellappointed conference halls and state-of-the-art equipment, experienced technicians, attention to every detail - these have turned Sunny Day into a preferred centre for holding various business meetings.

The Conference itself will take place at **Palace Hotel**.



#### **OFFICIAL AGENT**

The perfect organization of the event will be ensured by the cooperation between the Institute of Information Technologies and the Company for International Meetings (CIM) Ltd. – the official agent of the meeting.

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#### REGISTRATION

All participants are requested to pre-register by sending a completed Registration form with the respective fee (by 1 July) to the address of CIM Ltd. Forms received without the appropriate remittance will not be considered for valid registration.

The AIMSA'2008 Registration fees include attendance to AIMSA'2008 technical sessions, a copy of the AIMSA'2008 proceedings, the Welcome reception, working lunches and the Conference dinner.

\* Authors of accepted papers should pay the registration fee **not later than 1 June 2008**.

\*\* ECCAI members and full time students are required to enclose a copy of a certificate.

#### LETTER OF INVITATION

Upon request the Organizing Committee will issue an Official Letter of invitation for participation in the AIMSA'2008 Conference. It should be understood that the invitation is only meant to facilitate participants to find financial support if it is necessary or to be presented at the Bulgarian consular offices for obtaining an entry visa. Such a letter does not commit the Organizing Committee to cover any expenses of the delegates.

## LANGUAGES

English is the official language of the AIMSA'2008 Conference. All paper presentations and discussions will be in English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

#### **COFFEE/ TEA/ REFRESHMENTS**

Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available during the AIMSA'2008 Conference from Thursday until Saturday. Working lunches will be served next to the meeting hall.

#### PAYMENTS

**Advance payments** of registration fee should be sent to the bank account indicated on the registration form. Payment for hotel accommodation should be arranged to the CIM bank account indicated on the reservation form or by credit card. Please, find enclosed credit card authorization form.

**On-site payments** should be settled upon arrival at the CIM Registration Desk in Sunny Day Complex in cash or by credit cards.

## **CONFIRMATION LETTER**

A letter of confirmation will be sent to participants on receipt of registration and reservation forms and the respective payment. Participants are kindly requested to present the letter at the CIM Desk.

**Important note:** All currency exchange charges and bank collection fees are to be covered by the participant.

#### **CIM REGISTRATION DESK**

The CIM Registration Desk will be located next to the working halls in Palace Hotel. It will operate from Wednesday, 3 September and will stay open till the end of the Conference. Participants can address the CIM representatives for information on hotel accommodation, transportation, working programme, social events.





## ACCOMMODATION

Hotel rooms in several categories have been reserved for the AIMSA'2008 participants at Sunny Day Complex. Hotels in lower category in St. Constantine Resort will be provided additionally. All hotels are located within short walking distance (not more than 10-15 minutes) from the Conference venue.

Participants can make their choice of hotel accommodation by filling in the Hotel Reservation Form and sending it to CIM address. All bookings and inquires should be addressed directly to CIM Ltd.

#### A deposit of one night is required

in confirmation of hotel reservation. The deposit will be deducted from the total hotel bill. The balance due should be settled upon arrival at the Registration Desk in the Sunny Day Complex.

**Important note:** There is still pressure for accommodation at the beginning of September at the Bulgarian Black Sea coast and participants are advised to book at their earliest convenience by sending the form with the required first-night deposit (preferably before 30 June). The reservation will be confirmed on a first-come first-served basis. CIM Ltd. reserves the right to change the requested hotels to such of similar category if they are unable to confirm the first choice indicated in the Hotel Form.

## ... in Sunny Day Complex



## **PALACE HOTEL**

... is situated right on the beach and surrounds its guests with luxury, elegance and quality- the symbol of Sunny Day Resort. All rooms have balconies, shower WC, fully air-conditioning, direct dial telephone, mini-bar, satellite TV, hair-dryer, bathrobe. The hotel also offers: room-service - 08:00 AM - 11:00 PM, laundry, drycleaning, ironing, hairdresser's and Beautician, Manicure/chiropody, shops, art gallery, exchange, safe-deposit boxes, fax, iinternet, aall major credit cards accepted, billiards, fitness hall.





## **MIRAGE HOTEL**

... is an elegant, spacious 7-storey hotel with a wonderful position on the seafront promenade only few meters from the beach. All rooms have balconies, shower/WC, fully air-conditioning, direct dial telephone, mini-bar/fridge, satellite TV, hair-dryer. Some of the hotel services include: room-service, drycleaning, restaurant, lobby bar, outdoor swimming pool.



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Marina Hotel – This modern hotel has a superb location on the beach and stun with panoramic view on the Black sea. All rooms have balconies, shower/WC, fully airconditioning, direct dial telephone, minibar/fridge, satellite TV, hair-dryer.

## **VERONICA HOTEL**

It is a friendly, cozy hotel with a magnificent beach front location. All rooms and suites are with sea view and have mini-bar/fridge, direct-dial phone, satellite TV. There are a lobby bar and outdoor swimming pool for the guests.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

## BULGARIA

Bulgaria is a part of the Balkan Peninsula in South Eastern Europe. The state of Bulgaria was first founded in 681 AD and has a long and varied history. Since January 2007 Bulgaria is a member of European Union.

## VARNA

This is Bulgaria's third largest city, a large port, and an important cultural, trade and industrial centre. Founded in the 6th century BC, the city boasts lots of remains from Roman and Byzantine times. Varna is rightly known as the "capital city" of the Bulgarian Black Sea coast.

## HOW TO REACH VARNA

**By air** Bulgarian and foreign airline companies directly link the capital of Bulgaria, Sofia, to all major European cities. Regular flights operate between Sofia and Varna two times daily. Direct flights from major European cities to Varna are also available. Detailed schedule of Sofia-Varna-Sofia flights can be obtained from CIM upon request and also a reservation could be made.

**By train** Bulgaria is linked to almost all capitals and big cities in Europe by train.

**By bus** CIM could make reservations for the regular bus lines between Sofia and Varna if required. The price of the ticket is 20 Euro.

**By car** Varna is accessible from the main border checkpoints via national and international roads.

## **PASSPORTS & VISAS**

Only valid passports are required from all the EC countries. Delegates from countries where visa is normally required for entry to Bulgaria are reminded that they will need to obtain one from the appropriate Bulgarian Embassy/Consul. Please check at the nearest Bulgarian Embassy all the documents required for your country.

## **MONETARY SYSTEM**

The national currency is the Bulgarian Lev. Bank notes of the following denominations are in circulation: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 Levs. 1 Euro = 1,96 Levs.

## CLIMATE

Moderate climate: mild spring and autumn, hot summer, cold snowy winters. The weather at the beginning of September is warm and sunny. Daily temperatures range from 23 to 280 C.

## TIME

Summer time:GMT + 3 hrs. (April through September)**ELECTRICITY**220 Volts, 50 Hz

## **MAP OF THE HOTELS**

