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**61st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUDGES
Marrakech (Morocco), 14-18 October 2018**

Rome, 24th April, 2018

TO ALL NATIONAL MEMBER-ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Colleagues,

1 - In the name of the International Association of Judges and of the “*Amicale Hassania des Magistrats du Maroc*”, I take pleasure in inviting you to name your delegates to the meetings of the Central Council, of the four Study Commissions, as well as of the four Regional Groups of the IAJ to be held in Marrakech (Morocco), from 14th to 18th of October 2018.

2 - The meetings will take place at the meeting halls of “*Palais des Congrès du Ministère de Bab Ighli*”.

The delegates are invited to book as a priority at MOVENPICK hotel (www.movenpick.com) or, as an alternative, at SAVOY le Grand Hotel (www.savoylegrandhotel.com).

Daily shuttles from and to Hotels/ Palais des Congrès will be made available by the Moroccan association.

Each national association must cover the accommodation expenses for its own delegates.

The Moroccan Association will offer the simultaneous translation (*English, French, Spanish*), all the meeting rooms, a welcome party on Monday, October 14th, as well as a dinner (*farewell party*) on Wednesday, October 17th and an excursion to historical monuments of Marrakech on Thursday, October 16^h.

3 - The delegates are expected to arrive on Sunday, October 14th, 2018 (*save delegates to Regional Meetings, who are expected to arrive on Saturday, October 13th, 2018*) and are expected to leave on Friday, 19th.

From and to the airport, a transport company will welcome and transfer delegates at a convenient price, covered by delegates.

4 - Please find here enclosed a provisional programme. A special programme will be arranged for travelling companions. An additional fee of 200 euro will be charged on any accompanying person.

5 - A free excursion is foreseen to *Terres d’Amanar*, on October 15th.

6 - The organising association communicated the following costs for the accommodation.

HOTEL MOVENPICK

Price per night per room:

Type of room	Price
SINGLE	1500 MAD (approx. 131 euro)
DOUBLE	1650 MAD (approx. 155 euro)

Room with breakfast included

Tourist tax: 28.60 MAD (approx. 2.50 euro) per night and per person.

HOTEL SAVOY LE GRAND HOTEL

Price per night per room:

Type of room	Price
DE LUXE SINGLE OR DOUBLE	1450 MAD (approx. 127 euro)

Room with breakfast included

Tourist tax: 28.60 MAD (approx. 2.50 euro) per night and per person.

Exchange rate on April 16th 2018:

1 euro/11.76 MAD

1 USA dollar/09.53 MAD

Contact and reservation for both Hotels:

Mr. Saad KARIAM

Agence.fan.tours@gmail.com

Tel.: +212.53720.32.72/73/74

Fax: +212.537.20.32.75

7 - According to the criteria already adopted for previous meetings, delegates can be appointed as follows:

Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Rep. of China (Taiwan), South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.	Each association belonging to this group is entitled to send a maximum of 6 delegates.
Australia, Finland, Israel, Sweden.	Each association belonging to this group is entitled to send a maximum of 5 delegates.
Azerbaijan, Belgium, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Paraguay, Poland, Slovenia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.	Each association belonging to this group is entitled to send a maximum of 4 delegates.
Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Bermuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Georgia, Guinee Bissau, Iceland, Iraq, Latvia, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldavia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Romania, Sao Tomé & Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, the former- Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uruguay.	Each association belonging to this group is entitled to send a maximum of 3 delegates.

Any changes in the maximum number of participating delegates must be directly arranged with the organising association. By no way the IAJ General Secretariat can be involved in such arrangements.

8 - Since the Organisation has to confirm the reservation of the rooms on time, the national associations are urged to forward immediately to the members of their delegations the enclosed registration forms, asking them to fill in the forms and to send one to each of the following addresses before **May 30, 2018**:

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congre.marrakech@gmail.com
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Mr. Giacomo OBERTO
Secretary-General of the
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Palazzo di Giustizia
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9 - Any other communication concerning hotel reservations should be sent only (contact for both Hotels) to:

Mr. Saad KARIAM
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Tel.: +212.53720.32.72/73/74
Fax: +212.537.20.32.75

10 - Delegates are kindly requested to respect the deadline fixed (**May 30, 2018**), risking otherwise to be unable to take part in the meeting.

11 - Each national association, moreover, is kindly requested to send the list of its delegates (to the Central Council, to the Study Commissions and to the Regional Groups) to Mr. Giacomo Oberto and to Mr. A. Meftah.

Any modifications to the list should be communicated in the same way, and each communication should mention that a copy has been sent to Mr. Giacomo Oberto, and to Mr. A. Meftah.

12 - The climate in Marrakech is expected to be pleasant and the temperature in the range of approx. 25 to 30 degrees Celsius.

Looking forward to seeing you in Marrakech, I send you all my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Giacomo Oberto
Secretary-General
International Association of Judges

P.S.

- In addition to the meetings of the Central Council and of the Study Commissions, the following meetings will take place in Marrakech:
 - a) Saturday, October 13th, in the afternoon: meeting of the Presidency Committee;
 - b) Sunday, October 14th: meetings of the European Association of Judges - Regional Group of the IAJ, of the Ibero-American Regional Group, of the African Regional Group and of the Asian, Oceanian and North American Regional Group ;
 - c) Sunday, October 14th: a second meeting of the Presidency Committee, in the afternoon;
 - d) Wednesday, October 17th: International Conference on: “Judicial Independence and the implementation of the new Universal Charter of the Judge”.

- One delegate from each association should arrive on Saturday October 13th evening, to participate in the Sunday morning Regional Groups’ meetings. Delegations should leave on Friday, October 19th.

- The following subjects will be discussed by the Study Commissions in Marrakech:
 - “The trend of public criticism towards judges and judicial decisions in a disrespectful manner by other state powers, the media and in social media” (1st Study Commission);
 - “Strategies for effective case management” (2nd Study Commission);
 - “Treatment of witnesses, including children, protected witnesses and sexually abused victims. B. Trial Procedures. C. Mandatory sanctions” (3rd Study Commission);
 - “Rights and obligations of refugees: a risk of modern slavery?” (4th Study Commission).

Here enclosed please find:

- a) the provisional programme;
- b) the registration form for the meeting.

Subject to change by decision of the association of Morocco
PROGRAMME
for the
61st Annual Meeting of the IAJ
Marrakech, 14th – 18th October 2018

Saturday, October 13, 2018

15.00 - 18.00 **Meeting of the Presidency Committee**

Sunday, October 14, 2018

09.00 - 16.00 Meeting of the European Association of Judges
09.00 - 16.00 Meeting of the Ibero-American Regional Group
09.00 - 16.00 Meeting of the African Regional Group
09.00 - 16.00 Meeting of the Asian, North American and Oceanian Regional Group
16.00 - 18.00 **Meeting of the Presidency Committee (2nd part)**
9.00-17.00 Guided tour for the accompanying persons to historical monuments of Marrakech
19.00-22.00 Welcome cocktail party

Monday, October 15, 2018

09.00 - 09.45 Opening Ceremony
10.00 - 13.00 **Meeting of the Central Council (1st part)**
15.00 - 18.00 **Meeting of the Study Commissions 1 – 4 (1st part)**
13.00 - 17.00 Excursion for accompanying persons to “Terres d’AMANAR”
Evening: free time

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

09.00 – 13.00 **Meeting of the Central Council (2nd part)**
15.30 – 18.00 Guided Excursion to historical monuments of Marrakech

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

09.00 – 12:30 International Conference: “Judicial Independence and the implementation of the new Universal Charter of the Judge”
12.30-14.00 Lunch
15.00-18.00 **Meeting of the Study Commissions 1 – 4 (2nd part)**
15.00-17.00 **Meeting of the Presidency Committee (3rd part)**
14.00 – 18.00 Excursion for accompanying persons to OURIKA
19.00-23.00 Farewell Party

Thursday, October 18, 2018

9.00-13.00 **Meeting of the Central Council (3rd part)**
9.00-13.00 free time for accompanying persons

Friday, October 19, 2018

Departure of delegates