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**62nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUDGES
Astana 15-19 September (Kazakhstan)**

Rome, March 3rd 2019

TO ALL NATIONAL MEMBER-ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Colleagues,

1 - In the name of the International Association of Judges and of the *Union of Judges of the Republic of Kazakhstan*, 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 Astana (Kazakhstan) from 15 to 19 of September 2019.

2 - The meetings will take place at the meeting halls of “Hilton Astana” Hotel.

Delegates are suggested to reserve the “Hilton Astana” Hotel as a priority, or, alternatively, “Wyndham Garden Astana” Hotel, “Hampton by Hilton” Hotel.

Daily transfer between hotels will be provided by the Kazakhstan Association.

The accommodation expenses must be covered by each national association for its own delegates.

The Kazakh Association will offer at its own expenses the simultaneous translation (English, French, Spanish, Russian), all the meeting rooms, a welcome party (dinner) on Sunday, September 15th as well as Gala dinner on Wednesday, September 18th (farewell party).

3 - The delegates are expected to arrive on Sunday, 15th of September, 2019 (save delegates to the Regional Groups meetings who are expected to arrive on Saturday, September, 14th 2019) and are expected to leave on Friday, September, 20th.

Transportation between airport and hotel will be provided by the Kazakhstan Association.

4 - Please find here enclosed a provisional programme. A special programme will be arranged for travelling companions. An additional fee (which will be communicated soon) will be charged on any accompanying person and on delegates exceeding the number established for the contribution group to which their national association belongs (see par. 7 of this letter).

The fee includes: handouts, coffee-break and conference package, gala dinner, reception, transportation.

5 - The excursion is foreseen to the sights of Astana.

6 - A certain number of rooms has been reserved at the recommended hotels, where the delegates will be hosted at their own expenses. The following costs of the accommodation have been communicated by the organising association:

“Hilton Astana” Hotel

<https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kazakhstan/hilton-astana-TSEKAHI/index.html>

Accommodation	Price per night per room in USD	Price per night per room in EUR
Single*	\$ 200	€ 175
Single**	\$ 222	€ 195
Double*	\$ 212	€ 186
Executive Single*	\$ 250	€ 219
Executive Double*	\$ 262	€ 230
Suite Single*	\$ 340	€ 298
Suite Double*	\$ 352	€ 310

*Breakfast included

**Lunch included

“Wyndham Garden Astana” Hotel<http://wyndhamgardenastana.com>

Accommodation	Price per night per room in USD	Price per night per room in EUR
Single*	\$ 64	€ 56
Double*	\$ 80	€ 70

*Breakfast included

“Hampton by Hilton” Hotel<https://www.hilton.ru/hotels/hampton-by-hilton-astana-triumphal-arch/>

Accommodation	Price per night per room in USD	Price per night per room in EUR
Single*	\$ 65	€ 57
Flexible* (standard with sofa)	\$ 80	€ 70

*Breakfast included

Reservations have to be made through the following contact persons:

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Mr. Niyaz Nurkhaidarov

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

Austria, Brazil, Canada, Rep. of China (Taiwan), Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA;	each association belonging to this group is entitled to send a maximum of 6 delegates;
Australia, Finland, Israël, Sweden	each association belonging to this group is entitled to send a maximum of 5 delegates;
Azerbaijan, 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, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, , Belgium, Benin, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinee Bissau, Iceland, Iraq, Latvia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Romania, Sao Tomé e Príncipe, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor Est, 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 two copies of the enclosed registration forms, asking them to fill in the forms and to send one to each of the following addresses to arrive before **30th of May, 2019**:

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9 -Delegates are kindly requested to respect the time-limit fixed (30th of May, 2019), risking otherwise to be unable to take part in the meeting.

10 - 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, to Mr. Bauyrzhan Burtebayev and to Ms. Nazym Zhussupova.

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, to Mr. Bauyrzhan Burtebayev and to Ms. Nazym Zhussupova.

11 - The climate in Astana is expected to be pleasant and the temperature in the range of approx. 20-25 degrees Celsius.

Looking forward to seeing you in Astana city, 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 Astana:
 - a) Saturday, September 14th, in the afternoon: meeting of the Presidency Committee;
 - b) Sunday, September 15th: 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, September 15th a second meeting of the Presidency Committee, in the afternoon;
 - d) Wednesday, September 18th: International Conference “Efficiency of justice and the role of information technology “will be held Congress Centre EXPO.

One delegate from each association should arrive on Saturday September 14th evening, to participate in the Sunday morning Regional Groups’ meetings. Delegations should leave on Friday, September 20th, or at least assure the attendance of a delegate until the final session of the Central Council on Thursday September 19th.

- The following subjects will be discussed by the Study Commissions in Astana
 - 1st Study Commission: “Social media and the judiciary:
 - 1) how best to respond to unfair comments about judges made on social media
 - 2) use of social media by judges and courts: opportunity or danger”;
 - 2nd Study Commission: “Problems, large and small, in the financing of litigation”;
 - 3rd Study Commission: “The Media in Criminal Cases: Protecting the Integrity of the Proceedings and Communications with the Media”;
 - 4th Study Commission: “Harassment, in a broad sense—moral and sexual— and its consequences on labor relations”.

Here enclosed please find:

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

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
for the
62nd Annual Meeting of the IAJ
Astana, 15-19 September 2019

Saturday, 14 September, 2019

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

Sunday, 15 September, 2019

from 08.00 Arrival of delegates
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)**

Evening:
19.00 - 22.00 Welcome cocktail party offered to participants

Monday, 16 September, 2019

09.00 - 09.45 Opening Ceremony
10.00 - 13.30 **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

Evening: Free time

Tuesday, 17 September, 2019

09.00 - 13.00 **Meeting of the Central Council (2nd part)**
15.30 - 18.00 Excursion for the delegates offered to see the sights of Astana

Wednesday, 18 September, 2019

09.00 - 17.30 International Conference “*Efficiency of justice and the role of information technology*” (programme and time to be confirmed)
12.30 - 15.00 Free time
15.00 - 18.00 **Meeting of the Study Commissions 1 – 4 (2nd part)**
15.00 - 17.00 **Meeting of the Presidency Committee (3rd part)**

Evening:
19.00 - 23.00 Gala dinner

Thursday, 19 September, 2019

09.00 - 13.00 **Meeting of the Central Council (3rd part)**
09.00 - 13.00 Spare time for accompanying persons

Friday, 20 September, 2019

Departure of delegates