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XXXVI E.S.F. Congress in Antwerp Belgium

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The Belgium Softball Division

Of the Royal Belgian Baseball and Softball Federation

Have the pleasure in celebration of their 75th anniversary to host the XXXVI ESF Congress in the city of Antwerp from February 4 - 6, 2011 at the SCANDIC Hotel Antwerp, Lt. Lippenslaan 66, 2140 Antwerp, Belgium

Antwerp, daughter of the River Scheldt and second largest city of Belgium... The 500.000 inhabitants call it the '**Metropolis**' (Antwerpians are known in Belgium for not being too modest). This city has so many different facets that it takes a while before one gets to know it thoroughly.

It is the second largest **harbour** of Europe (after Rotterdam). Moreover, Antwerp is a splendid city with numerous **architectural highlights**, most of which date from the 16th (the golden era of Antwerp) and the 17th century. The destructions of the Second World War, unfortunately, has scarred somehow the fair face of the old town. Still there are enough monuments left for those who like monument-hopping to spend a few days admiring them. The past is also represented by the numerous paintings of **Peter Paul Rubens** who lived in the Antwerp of the early 17th century.

Antwerp, the **diamond centre of the World**. If diamonds really are a girl's best friend, than a lot of ladies will not leave out a visit to the diamond district around the Railway Station. This area is also the Jewish part of the city. The presence of many 'Chassidic' Jewish people gives the city a flair that cannot be found in other Belgian cities.

Antwerp, however, does not only live from the past. Nowadays, Antwerp has earned a place among the **fashion** cities of the world thanks to the efforts of numerous young Flemish fashion designers (e.g.: Walter Van Beirendonck, Nadine Wynants, Ann De Meulemeester, Dirk Bikkembergs, Kaat Tilley and others). Visit the fashion area of Antwerp near the Meir shopping street.

Travelling to Antwerp:

Arriving in Belgium by Plane in Brussels National Airport (**not** Brussels south Charleroi which is +60 km further away from Brussels) or fly to Antwerp airport.

A pick up will be foreseen from both airports

Travelling by car

Take the highway around Antwerp and take the n° 3 way out (Borgerhout) from where you can see the Hotel.

Local private travel to the city:

Those who like to visit the centre of Antwerp can take the Tramway n° 24 at 150 meters from the Hotel and runs every 6 to 10 minutes or the Bus n° 244 every 20 minutes

It takes 15 minutes to the centre of the city and the Shopping centre.

Accommodation:

The congress, all committees meetings and the gala diner will take place at the Scandic Hotel, Lt. Lippenslaan 66, Antwerpen, Borgerhout,

Please find attached the registration form with all details which has to be sent back to me, before January 6th 2011. After that date we can not guarantee the room availability and the special prices offered.

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Best regards

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