

35th Annual ISA Conference

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WELCOME!

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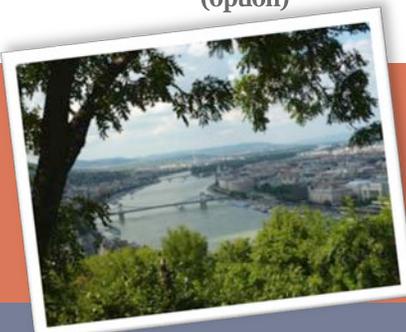
By Nancy Novaes, Chairwoman

Budapest! You will hear and learn much about this charming and historical city in our ISA, *Conference Edition*, newsletter. It is a fabulous destination, one that we will all remember for years to come.

The greatest fun for us ISA members are the friendships that we form over the years and the memories we take from the fabulous cities that we visit together. These years are moving more quickly lately, have you noticed? It seems like only yesterday that I volunteered for this ISA Directorship. It was the desire to "make ISA non-profit work run smoother" that prompted me to return to the Board.

ISA is indeed approaching an era of smoother running and "task simplification." The "one small thing" for ISA suggested years ago by Director Mary Ana Gilbert is better realized now by the breakdown of individual tasks to manageable sizes and the wonderful automation of our Club Express website, originally set up by Angela Masson.

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

LIZ JENNINGS CLARK



Greetings to all ISA members and friends... I hope to be able to greet many of you at our 35th Annual Conference in the amazingly beautiful and historical city of Budapest in May. This will be my last Conference as Events Director and I am so happy that Shannon Jipsen has agreed to take over the reins next year. She will be organizing the Prague side trip as a gentle baptism into the ISA event organizing life – don't scare her away!!

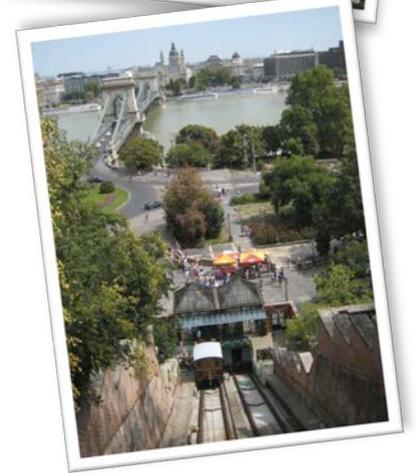
I am really glad that I can present Budapest as my last Conference destination. Member Brenda Robinette suggested the city as she has some good friends and contacts there. I went for a couple of days and was totally enchanted by the unexpectedly modern vibe of this buzzing metropolis.

Our hotel is amazing – a 5 Star Hilton in the middle of a historic area – the personnel were helpful and welcoming, and the hotel has everything you would expect from a 5***** Hilton.

After a fair bit of negotiating they gave us great rates – with full breakfast included – valid before and after our Conference if you want to come in early or stay later: €160 for a normal double or twin and €180 for a Danube view. Even the “lesser” rooms look out over the medieval courtyard or the ancient city – no car parks or dead wall views!

On Tuesday the board will have our meeting, which you are free to sit in on and observe, then at 6pm the Welcome Reception starts – please bring a cocktail dress or other pretty outfit to start off our gathering. There will be a light buffet and a cash bar as well as the Silent Auction where all proceeds go to the Scholarship program. This will end at about 9pm.

Wednesday we will start early – probably 8.30 am with our Annual General Business Meeting. Please wear your uniform (no hats needed) or Business casual (black or blue slacks or skirt with white blouse if your uniform is awol-we would like a professional look for our official ISA pictures) and after that we will gather for a group photo. Then we will have the Awards Luncheon and hear who the lucky women are who have been awarded scholarships as well as honoring the new Captains with their Captains Club plaques. (If you have upgraded this year please contact Captain Brenda Robinette at CaptainsClub@ISWAP.ORG to be included). Then we have a couple hours off and regroup for an evening cruise along the Danube with supper on board a specially chartered ship (this is a separate payment of usd\$120-see page 13). It will be a long day, but I am sure it will be a memorable one.



On **Thursday** we have put together an optional “bespoke” tour with a combination of Hungarian highlights. We start with a visit to the Lavas Equestrian Park – a feature of many top ten lists of things to do in and around Budapest. After witnessing an amazing hour long show by their skilled horsemen we also get to look around the park at various weird and wonderful Hungarian animals (“Rasta” dogs anyone?) before being served a hearty traditional lunch. Our coaches will then either bring us to the Gödöllő Palace or we head back into the city to visit some of highlights of this incredible capital. Details are on page 14–this is a separate payment of usd\$100. It. To close our day we will visit Budapest’s world famous Opera House, enjoy a glass of bubbly and a private tour of this lavish edifice before returning to the Hilton.

On **Friday** Shannon Jipsen has put together a 3 day Prague trip – see pages 15/16 for details. Unfortunately, my busy life did not allow me to organize an official Vienna trip as was hoped, but please check out page 11 for Jo Halverson’s suggestions for an independent pre or post Conference side step.

Finally, I would like to point out that it was a considered decision to charge separately for the Wednesday evening Danube dinner cruise and the Thursday Hungarian “Horses and Opera” tour. The alternative was to raise registration to cover one or both, and possibly put off some members from attending. These add on’s definitely worth the money–please bear in mind registration is now the lowest in 5 years, plus each day at the hotel a full breakfast buffet is included - something we have not managed to achieve in previous 4* or 5 * hotels.

I hope you will each make the effort to travel to Europe and join with us to make this an unforgettable ISA gathering. I have enjoyed being the ISA convention/conference/events chair/director for in total 8 years, and hope Budapest will be a high note before I leave the post to the capable hands of Shannon Jipsen.

CAPTAIN'S CLUB

Hi Ladies,

It's that time again to think about the conference and to contact me if you have upgraded since last year! With the 'age 65' retirements (USA) beginning, there should be movement and I look forward to hearing from newly-minted Captains (and those who have missed the opportunity for us to gush over your milestone). We want to recognize you, so please contact me by either phone or email (my personal information is on the WWW.ISWAP.ORG website directory). Last year in Seattle we had only two recipients, so I hope we can recognize more this year in Budapest!

Blue Skies,

Cap. Brenda Robinette

CaptainsClub@ISWAP.ORG



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 14 MAY

Board Meeting 9.00 – 12.00 PM

Welcome Reception 6.00 – 9.00 PM

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

General Business Meeting 8.30 – 11.30 AM

Group Photo 11.30 – 12.00 PM

Awards Luncheon 12.00 – 2.00 PM

Deluxe Danube Cruise 6.00 – 10.00 PM

THURSDAY 16 MAY

Full-day Hungarian Experience

FRIDAY 17 MAY

Departures for suggested side trips:

Prague or Vienna

*Gentle Reminders: **Welcome to the Internet age!** This will be the first ISA newsletter that will not include a 'snail mail' registration form– You will need to go online to register. If you have any difficulties, please contact Liz at EVENTS@ISWAP.ORG. Volunteers have been working diligently for several years to streamline many of the services and 'woman'-hours of ISA and this is one of many little bite-sized efforts we are happy to see implemented. Problems with website links/email addresses not opening? Copy & Paste into your browser or email address bar!*



BOD Emeritus Maggie Badaracco keeps us straight and level with her management of the Operations Manual. So many others – too many to name here – have helped ISA stay true to course. But there's always something else to do, something useful and fun. If you think of something you'd like to see ISA doing, why not join us and share your ideas and expertise? We'd love to have you join us.



For centuries, Budapest was central to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, but it fell into oblivion after WW I. It was not until the tragedies of WW II and the uprising in 1956 that Hungary and Budapest were once again in world headlines. Today Budapest has regained its joy without losing its proud past. We are looking forward to our meeting in this special twin city (“Buda” and “Pest”) on the glorious Danube River.

This year, “Man Cave” gets a new meaning. On Wednesday, ISA’s “First Gentleman” Laird Johnson will lead the way on a HALP tour of the tunnels and caves of the ancient city of Buda on the hilltop. So get your partner, parent or friend ready for an

underground tour that will take them back centuries. Just tell them to dig out in time for our Wednesday luncheon!

Meanwhile, arrange your vacation and add to your days off to join us for a breathtaking tour of a city that is small but mighty. See you in Budapest!

-Nancy

BIG NOTE ABOUT NAVIGATING TO WEBSITES USING LINKS IMBEDDED IN THIS PDF:

If “clicking” on the link, especially one with a lot of ‘code’ is not taking you to the website, try “copying and pasting” it into your browser’s navigating bar. If I just spoke in gibberish, find someone who can assist you. I’ve been testing all the links to ensure they work, and I assure you that they do! You can also write the text into your browser bar.

See you in Budapest! Jo Halverson, editor and all-around ISA volunteer

HILTON HOTEL – CASTLE DISTRICT

Where shall I begin? The Castle District Hilton is the only 5 Star Hilton in Hungary, and we have managed to negotiate great room rates: €160 for a Town view and €180 for a Danube view twin/double, including breakfast that would otherwise set you back €20 per person! This is the first time an ISA hotel has been in a UNESCO World Heritage site location! Our **Welcome Reception** will

be held in a courtyard surrounded by the ruins of a 13th Century Dominican monastery and a 16thC Jesuit College with views out over the Danube to the other half of the city (Pest) with the Hungarian Parliament building at center stage. I would certainly recommend that—if you can— try to arrive a day or two early and explore the city at a leisurely pace.

The hotel has a 24-hour fitness center and a jogging track or you may choose to relax with a massage or in the sauna. There is wifi throughout the hotel—paid in the rooms and free in the lobby area.

Note: Reservations are through the Hilton—charges will be in Euros.

Prices are as follows:

City View Guest Room:

- ❖ Double Use €160
- ❖ Single Use €150

Danube View Guest:

- ❖ Double Use €180
- ❖ Single Use €160

Rates include the deluxe Hilton Breakfast Buffet (a €28 per person value!) but exclude 18%VAT and 4% city tax.

WHAT'S THIS GOING TO SET ME BACK IN USD?

Current Average Euro to USD:
1:1.3

<http://www.gocurrency.com>

- ✚ Your credit card information will be needed in order to guarantee the room
- ✚ Our negotiated rate is good only until April 15 and is based on availability: First come, first served—we have reserved 50 rooms, based on past attendance figures.
- ✚ **GENEROUS CANCELLATION POLICY:** More than 48 hours out no charges; Less than 48 hours before check-in: 2 nights' charge.

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/B/BUDHITW-GISWA-20130513/index.jhtml>

Hilton Hotel Continued...



Overlooking the River Danube on the Buda side of the city, the Hilton Budapest hotel is right next door to two historical sites – Mátyás (Matthias) church and the Fishermen's Bastion. The Matthias Church is a late 19th C recreation built on the foundations of a 13th C church and the Fisherman's Bastion is an undulating rampart of cloisters and stairways topped with 7 turrets. Stroll along the neo-gothic terrace of the Fisherman's Bastion and admire spectacular vistas of the Hungarian Parliament, Margaret Island, and the River Danube. Wander through the winding streets of the Royal Castle District and marvel at the beautifully reconstructed baroque and neo-gothic architecture. Visit Buda's Royal Palace or learn about Hungary's exciting past at Budapest Historical Museum.



Or you could admire the impressive collections at Hungarian National Museum or cross River Danube's impressive Chain Bridge and explore Pest's bustling city center. Bus # 16 stops around the corner from the hotel and brings you to Pest district. Treat yourself to authentic Hungarian shopping at Budapest's Central Market Hall.

For those who only have the minimum time off I would suggest that you jump on the Hop on Hop off Bus on Tuesday afternoon and orientate yourself in the city. Then that evening have a meal in one of the local restaurants. Speiz and "21" are both within walking distance from the hotel (Speiz is across the road) and both serve delicious food. 21 has a more modern menu while Speiz serves traditional dishes – ask the Hilton concierge to make a reservation so you are sure of a table.

The entire Castle District is a treasure trove of historic sites, so do try to make some time to explore it!

Question: Why is the hotel rate quoted in Euros while the ISA registration fee is in USD? Why can't we just use one currency for everything?!

Answer: Because you are booking the hotel directly through Hilton and they charge in Euros for the Budapest venue. Meanwhile ISA's bank is in the USA; therefore the registration is in USD!



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By Mary Bardon

Once again, it is time to start collecting items for our Silent Auction and Raffle! For those of you who have never attended an ISA Convention, the Silent Auction and Raffle are the two biggest fundraisers for our Scholarship program each year. We appreciate every item that members bring to these events, and are always amazed at the variety and creativity of the donations.



To make it easier for you to request items from businesses, we have a Donation Request Letter on the website that you can use. ISA is a charitable and educational organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, so donations are fully tax-deductible. All of this is mentioned in the sample letter. Just log on to **iswap.org**, and select “**Documents**” in the left column. Then, under “**Coordinator/Committee docs**” click on “**View Documents**”, where you will then find the **Donations Request Letter**.

As the convention will be in Budapest this year, we would like to make a couple of gentle suggestions. If you have large or heavy items to donate, please keep in mind that the majority of attendees will have to transport these items into other countries and deal with a variety of customs and duty regulations. If you have large or heavy items, perhaps you could bring detailed photos and descriptions of the items to use during the bidding, then ship the items to the winners later.

As coordinator for the Silent Auction and Raffle, it really makes my job a lot easier if you can send me a little info ahead of time. **Please** let me know: 1) a description of the item(s) you are bringing, 2) retail value for each item, and 3) (if you wish to designate one) a minimum first bid amount.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Budapest! Come prepared to Bid High and Bid Often!



The Hospital in the Rock

By Liz Jennings Clark

- A secret medical facility and nuclear bunker used by St John's Hospital during both World War II and the Hungarian Uprising in 1956. This secret location was used since the 1940s to care for Hungarian citizens in times of conflict. This facility is close to our hotel and who knows - may even run under it! The 75-minute guided tour leads you through the labyrinth of corridors where you get a real grasp of what it was like when these caves were in use. Wax mannequins and actual equipment set up as it was when the facility was active leave a real impression as you traverse the cave. The reviews mention the interesting tableaus, well-informed guides (and their excellent English) that bring the history of Budapest to life. See Laird Johnson's article on the right for time and price details. Please show your interest by checking the relevant box on the registration form at ISWAP.ORG

<http://www.sziklakorhaz.eu/en/programok>



At last year's Conference in Seattle, while the ladies were involved in their annual General Board Meeting, the husbands (HALP) and friends explored the *Underground*. While the Budapest 2013 GBM is in session I had considered a beer-tasting expedition. With a time frame of 10-11:30 AM it could be stated that "hey, it's

Happy Hour somewhere in the world." Unfortunately, the ISA Board of Directors' President (my wife) decreed that we had to be functional for the luncheon. So, plan "B" (is that for 'behave?') is to, once again, return to the underground and visit a "man cave" beneath the city. The price is 3600 Ft (Hungarian-about 17usd). Discounts are available for more than 15 in a group, military and seniors (62) of an EU country. We will need to make the

10:00 am tour in order to be back by the ISA luncheon. If unable to walk to it, you will have to take a taxi. Husbands, partners and friends are welcome for the Wednesday HALP tour.



Picture taken at the Boeing factory tour in SEA, ISA 2013 Conference.

Laird Johnson, First Man



BUDAPEST Arrival Information:



For those of you arriving from the US you will have to travel through another European gateway to get to Budapest. Since the demise of their national airline Malev on February 14th 2012 most of the flights arriving in Budapest (BUD/ LHBP) are from other European destinations. So you can fly to your favorite European city and from there to BUD. For example from Atlanta you can travel with Lufthansa/British Airways/ KLM/ Alitalia – depending on what ZED fares you can access. To access a full list of the airlines operating into BUD see the following link:

http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/flight_information/airlines

Air France (+36 1 483 8800 / <http://www.airfrance.com/hu/>)
 Alitalia (+36 1 483 2172 / <http://www.alitalia.com/>)
 American Airlines (+36 1 411 2190 / <http://www.aa.com/>)
 Austrian Airlines (+36 1 327 9080 / <http://www.austrianairlines.com/>)
 British Airways (+36 1 411 5555 / <http://www.britishairways.com>)
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 Lufthansa (+36 1 429 8001 / <http://www.lufthansa.com/>)
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 Swiss International Airlines (+36 1 328 4060 / <http://www.swiss.com/>)
 Turkish Airlines (+36 1 266 4291 / <http://www.thy.com/>)

As you can see Budapest is served from most major European airports so just use your computer skills to seek out the best route for you and your airline's interline agreements. Paris, London and Frankfurt seem the most logical.

The airport – is 15 miles south east of the city. I used a shuttle to get to the hotel and a taxi back to compare the services. The shuttle worked well on arrival – book online for a reduced fee, show your internet voucher at the desk just outside arrivals and they give you a number that comes up on an electronic screen when your shuttle is ready to depart. I didn't have to wait long, less than 10 minutes, before the shuttle going to my area left with me and one other passenger: <http://www.airportshuttle.hu/en/>. Taxis are not expensive and I would recommend either Fo Taxi +36 1 222 2222 <http://fotaxi.hu> (non-English) or City Taxi +36 1 2111 11 <http://www.citytaxi.hu/> (English)

Money:

Hungary is a member of the European Union but not in the Euro zone. Their currency is called the Forint and 1000 Forint (FT/HUF) is (at the time of writing) \$4.55. So for easy reckoning just consider FT/HUF1000 as \$5 and you'll be pleasantly surprised when the bills come in... If you want to be more accurate you can check the rate on the following link

<http://themoneyconverter.com/HUF/USD.aspx>

Time:

Budapest is on the Central European Time Zone – 6 hours ahead of New York and one hour ahead of UTC.

Electricity:

Budapest has 220V current like most of Europe with 2 round pin plugs. US uses 110V so don't bother to bring any appliances. Laptops and cell phone chargers are ok but you will need an adaptor. The Hilton has hairdryers in the rooms so don't bother to bring yours.

Transport:

Prior to arrival you can book a shared **airport shuttle** online with Airport Shuttle Minibus on their English language website and get a 10% discount - <http://www.airportshuttle.hu/en/>

The regular price to the Castle District Hilton (there is also a West End Hilton, so do make sure you book to the correct hotel) is HUF 3200 if you book when you arrive - less than \$15 - and with the discount if you book online HUF 2880 – just under \$13 and it gets cheaper for more people travelling together for example 4 people pay HUF 6291 – just under \$7 per person! If you book online you get a code in an email and present that at a desk just outside arrivals then wait for your number to come up on a screen that indicates that your shuttle is ready to depart. I had to wait less than 10 minutes and a 9 seater bus departed with just 2 of us on board – so you don't have to wait for the bus to fill. In fact it was just enough time for me to use the nearby ATM to get some local currency.

Taxis are also not that expensive. The 30 - 45 minute drive to/from the airport will set you back about 5- 6000HUF or \$22-\$27. From the airport I would recommend Fo Taxi, who have a booth outside the arrivals area. Do confirm the fare with the supervisor or driver, but it should be in the range mentioned above. For any trips from the hotel you can ask the concierge to call City taxi or Fo taxi – cheaper than the normal hotel taxis, which are similar to Town Cars in the US. They will quote when asked a fixed tariff to the airport. I had an early departure and ordered a taxi (City taxi) to save time, and as we drove to the airport, I noticed the meter was heading to the quoted amount and we were not there yet. As the meter passed that amount the driver reached over and switched it off! Quite different to our experiences in Rome I must say!

Local Bus

If you arrive early and want to explore, the #16 bus runs from a nearby stop in the Castle District to Pest city. Just ask the concierge. On Tuesday I would recommend you take the “Hop on Hop off sightseeing tour”. It runs on a route that passes close to the hotel and runs from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm every 30 minutes. It takes in all the main sights and costs HUF 5000 (<\$15).

REGISTERING FOR THE CONFERENCE THROUGH WWW.ISWAP.ORG

REGISTRATION WILL BE THROUGH THE ISA WEBSITE. PLEASE LOG IN AND ON THE HOME PAGE CLICK ON “BUDAPEST CONFERENCE”, ONE OF THE LINKS IN THE LEFT COLUMN. FOLLOW THE REGISTRATION LINKS. YOU WILL HAVE TO GIVE YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION - IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS CONTACT ME AT LIZJC81@GMAIL.COM OR EVENTS@ISWAP.ORG

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE IS ONLY USD \$160 - \$60 LESS THAN THE LAST TWO YEARS AS WE HAVE MADE THE WEDNESDAY EVENING FUNCTION OPTIONAL. THE REGISTRATION FEE COVERS THE TUESDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION, WEDNESDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON AS WELL AS OUR MEETING ROOM RENTAL, ONE GROUP PHOTO AND AUDIOVISUAL (AV) COSTS. THIS IS VALID UNTIL MIDNIGHT TUESDAY APRIL 1ST. AFTER THAT THE LATE REGISTRATION FEE IS USD \$220. REGISTRATIONS CAN BE CANCELLED FOR NO PENALTY UNTIL 2 WEEKS BEFORE CONFERENCE, I.E. MIDNIGHT 29TH APRIL (SO BOOK EARLY IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO COME - IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR DAYS YOU CAN CANCEL). AFTER THAT YOU CAN STILL GET A 50% REFUND UNTIL ONE WEEK BEFORE BUT NO REFUND AFTER THAT. ADULT GUESTS ARE CHARGED AT THE SAME RATES AS MEMBERS.

CHILDREN'S REGISTRATION IS HALF THE PRICE OF THE ADULTS - \$80 AND \$110

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE IN USD

Whispers of Vienna?

Yes, folks, it's true. There was talk about putting together a side trip package to Vienna for those of you who wanted to come early or stay after. Unfortunately, we were unable to fully-develop an itinerary. As world travelers that won't stop many ISA members and their entourages from making some sort of stopover there if the mood, time, and wallet permits. There are several ISA members who have already indicated they will be heading to Vienna and will be taking the train to or from Budapest. If you would like further information, or if you would like to rendezvous with other members who are planning some fun in Austria's largest city-and Capital-send an email to Communications@iswap.org. We'll coordinate a list and send out a message when we have more information regarding plans. Wouldn't it be fun to have a get-together? Here are some links to whet your appetite. Bon Appetit!

<http://www.city-walks.info/Vienna/Opera.html>

Booking.com/ViennaOperaHouse-Hotels

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g190454-Vienna-Vacations.html>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/austria/vienna>



-Jo Halverson, editor

Interesting Budapest links

<http://visitbudapest.travel/explore-budapest/>

Check out their free downloadable pdfs

http://travel.usnews.com/Budapest_Hungary/Things_To_Do/

<http://www.thetravelmagazine.net/i-1020-budapest-top-ten.html>

<http://www.holiday-weather.com/budapest/forecast/fourteen-day/>

<http://www.budapest-tourist-guide.com/budapest-spas.html>

Information on the Spa experience!

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST CONFERENCE?

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST CONFERENCE?

I remember mine! And even though I knew the exceedingly charming and well connected Binka Bone, I was decidedly nervous to be around so many women, let alone that many AIRLINE PILOTS!! I worried how an old Air Force pilot would fit into such an incredible group of exceedingly accomplished women. Would they be welcoming? Would they be interested? Would they be inclusive?

And as you regular conference attendees can attest – the answers were Yes, Yes, and Definitely, Yes!!

So as your Membership Chair, I am starting a new program to welcome each of the first attendees and match her with a **liaison** (“regular”) to ensure they feel welcomed. We need lots of first attendees (PLEASE come and join us!!) and lots of sponsors. Please contact me membership@iswap.org *If it's your first conference, or, if you are willing to be a liaison. Looking forward to seeing you ALL!*

Mary Ana Gilbert



L-R: Liana Hart, Jo Halverson, Nancy Novaes, Tiana Dougherty, Mary Ana Gilbert & Liz Jennings Clark

Fall 2012 BOD meeting

Become a Member/Sponsor a Member!

If you are not a member of ISA, but you would like to be one or you would like to sponsor someone, check out our requirements and qualifications. If you are an International Airline Pilot, some exceptions may apply. Go to: www.iswap.org and select “Membership Requirements” from the left-hand menu.

- Renewals are accepted only through the website www.iswap.org
- You must maintain a valid email address for renewals, voting rights, and newsletters.
- Payment by credit card is preferred, although checks are still accepted.
- Questions? Please email membership@iswap.org

WEATHER:

May should be a lovely month to be in Budapest! Spring flowers will be blooming and the temperature has warmed up from the winter freeze but not yet become too hot. Spring is characterized by abundant sunshine and scattered showers! Average daytime temperatures are in the low to mid 70s F (17-24 C) with night lows hovering at low to mid 50s (10-12 C). The sun will rise at about 5 am and not set until close to 8pm if skies are clear. Rain showers are certainly possible – so do pack an umbrella or light raincoat.

Check out the forecast on your favorite weather site or use the following link

<http://www.wunderground.com/q/zmw:00000.1.12843>

Need a Roommate?

Willing to Share?

ISA Room Mom at Your Service!

Contact Lynn Austin

isaroomie@hotmail.com

Please email Lynn with your name, contact information, and length of stay.

Indicate if you have a reservation and would like a roomie or are if you are looking to room with someone who has a reservation.

If you have special preferences, please indicate those, as well.

Remember, be flexible!

WEDNESDAY EVENING DANUBE RIVER CRUISE!!

Join all your ISA friends and experience the magic of the Danube by night on our private chartered luxury paddleboat! This double-decked ship has cut glass chandeliers and teak decking, plush carpets and an overall elegant feeling. Viewing this amazing city from the water at night is not to be missed and how better to experience it than on a private charter?

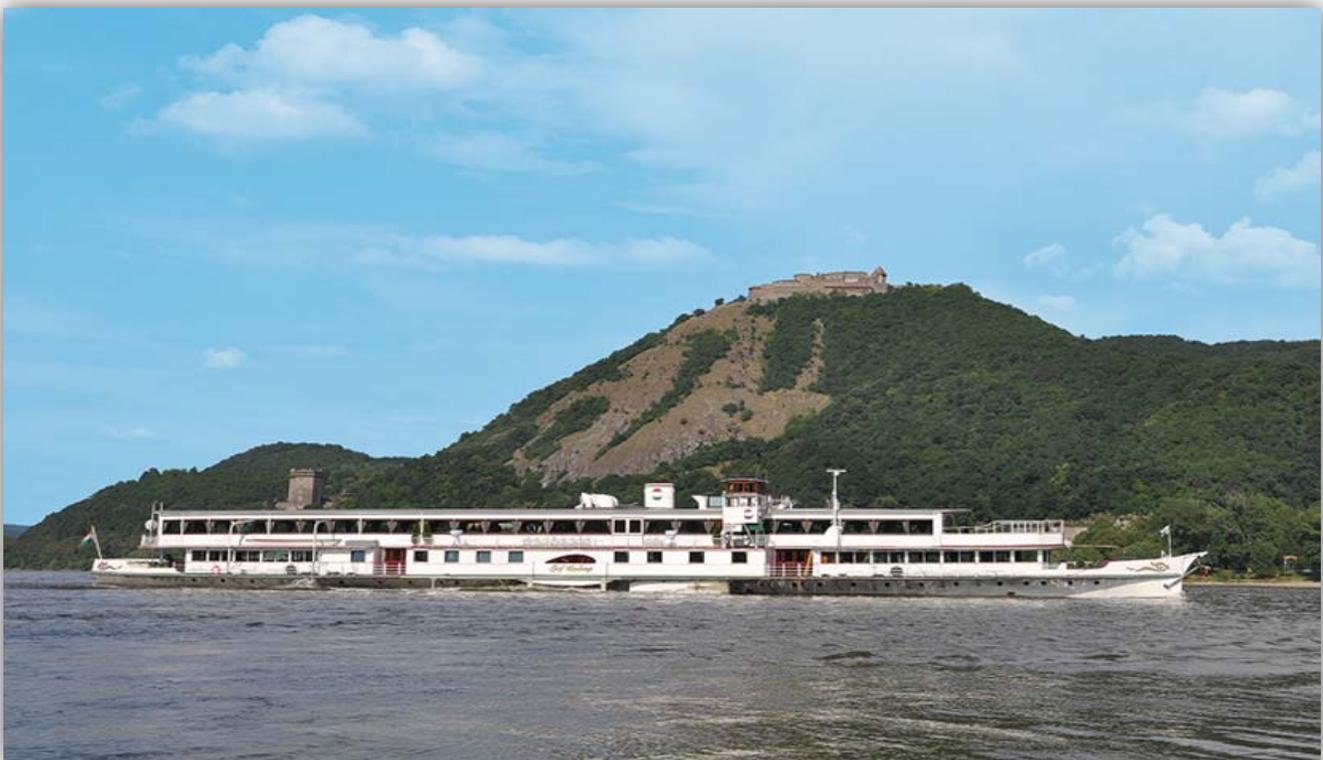
We will take a short drive to the dock where we can board then we will be greeted with a traditional Pálinka welcome cocktail. Pálinka is traditional Hungarian liquor made from fruit such as apricots, plums or cherries and is drunk both as an aperitif as well as a digestive.

When we are seated we will be served a sumptuous 4-course meal in a luxurious setting while we watch the city and its environs slowly glide by twinkling in the twilight as the night sets in. The meal is accompanied by an open bar serving Hungarian wines, draft beer and soft drinks as well as tea and coffee at no extra charge.

Entertainment will also be provided by the Lugosi traditional gypsy band and folk dancers who will give us a taste of an important part of Hungarian culture.

Some three hours later we will return to the dock and our coaches back to the hotel. The price for this **complete evening package is usd\$120**—this includes the transfers, all food and drink, the three- hour cruise itself and the entertainment. This will be an evening not to be missed!!

You can Register for the Conference and pay for this amazing night out at WWW.ISWAP.ORG: Login and on left side click “BUDAPEST CONFERENCE” on main menu side bar.



Thursday Full Day Tour – Hungarian Experience!



On the final day of the official part of the Conference we have a Hungarian extravaganza planned for you. We will leave the hotel at about 09.30 and travel 30km (20 miles) outside of the city to the world-renowned Lazar Brothers Equestrian Park. This working equestrian farm is often mentioned on top ten lists of things to do while in Budapest and run by dashing brothers Zoltan & Vilmos Lazar who are both world champion carriage drivers with 13 World

Cups between them! The Magyars (Hungary's indigenous people) have for centuries been known (and feared) as talented horseback warriors—this show will give you a glimpse into the techniques mastered by both horse and riders! It is a testosterone-fueled display that will be followed by some time to visit with the Lipica horses in the paddocks or stables and see some of Hungary's native weird and wonderful animals – the 'so ugly it's cute' curly-haired hog—Mangalica, the spiral horned “Racka” sheep and the “Rasta” styled Puli sheepdogs. Then we'll be treated to a hearty traditional lunch with goulash soup and schnitzels followed by apricot pastries.



Then we hope to visit nearby Gödöllő Palace (to be confirmed time permitting). This is an fine example of baroque architecture (second only in size to Versailles) was given as a wedding present to the first Austro-Hungarian Emperor Frans Jozef I and his wife Empress Elizabeth (Sissi). Sissi was an icon of her day and has fascinated ever since. She was an introverted, yet strong-minded and somewhat eccentric, monarch whose beauty and warmth captured the hearts of the Hungarian people who had just recently been annexed by the Austrians. She is credited with assisting in the final negotiations that added Hungary to the Hapsburg Empire.

Our tour will continue with the short trip back to Budapest where we can take a little time to enjoy the beauty of this city. Unfortunately, our plans do not include a tour of the State Opera House, but if you have an opportunity please try to make it on a tour. Take care not to miss the chandelier weighing 3 tons (!) with 6 pounds (!) of gold used in its fixtures. This ornate edifice was also the first auditorium in Europe to have under floor heating and air conditioning installed.

The price for this terrific tour is usd\$70 and can be purchased on the REGISTRATION page at WWW.ISWAP.ORG.

Prague Side Trip Itinerary



By Shannon Jipsen-2014 Events Director

Thanks to Cindy & Carol Mandel for finding Kamil & Petra on their recent visit to Prague. They will be guiding us on an action packed tour of Prague.

From their website www.prague-extra.com

"Prague has been the capital city of the Bohemia for more than 11 centuries. It has always been the political, economical and cultural centre of our lands. It was originally founded as a merchants town because it was lying on an intersection of two important trade routes. In the 14th century it was the biggest town in Europe as it became the centre of the Holy Roman Empire. Since the 16th century Prague has not been seriously damaged, not even during WWII. This is a reason why it is so well preserved with hundreds of beautiful sights. Prague has 16 districts but the centre consists of four historical parts. All the important sights in the historical centre are within a walking distance and it means walking is the best way to explore the town. The centre has a medieval layout with squares in the middle and streets pointing towards the squares. It is a good thing to have a map with you and they are provided free either in lobby of your hotel or tourist information around the centre."

Check their website for information on the city and the *Ultimate Tour*. We will tour the city, the Castle and the Jewish Quarter. We also will enjoy an evening meal during a boat ride on the river. For more information check out <http://www.boatklara.cz>

Fri. May 17, 2013: Depart Budapest via train to Prague (Approximately a 7 hour ride)
Arrive Prague / transfer to hotel / dinner & musical performance (if avail.)

Sat. May 18, 2013: Ultimate Tour Day 1: Little Town, Castle Town & Prague Castle Tour
Boat ride with dinner

Sun. May 19, 2013: Ultimate Tour Day 2: Old Town, New Town & Jewish Quarter Tour
Evening free

PLEASE NOTE: The 2 Day Tour is an ALL WALKING TOUR! There are hills in Prague! From 9 AM to 1 PM each day.

Cost: Train from Budapest (Budapest Keleti station) to Prague (Praha Hlavni Nadr station)...current pricing approximately \$200 USD (please email me

AV8MOTIV8@aol.com with your requests please include a cell phone number...I will order your tickets from Rail Europe and have them mailed to your home...**deadline for this will be March 31.**

Note: If you have other travel that you want to do in Europe via train it may be cheaper to get a pass. We will determine your ticket needs once I talk to you.

NOTE: THE PRAGUE SIDE TRIP HAS BEEN PACKAGED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF ISA MEMBERS, THEIR FRIENDS, AND FAMILIES BY INCOMING EVENTS DIRECTOR SHANNON JIPSEN. ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRAGUE MUST BE HANDLED BY THE TRAVELER. NONE OF THE SIDE TRIP IS PAID THROUGH ISA. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SHANNON AT: AV8MOTIV8@aol.com

Transfers to & from hotel: Cash upon arrival & departure

Fri. dinner & musical performance: Cash. Amount to be determined for dinner. Musical performance approximately 20-30 Euro per person.

Sat & Sun.: Ultimate Tour with Castle & Jewish Quarter & Boat ride with dinner: 85 Euro per person to be paid in cash in Prague...this does not include tip for Kamil & Petra

Note: PRG (Prague Ruzyne Airport Czech Republic) does not have direct flights to / from the USA. Plan accordingly. The airport is approximately 30 min. from the hotel and a taxi is approximately 26 Euro. Once I know who is coming and when people are departing I will work to coordinate shared rides to the airport either Sun. evening or Mon. morning.

Hotels: There are two hotels that I'm working with in Prague. **YOU are responsible for setting up your own room reservation.** Below is the information for each hotel.

1) Hastal Hotel Prague...a smaller hotel however, very nice accommodation.

EMAIL: Patrick or Jana at the following email address: office@hastal.com with **International Society of Women Airline Pilots room rate offer in subject line** they will need your name, address, phone number & credit card details so you may want to FAX this info. once you have contacted them

<http://www.hotelhastalprague.com>

Single ... 85 EUR / room / night / breakfast included / free internet / taxes included

Double / Twin ... 90 EUR / room / night / breakfast included / free internet / taxes incl.

THIS OFFER IS VALID UNTIL MARCH 31, 2013

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2) Maximilian Hotel...a larger luxury hotel in same area in Prague

EMAIL: Miroslava Slaba at reservations@maximilianhotel.com with **International Society of Women Airline Pilots room rate offer in subject line and group reservation number 339661 in body of email.**

Include your name, address, & phone number & then FAX your credit card details to them.

Single or Double room:

Fri. May 17 113.90 Euro + taxes

Sat. May 18 113.90 Euro + taxes

Sun. May 19 92.65 Euro + taxes

Includes breakfast & internet

THIS OFFER VALID UNTIL FEB. 28, 2013 (May be extended, not sure)

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See you in Budapest- Shannon Jipsen

