Dear Members,

Arrangements for the next EASL conference in Edinburgh are now being made. The sessions will take place in the Wolfson Suite of the Main Library of the University of Edinburgh, George Square, starting from Wednesday September 8 at 9.30 h. until Friday afternoon, September 10.

Please find included a letter from Shen Xiaotong, who will be our host, with more information about Edinburgh and hotel reservation.

Do send your suggestions for the agenda to our chairman Cristina Cramerotti (cramerotti@efeo.fr). We hope you can contribute to the meeting with demonstrations and discussion topics.

Do check if the computer facilities, which Shen Xiaotong describes in his letter, can satisfy your demand. Please contact Shen Xiaotong in time if you need any other facilities.

We would like to know how many of you will attend the EASL meeting in Edinburgh. Can you therefore please return me (by mail, telephone, fax or Email) this small notice as soon as you decided whether you will attend? Further notice about this meeting will only be individually sent to those members who have answered.

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Hoping to meet many of you in Edinburgh!

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Dear Colleagues,

Our meeting will take place in the Wolfson Suite of the Main Library, University of Edinburgh. The new semester here begins on Monday September 13, so the library may start getting busy during our conference period. But our meeting rooms are nice and quiet.

Location and Facility

The Main Library building is located in George Square which is quite central in the city. It is 15-20 minutes’ walk south from the Waverley Station, or 10 min walk from our hotels (detailed below). Our meeting room facilities include PC desktop with Windows XP and MS Office packages, Twinbridge Chinese, data projector, overhead projector (for acetate sheets), etc. Those who may need other facilities please let me know as soon as possible.

University Library and the City

Edinburgh University Library was founded in 1580, three years older than the University itself. It is the largest academic library in Scotland and one of the largest in the UK. Today, the Library operates through its 17 sites across the city. The Main Library in George Square was built in 1967.

Edinburgh is an attractive city with a rich history, distinctive Scottish culture, beautiful architecture, and an imposing skyline. It is the capital of Scotland, with a population of around half a million, and is at the very centre of Scotland’s culture, politics, finance and education. From mid August to early September each year, the city plays host to the world’s largest artistic event – Edinburgh International Festival. The 2004 Festival dates are August 15 – September 5. Those of you who would like to see the Festival or the Fireworks Concert beneath the Castle on Saturday September 4 may choose to come a week before our meeting. There are a number of wonderful places for you to see within the city, such as the famous Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, National Museums of Scotland, as well as nice art galleries.

September temperature in Edinburgh is much cooler than in Munich, at least as I knew it last year. If you wish to combine your trip with a short holiday in the beautiful Scottish highlands, I would suggest that you do it as early as possible because the weather can become changeable.

You may find the following web sites useful:
Accommodation and Travel

Although the Festival is over by the time of our meeting, there are still some big conferences going on in the city. You may find it difficult if you book your accommodation late. I have reserved enough single rooms at the following two sites. Please make your booking directly with them as soon as possible. This is because all the unbooked rooms will be released by August 9, one month before our meeting.


This accommodation is run by our University for staff and visitors and is cheaper than anywhere else. It is located at 7 Richmond Place and is less than 10 minutes’ walk to the Main Library. From Edinburgh Airport, take Airlink 100 to Waverley Station, and then at Princes Street take Bus 3, 31, or 33, and get off at Nicholson Street. Richmond Place runs parallel to Nicholson Street.

Phone: 0044 131 6512063
Fax: 0044 131 6683821
Email: Ken.Mac@ed.ac.uk

Please quote reference: EASL Conference

2. Premier Lodge -- £54 per day excluding breakfast (£4.50 extra for continental breakfast). Non-smoking, kingsize bed, shower and bath, telephone, sky TV, etc.

This is a very new hotel with excellent facilities. It is located at Lauriston Place, Lady Lawson Street, 10 minutes walk to the Main Library. From Edinburgh Airport, take Bus 35 and get off at Lauriston Place (e.g. College of Art).

Phone: 0044 870 9906610
Fax: 0044 870 9906611
www.premierlodge.com

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You may find the following web sites and the attached map useful:

Edinburgh Airport (http://www.baa.com/main/airports/edinburgh/)
Edinburgh Buses (http://www.lothianbuses.co.uk/)
National Rail (http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)
My colleagues and I are looking forward to seeing you at our meeting!

With best wishes,

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