

INTERRIDGE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 2010

DATE: **Start:** 0900 Monday 06 SEPT 2010
 End: 1500 Tuesday 07 SEPT 2010

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We hope that the venue will prove very attractive to visitors due to its great historical interest. The hotel is very central in the medieval city of Winchester, once the ancient capital of Wessex, ruled by King Alfred the Great. King Arthur's Round Table, Jane Austin's tomb, the cathedral, Winchester College, and the regimental museums are all within walking distance from the hotel. An excellent website for all information about Winchester is: <http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/>

ROOM BOOKINGS

As the meeting is at a popular vacation time, I wish to reserve a block of rooms for our InterRidge group, so please let me know if you would like me to include you in the hotel reservation. It is the tradition of the InterRidge Steering Committee to ask Working Group Chairs to participate in the annual meeting and to present a summary of their activities. I have negotiated a rate of £75.00 per night, B&B. Please be aware that InterRidge is not able to provide travel and subsistence funds to support this annual meeting. However, InterRidge will provide all refreshments during the meeting and an evening dinner on the Monday. If you cannot be present, please invite a representative to attend.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The most convenient major international airport to fly into is London Heathrow. Travel to/from London Heathrow can be by National Express coach to Winchester or the Bus/Rail link. European delegates or those flying via other European hubs might like to fly directly into Southampton Airport. A taxi service is also available and if you mention you are attending a meeting arranged by NOCS they should give you the discounted rate (~£75 each way from Heathrow). Helpful websites:

From Heathrow airport <http://www.heathrow-airport-guide.co.uk/transport.html>

From Southampton airport (15min journey by rail) <http://www.southampton-airport-guide.co.uk/>

English Rose taxi collection <http://www.englishrosecollection.co.uk>

The hotel is within walking distance from Winchester rail station. Local map:

<http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/site/where-to-stay/the-winchester-royal-p2721map>

As I mentioned above, I will reserve a block of rooms once I know how many people are coming. However, Winchester is a vacation destination and you may be interested in staying in one of the local bed and breakfasts or other hotels. The website below might also be useful if you are unable to commit at present but need accommodation at a later date when rooms at our venue may be unavailable.

More accommodation information:

<http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/site/where-to-stay>

FORMAL INVITATION LETTER

If you require a formal invitation letter for a visa application, please let me know as soon as possible.

REPORTS

It is expected that each member nation will give a report of their activities to the Steering Committee. These will be compiled into a meeting report which will be posted on the website. I will send out an agenda at the end of June and a more detailed set of pre-meeting notes in August. Please submit your report to the InterRidge Office by the end of July.

I look forward to hearing from you as to whether you will be able to attend this year's meeting. Please feel free to contact me with questions about travel to Winchester.

Best regards,
Debbie

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