General Information—International Dental Show 2011

Date
22–26 March 2011

Opening hours
Daily from 9 am to 6 pm

Admission
Advance sale (ends 21 March 2011)
Adult: €13
Reduced (students/children): €6.50
Search ticket: €2.50

Regular sale (on site)
Adult: €15
Reduced (students/children): €7.50
Search ticket: €2.50

Organisers
• Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Dental Industrie e.V.
• The Commercial Enterprise of the Association of German Dental Manufacturers (VDDI) e.V.

Realisation
Koelnmesse GmbH
Sector Heath, Lifestyle and Facilities
Kölnmesse GmbH
Realisation
Manufacturers (VDDI) e.V.

Support services for physically disabled persons
All areas of the exhibition centre are accessible for wheelchair users and disabled toilet facilities are available in every exhibition hall. If needed, wheelchairs can also be booked, outside the Security Office North East and West. Requests will be answered at every information desk in the exhibition centres.

Visa
All Non-EU foreigners require a visa to stay in Germany. However, a visa is not required for semi-annual visits up to three months for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement. A complete list of these countries can be found on the Federal Foreign Office’s website at www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN

German missions usually require between two and ten working days to decide on an application for a short stay visa. Applicants should consult the website of the respective mission prior to their departure to find out about the visa procedure and about the documentation which has to be submitted.

Flight service
The largest German airline is cooperating with IDS 2011 and offers discounted travel for international attendees. To make use of the offer, visitors are advised to use the code DEAPD for their flight reservation.

Directions
The exhibition centre in Cologne, Germany can be reached by a public bus through the suburban railway line S1 and other local train services. High-speed ICE trains also connect the airports in Düsseldorf, Frankfort/Main, Amsterdam, and Brussels directly with Koelnmesse. Tickets can be booked in advance on the website of the German Railway at www.bahn.de/en/ with a 50-cent coin.

Leaving from main station, the exhibition can be reached by foot over the “Holocaustbrücke” bridge right next to the Cathedral or by ferry. Suburban railway line S1 and S3 regularly leave the Main Station towards Cologne “Messe/Deutz”.

Taxis
Cologne’s taxi drivers are obliged to apply the legally binding basic tariff of minimum €22 plus extra charges for each additional kilometre. These charges are subject to the distance, day or night time, labour day, Sunday or public holiday tariffs as well as waiting times. Drivers are not obliged to wait for more than 15 minutes. For distances exceeding 45 or 69 kilometres visitors are advised to negotiate a flat tariff with the driver. A tip is expected by most drivers.

Köln WelcomeCard
The Köln WelcomeCard allows free public transport inside and outside Cologne. It also provides additional offers and bonuses for attractions such as the Phantasialand fun park in Köln, SEA Life underwater world in Königswinter or the Roman glass factory in Limburg. Visitors can purchase the card at all tourist offices and in hotels. Prices range from €9 to €22 (24 hours) depending on the requested public transportation area.

Money
Since the beginning of 2002, the Euro has been Germany’s official currency. They come in seven notes (five, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euros) and eight coins (one- and two-euro cent and five, two-, five, 10, 20 and 50-cent coins).

Visitors can exchange their home currency money at many banks and post offices as well as foreign change offices which are primarily located in airports, train stations and most city centres. American Express and Thomas Cook/Travelex offices can also be used.

Exchange rates are rather diverse and usually fluctuate. For the latest rates with all major currencies, however, check with your local bank or online at www.oanda.com or www.xe.com.

Cell Phones
Most countries including Germany are using the GSM system which is far more compatible for foreign cell phones. Visitors are advised to check with their provider at home to find out if their phone is able to use these frequencies or “bands”. It is not always compatible to foreign frequencies or “bands”.

Links
www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN
www.gogermany.about.com
www.germany.travel
www.koeln.de/
www.goweb.de
www.koelnmesse.de
www.koelnmesse.com
www.ids-cologne.de

Ad
Page 15 of 15
ISGS Cologne—22–26 March, 2011

Links
www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN
www.gogermany.about.com
www.germany.travel
www.koeln.de/
www.goweb.de
www.koelnmesse.de
www.ids-cologne.de
www.koelnmesse.com

TOIDSHPS11_01-16 25.02.11 13:11 Seite 15