

Proposal for the organization of the European Connectathon 2006

To the IHE-Europe Committee:

IHE-Spain, as a new European IHE national initiative, is interested in organizing the 2006 Educational Event and Connectathon. We submit this proposal to the IHE-Europe Committee with the hope that it will fulfil all the requirements proposed.

Dates:

The **Educational Event** proposed dates are February 6th-8th. Another possibility that has been searched is February 20th-24th.

The **Connectathon** proposed dates are April 24th-29th.

Place:

The IHE-Spain board decided in the last annual meeting to propose Barcelona as the best choice to hold these conventions.

Barcelona has excellent connections by plane, train and motorways to the rest of Europe. Also, there are a wide variety of resources in hotels and convention centres that fulfils the requirements of the organization. The climate is warm even in winter. Also, there are a lot of cultural and entertainment events all around the year.

Organization:

IHE-Spain is a legal organization that can manage funds and act as a contractor with all the local providers and administrative offices. It is a non-profit organization with budgetary autonomy.

Budget for Educational Event:

In February, there is little problem to find available rooms. In a basis of 250 assistants, the budget for the 4 full days event including room, audio-visual material, projector, microphones, two coffee-breaks and lunch is around 48.000 euros (VAT not included).

The proposed site is Hotel Fira Palace, a 4 star hotel conveniently located close to the city center and well communicated with the airport, train and main highway access to the city. There is a wide variety of hotels nearby, and rooms are in a range from 60-180 euros per night (VAT not included), breakfast included.

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| EQUIPO MEGAFONIA | |
| MICROFONO INALMABRICO DE MANO/SOLAPA (1 UNIDAD) | |
| MICROFONO DE PIE/MESA (1 UNIDAD) | |
| PROYECTOR VIDEO-ORDENADOR SVGA 1100 | |
| PANTALLA 4X3 | |
| COFFEE BREAK MAÑANA DESDE | |
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Budget for Connectathon:

The end of April is a period of high activity in conventions and professional meetings in Barcelona. Then, the prices are a little bit higher than in winter and we would need to book the room as soon as possible in order to obtain better prices and adequate availability.

In a basis of 250 assistants, the budget for the 5 full days event including high capacity room (1000 sq meters) which fulfil the requirements of the organization, parallel meeting room for 20 people, store room, audio-visual material, projector, microphones, two coffee-breaks and lunch is 93.000 euros (VAT not included). Security service, network installation and Internet availability are still to be included in the budget.

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| SALA MATERIAL 30-50 M2 | |
| MESA PRESIDENCIAL | INCL |
| EQUIPO MEGAFONIA | |
| MICROFONO INALMABRICO DE MANO/SOLAPA (1 UNIDAD) | |
| MICROFONO DE PIE/MESA (1 UNIDAD) | |
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Rooms and Hotels:

Other possibilities have been searched and final decision can include further market research in the month of September 2005. All documents are available for review.

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