

ADVOC EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016

5 - 8 MAY 2016

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INVITATION AND INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

Dear Sirs, **AP LAW FIRM BULGARIA** are pleased to invite you to the 26th edition of ADVOC EUROPE AGM in SOFIA 2016.

CONFERENCE BRIEF INFORMATION

Conference Venue: SOFIA, BULGARIA, Grand Hotel Sofia Conference Period: 5-8 MAY 2016 Deadline for registration and hotel accommodations: 31 DEC 2015 *please fill the online registration form: <u>http://goo.gl/forms/UWeSfMXIoE</u> Hotel Accomodation: Grand Hotel Sofia (please fill the attached accomodation form) Capacity: 100 delegates and 25 accompanying persons Host: AP LAW FIRM Dress code: Conference – smart casual, Gala dinner – black tie

CONFERENCE VENUE

ADVOC EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016 will take place in Grand Hotel Sofia. - a 5star hotel settled in the heart of Sofia.

Grand Hotel Sofia is one of the most prestigious hotels in Sofia. Business guests benefit from its close proximity to main administrative, financial and commercial areas. Art-lovers and food connoisseurs alike will appreciate the hotel gallery and its fine-dining Shades of the Red restaurant. The Hotel is a stylish residence in a prime location with a welcoming and dedicated staff that will ensure your stay will exceed your expectations. Throughout the years Grand Hotel Sofia has accommodated a remarkable variety of international celebrities and dignitaries. The Hotel is easily accessible from Sofia International Airport (10 km).

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CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

5-8 MAY 2016

ADVOC EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016 will begin on Thursday, May 5 with accommodation, check-in at the Grand Hotel Sofia and an evening Welcome cocktail.

On the next day, the conference program will run from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm followed by lunch at the Grand Hotel Sofia and a tour of the capital. The dinner will take place outside the hotel, at a traditional Bulgarian restaurant at 7.00 pm. On Saturday we will continue with AGM and Practice groups from 9.00. to 5.00pm., including two coffee breaks and lunch in the hotel.

On the 07th at 7.00 pm. a gala dinner will take place in Sofia hall at the Grand Hotel Sofia, and after that the party will continue with live music at the hotel piano bar.

On Sunday - departure of the delegates or a three-day trip around Bulgaria.

More details in the attached **ADVOC EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016 PROGRAMME.**

OPTIONAL PROGRAMME # 1

8-10 MAY 2016

The three-day tour of 08, 09 and 10th May will include a visit to the historic ethnographic town of Koprivstitsa, a visit to the ancient Thracian settlement Starossel and overnight at a local winery with tasting of different sorts of Bulgarian wine. The next day's destinations are the medieval Assenova fortress, Bachkovski monastery and one of the main Christian centers in Bulgaria - Krastova Gora. Overnight and dinner in the ancient town of Plovdiv. On the last day of the trip, a tour of the old town of Plovdiv and lunch will be organized before departing for Sofia.

More details in the attached **ADVOC EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016 OPTIONAL PROGRAMME #1.**

1 DAY TRIP PROGRAMME FOR COMPANIONS #2

7 MAY 2016 (the trip is included in the Companion registration fee)

A day trip for the accompanying persons on the 07th May (Saturday) will include a visit to the largest monastery in Bulgaria - the Rila Monastery and lunch at a restaurant in the area. The Rila Monastery is the largest and most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery in Bulgaria. It's located in 1147 meters altitude in the middle of the fragrant coniferous forests of Rila Mountain. The monastery is a



complex of cultural, dwelling and farming buildings which take about 8800 square meters.

More details in the attached **ADVOC EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016 1 DAY TRIP PROGRAMME #2.**

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REGISTRATION FEES

Delegate registration fee in EUR is 540 €. Companion registration fee in EUR is 490 €. Optional Programme #1 fee in EUR is 360 €. (The fee is per person in a group of minimum 20 people)

The registration fees for delegates and accompanying persons cover the following:

- Conference facilities and other meeting costs
- Welcome reception and cocktail on Thursday night
- Lunch and drinks on Friday through Saturday
- Dinner with drinks on Friday and Saturday
- Gala dinner with drinks on Saturday night
- Sightseeing activities on Friday
- The transfers to the activities on Friday
- (1 day trip for companions)
- Insurance

Please note that the registration fees do not include the following:

- Hotel costs
- Transportation to and from the airport
- Drinks after dinner, liquors ·



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill the online registration form no later than **31 DEC 2015**. You could find the form here: <u>http://goo.gl/forms/UWeSfMXIoE</u> If you need any assistance, please contact: Vanya Madjarova E-mail: <u>AGMSofia2016@aplawbg.com</u>

PAYMENTS

Please make payment to: DSK Bank, Bulgaria; SWIFT: STSABGSF; IBAN: BG80STSA93000019536099; Beneficiary: Adv. Emilia Andreeva; Reference: EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016

All payment should be sent in EURO (net amount, excluding additional fee for international bank transfer).

After placing/completing the transference of the funds, it is extremely important that you also send (by e-mail to AGMSofia2016@aplawbg.com, using a PDF or similar format) proof of wire-transfer/deposit of funds to both contact persons specified in this Registration Form.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Grand Hotel Sofia (GHS) room numbers are limited to 100 rooms and a total of 125 participants and accompanying persons.

Hotel reservation, occupancy and costs during your stay will have to be paid directly to the hotel. Credit cards details are required for registration and booking as may be specified on the Registration Form.

Replies and bookings are required on time as reserved rooms and booking rates are only valid till December 31, 2015.

Rates: 80-160 € per night.

You could find more details for room types and prices in the attached **GHS BOOKING FORM.**

VISA REQUIEREMENTS

Visa-free regime for holders of Schengen visas for a stay of up to 90 days More information about the Visa Regime for foreigners with international passports for a short stay (until 90 days) you can obtain here: http://www.mfa.bg/en/pages/109/index.html



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Grand Hotel Sofia could provide Airport pick-ups – please see the information in GHS BOOKING FORM.

Taxi: OK SUPERTRANS is the leagal taxi company at the airport. Please contact their office at airport in departure hall. Tel.: +359 2 9732121 Rates to Grand Hotel Sofia is approx. 15-20 BGN (7.50-10 euro)

Sofia Metro Line 1 connects Sofia Airport to the city centre and provides direct connection from the airport to the large residential complexes in close proximity – "Druzhba" and "Mladost", as well as to more distant complexes to the west – "Zapaden Park" and "Lyulin". The journey time from Sofia Airport to the city centre takes approximately 18 min. The nearest station to Grand Hotel Sofia is Serdika Station.

WEATHER IN SOFIA

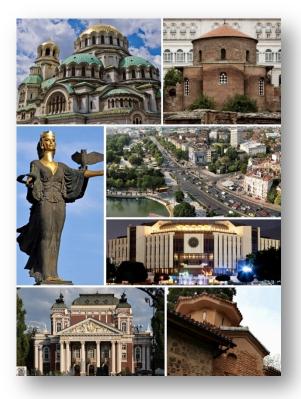
Sofia has a relatively mild climate, perhaps a little cooler than other destinations in Europe. Over the course of a typical May, the dew point typically varies from

3°C (dry) to 14°C (comfortable) and is rarely below -1°C (dry) or above 17°C (mildy humid). Few days before arriving you could check the forecast here:

http://weather.sinoptik.bg/sofia-bulgaria-100727011?location

ABOUT SOFIA

Sofia is a cosmopolitan city of different nationalities and cultures. They elegantly coexist in the historic downtown, which has become a kind of open-air museum with preserved remains of ancient civilizations. Sofia is one of the oldest European capitals. Its history dates back to ca 7th millennium BC. The city is located at a strategic crossroads. The route from Western Europe to Istanbul passes through Sofia via Beograd and Skopie, then through Plovdiv to Turkey. Sofia also connects The Near East and The Middle East, lying between the banks of The Danube and the shores of The White Sea on the one hand. and between The Black Sea and The Adriatic on the other.





Sofia preserves many valuable monuments to its long and storied past. Visitors exploring the city's streets can see remnants of The Eastern Gate from the days when Sofia was Serdika and Sredets, dating from the 2nd-4th centuries CE.

ENCLOSURES

Attached to this invitation you could find:

- Conference programme
- Optional programme #1
- 1 day trip programme for companions #2
- Registration online form: <u>http://goo.gl/forms/UWeSfMXIoE</u>
- Hotel Booking Registration form

LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOME YOU AT ADVOC EUROPE AGM SOFIA 2016! AP Law Firm