

**12th BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL GYNECOLOGIC CANCER SOCIETY – IGCS
IGCS 2008**

Global Alliance for the Prevention and Treatment of Cancer in Women

Bangkok, Thailand, October 25 – 28, 2008

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for the Submission of Abstracts: May 28, 2008

Meeting Website: www.kenes.com/igcs

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: May 28, 2008

Notification of Accepted Abstracts: July 15, 2008

Deadline for Early Registration Fee: August 10, 2008

Bangkok

Bangkok is Thailand's spiritual, cultural, diplomatic, commercial and educational hub. Known to Thais as "Krung Thep" (meaning City of Angels), it was founded in 1782 by the first monarch of the present Chakri dynasty. It covers an area of more than 1,500 square kilometers and is home to approximately ten million people - more than 10% of Thailand's population.

Over the last few decades, Thailand's intriguing capital city, Bangkok, has changed into a modern, exciting and sophisticated city. It offers not only luxurious cosmopolitan amenities, but has managed to retain its traditional charm and is a unique treasure trove of cultural attractions.

Thailand, in the heart of Southeast Asia, was never colonized and thus kept its unique culture and heritage intact. Bangkok offers visitors the opportunity to experience a fascinating glimpse of Thailand's gentle culture amidst the bustle of a great and dynamic metropolis.

This enchanting city has had astounding success in combining the ancient and modern world. Bangkok is a city where East and West, the ancient and the modern, remain side by side in harmony.

For visitors, Bangkok has a feast of attractions to offer. The city is dotted with 400 glittering Buddhist temples of great beauty and fascination, magnificent palaces, classical dance extravaganzas, numerous shopping centers and also the traditional ways of life, especially along the "Venice of the East" timeless canals and the Chao Phraya River of the "River of Kings" winding through the city giving a glimpse of old Bangkok.

COMMITTEES

Officers

President
Vice President
Past President
Secretary -Treasurer
Secretary -Treasurer Elect

Ignace Vergote, Belgium
Adriana Bermudez, Argentina
Michael L. Friedlander, Australia
Michael A. Quinn, Australia
Uziel Beller, Israel

Council Members

Jonathan S. Berek, USA
Lynette A. Denny, South Africa
Martin E. Gore, UK
Soon-Beom Kang, Korea
Vesna Kesic, Serbia
Wui-Jin Koh, USA
Karl C. Podratz, USA
Jaime Prat, Spain
Satoru Sagae, Japan

Committee Chairs

Education
Membership
Nominating
IJGC Editor-in-Chief
Director, Office of Educational Resources
Newsletter Editor
Administrative Director

Edward L. Trimble, USA
Vesna Kesic, Serbia
Michael L. Friedlander, Australia
John J. Kavanagh, USA
Michael A. Bookman, USA
Adriana Bermudez, Argentina
Erica Bard Riley, USA

IGCS 12 Local Organizing Committee

Pornsom Hutacharen, **Chair, President, TGCS**
Vasant Linasmita
Sumrit Senapad
Nakorn Sirisabya
Somkeart Srisupundit
Veera Suraseraniwong
Chaiyod Thirapakawong

IGCS 12 Local Program Committee

Sarikapan Wilailak, **Chair**
Saengduan Chandavijak
Saibua Chichareon
Sumonmal Manusirivithaya
Jatupol Srisomboon
Suwanit Therasakvichya
Chaiyod Thirapakkawong
Damrong Tresukosol
Chareon Wipupinyo
Pissamai Yuenyao

IGCS 12 Public Relations Committee

Kondhee Sangkhavasi, **Chair**
Sayomporn Komolpis
Wisit Supakrapongkul
Wichai Termrungruanglert
Panon Kasemsarn
Arb-aroon Lertkhachonsuk

IGCS 12 Scientific Program Committee

Wui-Jin Koh, USA, **Chair**
Ignace Vergote, Belgium, President, IGCS
Rose Anorlu, Nigeria
Ali Ayhan, Turkey
Richard Barakat, USA
Uziel Beller, Israel
Jonathan Berek, USA
Adriana Bermudez, Argentina
Michael Birrer, USA
Zeyi Cao, China
Robert Coleman, USA
Nicoletta Colombo, Italy
Mauricio Costa, Brazil
Lynette A. Denny, South Africa
Uma Devi, India
Efren Domingo, Philippines
Andreas du Bois, Germany
Michael Friedlander, Australia
Shingo Fujii, Japan
Keiichi Fujiwara, Japan
Martin Gore, UK
Soon-Beom Kang, S. Korea
Vesna Kesic, Serbia
Chyong-Huey Lai, Taiwan

Sumonmal Manusirivithaya, Thailand
Hextan Ngan, China
Karl Podratz, USA
Jaime Prat, Spain
Michael Quinn, Australia
Satoru Sagae, Japan
Suwanit Therasakvichya, Thailand
Gillian Thomas, Canada
Edward Trimble, USA
Ate van der Zee, The Netherlands
Katy Weare, Australia
Sarikapan Wilailak, Thailand

Dear Colleagues,

The biennial meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society has become the prime meeting on gynaecological cancer. IGCS strives for global representation, reflecting the diverse cultural, economic and geographic impact of gynaecological cancer. Therefore, IGCS organizes its biennial meetings alternating in different continents and we are very happy to invite you this time to Bangkok, Thailand.

The mission of IGCS is to unite the globe in the fight against gynaecological cancer. As a non-profit independent organization, the IGCS wants to contribute to the prevention, treatment and study of gynaecological cancer (including breast cancer), as well as in the improvement of the quality of life of women suffering from gynaecological cancer throughout the world.

In this way, the programme will not only provide you with the latest top scientific abstracts but also provide many state-of-the-art lectures, tumor boards and meet the expert sessions with special attention to the treatment of gynaecological cancer in less developed areas. In addition, sessions aimed at the specific education of nurses and fellows involved in the treatment of gynaecological cancer from all over the world will be organised.

Special sessions will be organized for specialties that are less represented in our societies such as pathology, palliative care and translational research.

For all this, you will need to be in Bangkok, the City of Angels, from October 25-28, 2008 in an attractive and well-equipped conference centre!

Do not miss it!

Ignace Vergote, President IGCS

Wui-Jin Koh, IGCS 12 Scientific Program Committee Chair

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Thai Organizing Committee of the 12th Biennial Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society, it is my pleasure to invite you to the Meeting which will be held from October 25-28, 2008, in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Scientific Committee, chaired by Prof. Wui-Jin Koh, has been working hard to develop an interesting and stimulating program, covering a wide range of disciplines and interests. At the Meeting, you will meet some of the world's authorities in the field of gynecologic oncology. Advanced knowledge, techniques and novel approaches in the management of patients will be presented and explained. Challenging problems of the developing countries will also be aired and discussed.

Apart from the scientific sessions, you and your colleagues will have every opportunity to explore Bangkok and other parts of Thailand, one of the most exotic, fascinating and exciting countries in the world.

In Bangkok, there are scores of places for attendees to visit and find relaxation after the meeting, including the fantastic Grand Palace, myriads of temples, ultra-modern shopping malls and centers, internationally-renowned spas and therapeutic centers, a wide selection of sports and recreational facilities and activities, and a diverse range of restaurants to satisfy every taste and whim. Some may prefer to take the opportunity to visit Chiang Mai, the famous cultural center in the North, while others may choose blissful relaxation on the beautiful beaches of Phuket and Samui in the South.

The month of October is pleasantly mild, and you will have ample opportunities to experience and enjoy our famous Thai hospitality.

I am confident that it will be a memorable and highly enjoyable event, both for you and for us. We look forward to your participation in IGCS 12, and to welcoming you to Bangkok, the capital of "The Land of Smiles".

Pornsom Hutacharen

IGCS 12, President Local Organizing Committee

PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE

	Saturday, October 25	Sunday, October 26	Monday, October 27	Tuesday, October 28
6:45 – 7:45		Meet the Professors concurrent sessions	Meet the Professors concurrent sessions	Meet the Professors concurrent sessions
7:50-8:50	Satellite Symposia - Pathology - Nursing - Fellows	Presidential Focused Course on Cervical Cancer - screening - vaccination - staging controversies - therapy advances - QOL - Palliation/symptom management - Resource allocation - Research directions	Oral Posters Concurrent sessions: - Uterine (including GTD) - Breast - Cervix - Surgical techniques Update on recently closed trials of the Gynecologic Cancer – InterGroup- (GCIG)	Oral Posters Concurrent sessions - Translational science - Ovary - Imaging/staging - Young investigators Selected Videos
8:50 – 10:00	Satellite Symposia (cont'd)	Presidential Focused Course on Cervical Cancer (cont'd)	State of the Art: Endometrial	State of the Art: Ovary
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee	Coffee/Posters	Coffee/Posters	Coffee/Posters
10:30 – 12:00	Satellite Symposia – (cont'd)	Presidential Focused Course on Cervical Cancer (cont'd) – Presidential Address Ignace Vergote	Plenary Session III oral presentations	Plenary Session IV oral presentations
12:00 – 13:15	Topical Symposium (Industry – sponsored)	Topical Symposium (Industry – sponsored)	Topical Symposium (Industry – sponsored)	Topical Symposium (Industry – sponsored)
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break	Lunch/Posters	Lunch/Posters	Lunch/Posters

	Saturday, October 25	Sunday, October 26	Monday, October 27	Tuesday, October 28
14:15 – 15:45	Opening Plenary Session I oral presentations	Thai ‘Local’ Symposium Interactive Sessions/ Tumor Boards concurrent: Vaginal/Vulvar GTD Rare tumors Frontiers Translational science in gynaecologic cancer	Interactive Sessions/ Tumor Boards concurrent: Cervix II (locally advanced) Free Communications (3 concurrent sessions)	Interactive Sessions/ Tumor Boards concurrent: Cervix III (metastatic/recurrent) Ovary II (primary therapy) Endometrial II (stage III/IV) Frontiers - Drug discovery - Surgical advances (including robotics)
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee	Coffee/Posters	Coffee/Posters	Closing Ceremony - Awards for best presentations - Intro to Prague 2010
16:15 – 17:45	Interactive Sessions / Tumor Boards concurrent: Cervix I (early stage) Breast Endometrial I (uterine-confined) Ovary I (relapsed disease) Frontiers Advances in Imaging	Plenary Session II oral presentations	IGCS Business Meeting	
18:00	Opening Ceremony + Welcome Reception at Convention Center		IGCS Party Thai Silk Auction	

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

To stimulate learning and interchange, the meeting will include various formats for instruction and sharing:

- Invited guest lecturers
- Multidisciplinary panel presentations
- Oral paper presentations
- Oral posters
- Meet the professor sessions
- Interactive discussions, including tumor boards and debates
- Video viewing sessions

Highlighted Topics:

- Half day unopposed focused course on cervical cancer: covering screening, vaccination, staging controversies, therapeutic advances, quality of life and symptom management, resource allocation, and research directions
- State of the art summary sessions in cervical, endometrial and ovarian cancer
- Management of Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia
- Ovarian cancer – familial/genetic risk assessment, and risk reduction
- Breast cancer - screening, familial risk assessment, and risk reduction
- Pathology and management of rare gynecologic tumors
- Advances in surgical techniques, including robotics
- Advances in imaging, including metabolic imaging as a predictor/early assessment for response to therapy
- Emerging biologics and drug discovery
- Promising basic/translational science developments
- Symptom management, palliation, and quality of life
- 'Mini-symposiums' on Pathology, Nursing, and Fellows

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The deadline for the submission of Abstracts is May 28, 2008.

Abstracts must be submitted via the Meeting website: www.kenes.com/igcs
Participants are invited to submit abstracts relating to any of the categories listed below. The abstracts for all presentations given will be published in a supplement to the International Journal of Gynecological Cancer and subsequently available through Medline.

Abstracts will be selected by the Scientific Committee for presentation either orally or as poster presentation. You may indicate your preference when submitting your abstract, however, the committee's decision is final.

Please follow the instructions listed on the website step-by-step. After submission you will receive an acceptance message. Should you not hear anything further regarding your submission by July 15, 2008, please contact the Meeting Secretariat.

It is recommended that you register for the meeting at the same time that you submit your abstracts. Authors of presentations not registered and paid before July 31, 2008 will be removed from the program.

Abstract Categories

- a. Cervical Cancer
- b. Uterine Cancer, including Sarcoma
- c. Ovarian Cancer
- d. Vulvar and Vaginal Cancer
- e. Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia
- f. Breast Cancer
- g. Phase I / II multi-site clinical trials
- h. Imaging / staging
- i. Surgical techniques
- j. Symptom management / palliation
- k. Basic / translational science

Guidelines for Preparation of Abstracts

- Title of abstract must be in upper case letters.
- Abstracts should contain no more than 250 words including acknowledgements.
- The abstracts should be as informative as possible. Abstracts should clearly state background and aims, methods, results and conclusions of the study.
- Abstracts stating: "data will be discussed in the presentation" will NOT be accepted.
- Use only standard abbreviations. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the first occurrence of the full word.
- Use generic names of drugs. Express numbers as numerals.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MULTIPLE COPIES OF THE SAME ABSTRACT.

Please take due note that images, tables, diagrams, graphs must be saved and uploaded as BMP or JPG files. Other file types cannot be accepted. Please note that these may be resized to fit in the final printed material.

Please contact the Meeting Secretariat at: igcs-12@kenes.com if you encounter any difficulty while submitting abstracts.

Information for Oral Presenters

Data presentation

If using a PowerPoint (or any other computer) presentation, please note you need to bring it on a floppy disk (3.5"/1.44 MB), on a CD or on a "disk on key", using the USB port in the computer and load it on one of the meeting's computers in the Speakers' Ready Room, at least 1 hour before the start of the session. You may supply your own laptop computer as a back-up.

If combining video films with PowerPoint, please make sure to check it in the session hall where your lecture is taking place during a coffee or lunch break prior to your session, at least 30 minutes before the start of the session -even after checking it in the Speakers' Ready Room.

Please note that the meeting's computers in the session halls will be supplied with Windows XP and Office XP (at least).

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MACINTOSH USERS

If using a Macintosh laptop computer, please note that you need to supply your own, confirm that it has a VGA socket for external signal and come to check it first in the Speakers' Ready Room as soon as you arrive and later on in the session hall where your lecture is taking place during the coffee or lunch break prior to your session, at least 30 minutes before the start of the session.

Please note that Video/VHS, overhead projection and slide projection will not be available.

Information for Poster Presenters

Authors are responsible for bringing their posters to the Meeting. Please do not mail them to the Meeting Secretariat. Please hang your posters as scheduled on the Final Program. The Secretariat is not responsible for posters not collected at the end of the Meeting.

Full details for the preparation of the posters will be sent to authors upon acceptance.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday, October 25, 2008

18:00 Opening Ceremony followed by Welcome Reception

Monday, October 27, 2008

IGCS Party

Reservation Fee of US\$ 20 per registered participant and registered accompanying person required.

Additional tickets for the IGCS Party may be purchased at US\$ 80 per ticket

For further details please visit the IGCS 12 website: www.kenes.com/igcs

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meeting Venue

Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
60 New Rachadapisek Road
Klongtoey, Bangkok 10110
Thailand
Tel.: +662 229 3000
Fax: +662 229 3001

Dates

October 25 - 28, 2008

Language

The official language of the Meeting is English. Translations will not be provided.

Climate

The climate in Bangkok is tropical.
Average temperature is 28 °C

Clothing

Informal for all occasions.
Light jacket or sweater is recommended for evenings.

Badges

All participants, accompanying persons and exhibitors are kindly requested to wear their badges throughout the meeting in order to be admitted to the lecture halls and other scheduled activities.

Airport Information

Bangkok's International Suvarnabhumi Airport is designated to be the aviation hub in the Southeast Asian region.
For detailed information regarding arrival and departure procedures, please refer to the following website: www2.airportthai.co.th
Please note that all foreign visitors are required to pay Passenger Service Charge when leaving Thailand.
Transportation services are available 24 hours a day from the Airport Public Transportation Centre.
BMTA Public bus operates 24 hours a day and the fare is 35 Baht.
Taxis are also available and charge according to electronic meter fare plus 50 Baht surcharge and expressway fees.

Transportation in the City

MRTA Underground train: www.bangkoksubway.com
BTS Skytrain: www.bangkok.sawadee.com/skytrain.htm

City Bus and Microbus: www.thailandguru.com/transport-buses-city-bangkok.html
Taxi
Tuk-Tuk

Banking & Exchange

The currency in Thailand is the Baht.

Exchange offices are available in the central area 7 days a week between 9am–7pm.

Most local banks are open Monday to Friday between 9am-4pm and Saturday and Sunday between 10am-7pm.

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants.

Electricity Supply

The electrical current in Thailand is 220 volts AC.

Food & Beverages

Business lunches and coffee/tea during breaks (as indicated in the program), are included in the registration fee.

Visitor Visa Requirements

Please note that Thailand has various specific entry visa requirements.

Please check with your local Thai embassy/consulate or travel agent regarding your entry visa.

It is the sole responsibility of the participant to obtain a visitor visa if required and this process should be processed well in advance.

Letter of Invitation

A personal letter of invitation may be downloaded from the IGCS 12 website: www.kenes.com/igcs. This invitation is meant only to help visitors raise travel funds or to obtain a visa, and is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support. Applications for invitation letters must be received at least 30 days prior to the Meeting.

Certificate of Attendance

Certificates of attendance will be available for all participants at the registration desk from Monday, October 27, 2008.

Insurance

The Meeting Secretariat and Organizers cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss or damage to private property of participants and accompanying persons, either during or indirectly arising from the 12th Biennial Meeting International Gynecologic Cancer Society. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

Sponsors & Exhibition

A technical exhibition will take place within the framework of the Meeting.

Potential sponsors and exhibitors can request information from the exhibition and sponsorship office.

Exhibition and Sponsorship Sales Contact

Dr. Liora Shukovski
Kenes International
1-3 rue de Chantepoulet
PO Box 1726
CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 908 0488
Fax: +41 22 732 2850
E-mail: lshukovski@kenes.com
Website: www.kenes.com/igcs

Meeting Secretariat

1-3 rue de Chantepoulet
PO Box 1726
CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 908 0488
Fax: +41 22 732 2850
E-mail: igcs-12@kenes.com
Website: www.kenes.com/igcs

Meeting Website

Regularly updated information will be available on the IGCS 12 website at:
www.kenes.com/igcs

IGCS Membership

We invite you to become an IGCS member and benefit from the reduced registration fee to the Meeting. To learn more about IGCS and to apply for membership, please refer to the following website: www.igcs.org or contact the IGCS administration office at: adminoffice@igcs.org

REGISTRATION

Participants may register via the Meeting website at: www.kenes.com/igcs
 Reduced registration fees are available for participants from Lower and Middle Income Countries as specified.

	Early Registration Before August 10, 2008	Late Registration From August 11, 2008 until September 25, 2008	From September 26, 2008 and Onsite
IGCS Member	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 550.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 600.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 650.00
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 650.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 700.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 750.00
Fellows*/Nurse*/Student**	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 250.00
Lower and Middle Income Countries*** Physicians	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 250.00
Lower and Middle Income Countries *** Fellows/Nurse/Student	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 175.00
Satellite Symposium****			
Gynecologic Pathology	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 100.00
Gynecologic Oncology - Nurses	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 50.00
Fellows Symposium	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 40.00
Accompanying Person	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 250.00
IGCS Party Reservation Fee for registered participant / accompanying person	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 20.00
IGCS Party Additional Ticket	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 80.00

* Fellows / Nurse - Letter of verification from Head of Department required.

** Student - Proof of status (valid student card) required.

*** Please see following list of countries. (According to the official World Bank list on date of publication)

**** Satellite Symposia taking place on Saturday October 25, 2008 will be

inclusive in the registration fees for registered IGCS 12 Meeting participants.

Payment of satellite symposium fee applies for attending the Pathologists/Nurses/Fellows symposia on Saturday, October 25, 2008 only. Further symposia details will be published at a later stage on the Meeting website at: www.kenes.com/igcs

Lower and Middle Income Countries

Afghanistan	Chile	Guyana	Marshall	Peru	Suriname
Albania	China	Haiti	Islands	Philippines	Swaziland
Algeria	Colombia	Honduras	Mauritania	Poland	Syria
American Samoa	Comoros	Hungary	Mauritius	Romania	Tajikistan
Angola	Congo	India	Mayotte	Russian Federation	Tanzania
Argentina	Costa Rica	Indonesia	Mexico	Rwanda	Thailand
Armenia	Croatia	Iran	Micronesia	Samoa	Timor-Leste
Azerbaijan	Cuba	Iraq	Moldova	Sao Tome & Principe	Togo
Bangladesh	Djibouti	Ivory Coast	Mongolia	Senegal	Tonga
Barbados	Dominica	Jamaica	Morocco	Serbia & Montenegro	Trinidad & Tobago
Belarus	Dominican Republic	Jordan	Mozambique	Seychelles	Tunisia
Belize	Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Myanmar (Burma)	Sierra Leone	Turkey
Benin	Equatorial Guinea	Kenya	Namibia	Slovak Republic	Turkmenistan
Bhutan	Egypt	Kiribati	Nepal	Solomon Islands	Uganda
Bolivia	El Salvador	Korea (North)	Nicaragua	Somalia	Ukraine
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Eritrea	Krgysz Republic	Niger	South Africa	Uruguay
Botswana	Estonia	Lao PDR	Nigeria	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan
Brazil	Ethiopia	Latvia	Northern Mariana Islands	St. Kitts and Nevis	Vanuatu
Bulgaria	Fiji	Lebanon	Oman	St. Lucia	Venezuela
Burkina Faso	Gabon	Lesotho	Pakistan	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Vietnam
Burundi	Gambia	Liberia	Palau	Sudan	Yemen
Cambodia	Georgia	Libya	Palestinian Authority		Zambia
Cameroon	Ghana	Lithuania	Panama		Zimbabwe
Cape Verde	Grenada	Macedonia	Papua New Guinea		
Central African Republic	Guatemala	Madagascar	Paraguay		
Chad	Guinea	Malawi			
	Guinea Bissau	Malaysia			
		Maldives			
		Mali			

Payment Instructions

Payment of fees must be made in US\$ and should be paid using one of the following options:

1. Credit card: VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express.

2. Bank transfer payable to

“IGCS 2008”

Credit Suisse Bank

Geneva Branch

Switzerland.

Account number: 0251-693980-52-135

Swift Code: CRESCHZZ 12A

IBAN code: CH16 0483 5069 3980 5213 5

Clearing number: 4835

Please make sure that the name of the Meeting and of the participant is stated on the bank transfer.

3. Cheque payable to “IGCS 2008”

Postal orders and travellers cheques will NOT be accepted.

The completed registration form together with the relevant payment must be sent by latest August 10, 2008, in order to benefit from the reduced early registration fee.

Thereafter the registration fees will be as published.

Registration may also be made online via the Meeting website.

Registration fees for Participants include:

Admission to sessions

Admission to exhibition

Meeting publications

3 Lunches

Coffee breaks

Welcome Reception

IGCS Party (Reservation fee of US\$ 20 required)

Registration fees for Accompanying Persons' include:

Welcome Reception

IGCS Party (Reservation fee of US\$ 20 required)

Two half-day tours

Registration Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received in writing: faxed, electronically mailed or post-marked.

Full refund less US\$ 50 provided notification is received in writing before August 10, 2008.

50% refund if notification is received in writing between August 11, 2008 – September 25, 2008.

No refund if notification is received after September 26, 2008.

REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAM

All registered accompanying persons are invited to join the following two half-day tours:

Both tours will depart from and return to the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center.

Note: Entrance into the temples is not permitted with bare shoulders / shorts / mini-skirts.

Sunday, October 26, 2008

09:00-14:00

GRAND PALACE & TEMPLE TOUR

The tour will start by visiting Wat Traimit, the golden Buddha Temple. This temple was constructed during the Sukhothai period.

The Buddha image is solid gold, 3 meters high and weighs 5 ½ tons. We will continue the tour and visit Wat Pho, the temple of the reclining Buddha. It was built about 200 years ago, during the reign of King Rama I. The gigantic reclining Buddha is 46 meters long and 15 meters high. It is gold-plated with beautifully inlaid mother-of-pearl soles. After this, we continue on a visit of Wat Benchamabophit, the marble temple. It is located next to Chitralada Palace, the King's residence. Its main building was constructed during the reign of King Rama V. The interior of the main building is magnificently decorated with cross beams of lacquer and gold. The walls of the spacious inner courtyard are lined with a large collection of bronze Buddhas. The tour also includes a visit of Wat Phra Kaew, the temple of the Emerald Buddha within the Grand Palace which is the imitation of Thailand's most famous temple, the Wat Phra Sri Sanphet, in the ancient capital of Ayutthaya, built by King Rama I.

Monday, October 27, 2008

09:30-13:30

THONBURI KLONGS

This tour leads you through the canals of Bangkok's sister city: Thonburi.

Get to know the life by the river that has not changed for decades. The tour includes a visit to the Royal Barges Museum. This fleet of magnificent carved and decorated boats is used for royal ceremonies. From there, move on to Wat Arun, The Temple of Dawn, on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. From its 79 meter high pagoda, enjoy a gorgeous view of the riverside of Bangkok.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Kenes International
 1-3 rue de Chantepoulet
 PO Box 1726
 CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland
 Tel: +41 22 908 0488. Fax: +41 22 732 2850
 E-mail: reg_igcs@kenes.com

Kenes International is the official travel agent for the IGCS 12 Meeting and will be offering special reduced rates for accommodation.

Accommodation at special Meeting rates is available at the following hotels:

Hotel	Category	Single Room in US\$	Double Room in US\$	Distance from the Queen Sirikit Convention Centre
The Dusit Thani (Headquarter)	5*			5 min by MRTA underground
Superior room		\$200.00	\$215.00	
Dusit Club room		\$240.00	\$255.00	
Westin Grand Sukhumvit	5*			5 min walking + 2 min by MRTA underground (Both)
Deluxe Room		\$230.00	\$250.00	
Grand Hyatt	5*			5 min walking / 4 min by BTS Skytrain and 2 min by MRTA underground (Both)
Grand Room		\$225.00	\$235.00	
Plaza Athenee	5*	\$220.00	\$220.00	10 min walking / 4 min by BTS Skytrain and 2 min by MRTA underground (Both)

InterContinental Bangkok Deluxe Room	5*	\$209.00	\$219.00	5 min walking / 4 min by BTS Skytrain and 2 min by MRTA underground (Both)
Shangri-La Bangkok Deluxe Room	5*	\$195.00	\$210.00	5 min walking and 5 min by BTS Sky train + Taksin – Siam 11 min Change train Siam – Asok 6 min Asok – QSNCC 3 min by MRTA
Grand Sukhumvit Sofitel Silver Room Platinum Room	5*	\$169.00 \$199.00	\$169.00 \$199.00	5 min walking or 1 min by BTS Skytrain and 2 min by MRTA underground (Both) or 5 min by Taxi
Novotel Lotus	4*	\$115.00	\$130.00	5 min walking or 1 min by BTS Skytrain and 2 min by MRTA underground (Both)
The Montien Superior Room	4*	\$115.00	\$130.00	10 min walking to Samyan station and 5 min by MRTA underground
Grand Mercure Park Ave.	4*	\$110.00	\$125.00	5 min walking and 5 min by MRTA underground

All room rates quoted are in US\$ per room, per night, including breakfast and taxes.
(Currently 17.7% - subject to change)

Additional hotels will be published on the Meeting website at a later stage. Official check-in time for the hotels is 14:00 hours and check out is required until 12:00 noon.

The Meeting organizer may not be held responsible for any changes in published public transportation travel times and/or routes.

How to Book

In order to benefit from the special meeting rates available for IGCS participants, please use one of the following reservation methods:

Send the enclosed Registration & Accommodation form with the required one night deposit by fax or mail at your earliest convenience.

Book your hotel accommodation via the meeting website online at www.kenes.com/igcs

We strongly advise all participants to reserve their hotel accommodation as soon as possible.

Kenes International will not be able to guarantee rooms after September 25, 2008.

Hotel reservations will only be confirmed if credit card details for the deposit are provided; alternatively please forward the required deposit of one night accommodation per room by bank transfer or cheque and fax a copy of the transfer document to the IGCS 12 Meeting Secretariat at: +41 22 732 2850.

For block bookings (10 rooms or more) companies are requested to send their request by fax or e-mail to Kenes International. Different cancellation and payment policies will apply.

Each participant will receive an individual confirmation, indicating the name and address of the hotel. The hotel reservation will only be final upon receipt of the corresponding payment.

Payment

Full pre-payment for accommodation provided by Kenes International is payable (less deposit) 21 days before the Meeting.

Please note that 3 weeks prior to the meeting, your credit card will be automatically charged for the balance of your hotel accommodation. Participants who paid their deposit with a bank transfer or cheque are required to send the full balance of outstanding accommodation charges to Kenes International by latest 21 days before the Meeting.

Kenes International accepts Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club and American Express credit cards.

Accommodation Cancellation Policy

Rooms cancelled prior to 21 days before arrival: full refund less US\$ 50 handling fee.

Rooms cancelled from 20 – 10 days prior to arrival: 1 night cancellation charge.

Rooms cancelled less than 9 days prior to arrival: no refund.

Cancellations or changes must be received in writing to Kenes International (either by fax or e-mail).

In the event of non-arrival, the hotel will automatically release the reservation, and full payment will be non-refundable.

If you arrive later or leave earlier than on the dates indicated on your confirmed reservation form, the total accommodation amount will be charged and no refunds will be made.

Important Notes

Kenes International and their agents shall not be responsible for and shall be exempt from all liability in respect of any loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or inconvenience to any person, or his /her luggage or any other property for any reason whatsoever, for any tourist services provided. Personal travel and health insurance is recommended.

PRE- AND POST-MEETING OPTIONAL TOURS

A visit to Bangkok is a unique experience offering a wide range of exciting opportunities waiting to be discovered.

Tours will operate with a minimum of 15 participants in air-conditioned buses with an English-speaking guide and include entrance fees as per itinerary.

Changes in routes, departure/arrival times may occur for reasons beyond our control. Comfortable shoes are recommended.

Note: Entrance into the temples is not permitted with bare shoulders / shorts / mini-skirts.

For tour rates and reservations, please contact: operation@sunnysunflower.com

PRE-MEETING TOURS

Friday, October 24, 2008

Floating Market & Rose Garden including lunch

07:00-18:00

Depart early in the morning to Ratchaburi province. There, visit the most colorful floating markets of the country at Damnoen Saduak. Continue to Nakorn Pathom province to visit Thailand's biggest pagoda. Afterwards, continue on to the Rose Garden, where you will have lunch before attending a cultural show introducing Thai sports and folk dances.

Friday, October 24, 2008

Klong Tour

09:30-13:30

This tour leads us through the canals of Bangkok's sister city, Thonburi. Get to know the life by the river that has not changed for decades. That tour includes a visit to the Royal Barges Museum. This fleet of magnificently carved and decorated boats is used for royal ceremonies. Afterwards move on to Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn, on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. From its 79-metre-high pagoda, enjoy a gorgeous view of riverside Bangkok.

POST-MEETING TOURS

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Rice Barge Cruise

09:30 -13:30

On this afternoon tour enjoy a swift long-tail speedboat ride down the Chao Phraya River and networks of khlongs (canals) - the waterways that earned Bangkok its 'Venice of the East' title. En route you'll see riverside lifestyles, houses on stilts and children playing in the water. The return journey is onboard a converted rice barge. Seasonal fruits and cold drinks will be served as you enjoy a gentle cruise and the majestic sights dotted along the 'River of Kings'.

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Ayuthaya Tour including lunch

06:30 – 16:30

Pick up from hotel at 06:30 am.

(Depart by coach; Return trip by River Sun Cruise)

7.30 Check-in at the River City Shopping Complex, Si Phraya.

8.00 Depart by coach from the River City Shopping Complex.

9.30 Arrive at the Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, built during the Ayutthaya era. The palace is

beautifully decorated in both traditional Chinese and European style.

10.30 Arrive at Ayutthaya, the Ancient City, which was the former Thai capital for over 400 years. Nowadays the glory and the beauty of the grand palace and temples of its past has vanished, leaving merely a glimpse of ruins, despite this it is a good reflection of the past.

-Wat Maha That: Over 600 years old, Wat Maha That is the heart and soul of the Ayutthaya people. It was almost completely destroyed by the Burmese during Thai-Burmese war.

-Wat Na Phra Mane: Remains in perfect condition, as it was used as the Burmese headquarters.

The splendid Golden Buddha, dressed in regal attire, was placed in the temple along with the three thousand-year-old green stone carved Buddha. Both are considered as extremely valuable national relics.

-Wat Lokayasutharam: has a mysterious past, whereby its origins are unknown. The temple enshrines a largest reclining Buddha image which was built during the early period of the Ayutthaya Region. The other two ancient temples, as well as the ruined site also surround the compound area.

12.30 Depart Wat Lokayasutharam for the river cruise, at the traditional Thai style pier at Wat Pho Tang Nua, Ayutthaya.

Buffet Lunch.

Afternoon - Coffee Break

Throughout the journey you are able to watch the Chao Phraya River banks scenery from the cruise, either on deck in the fresh cool tropical air or from the refreshing air-conditioned passenger room. Get a clear view of the life of the inhabitants that dwell along the river, and the unforgettable scene of children as they greet the visitors going by, making it an altogether worthwhile experience.

-Arriving at the city, pass the Royal Grand Palace, pass by Wat Arun (The Temple of Dawn). The temple was the former palace when the Thai capital of Ayutthaya was replaced by Thonburi.

16.30 (approx) Arrive at the River City Complex Pier, Si Phraya.