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Update #1 on GA 2014 preparations (dated 20 December 2013) provided information on motion submissions and invited you to send us your proposals or recommendations for side meetings.

Update #2 on GA 2014 preparations (dated 6 February 2014) provided more information about motion templates and upcoming deadlines.

Update #3 on GA 2014 preparations (dated 10 April 2014) provided details of the logistics, registration, program, motions and subsidies.

Update #4 on GA 2014 preparations (dated 23 May 2014) provided details of the logistics, registration, program for 8-10 September, motions, quorum and subsidies





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PROGRAM UPDATE

Plan your FSC GA week now!

The [FSC GA 2014 program](#) has been updated on our website. You can find even more details about events, side meetings and field trips, to help you plan your FSC GA schedule.

Make sure you check out the full descriptions of each of the individual [side meetings](#) that will be held across the three days prior to the Members' Assembly – there are many exciting and topical sessions that members from all chambers will find relevant. Closer to the FSC GA 2014, we will send out a registration form so you can indicate which side events you would like to attend.

Detailed information about field trips in both Spain and Portugal, to be held before and after the FSC GA 2104 week, will be available this week.

With so many exciting events and activities we are sure this FSC GA will be the best one yet!

Strategic planning day – a Sunday not to be missed!

When making your travel plans to attend the FSC GA 2014 make sure to arrive *before* Sunday 7 September so that you can attend the FSC strategic planning day, as well as the FSC chamber meetings. These events are vital to the future of FSC, and will help us kick off the week with plenty of valuable discussion. Our members are at the very core of everything we do, so we need your input on how best to move forward in the coming years. We hope to see you all that Sunday.

Please provide your input into FSC's 2015-19 Global Strategic Plan!

FSC members, Network Partners and staff are strongly encouraged to contribute to developing FSC's next strategic plan via two upcoming opportunities that will help inform the work of the Board and secretariat.

The first is the above-mentioned Strategic Planning Day on Sunday, September 7th in Seville. This facilitated session will run from 8:30 – 15:30 at the Gran Sevilla Conference Center.

Through August 11th, these stakeholders can also contribute to the strategic planning survey, which will help inform discussions in Seville, as well as subsequent steps in the development process. Expect to spend 30-60 minutes filling out the survey at one of the links below.

English:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L589CL6>

Spanish:

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/s/T7SH95J>

For more information, please contact Ian Hanna, Director of Strategic Development at i.hanna@fsc.org.

Meet the speakers for the FSC+20 Forum!



We are assembling an exciting group of 20 speakers, including world leaders in business and conservation, who will be participating in our landmark event – the FSC+20 Forum. Over three sessions, they will engage in a fascinating discussion of tropical timber, consumer demand and the role of investment in forest management.

Visit the [FSC GA 2014 website](#) to see a list of all the speakers and to read their bios. We look forward to seeing you all at the FSC+20 Forum.



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MEMBERS UPDATE

Can't attend the FSC General Assembly? Choose your proxy today to ensure quorum!

While we encourage all FSC members to attend the 2014 GA in person, we know this is not always possible. If you can't attend, it is vital that you appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf so that we reach a quorum and all votes at the GA can be declared valid. The FSC statutes state that we need 50 per cent of the voting power in each chamber to be quorate.

For full details on how to appoint a proxy, please visit the [FSC GA 2014 website](#) – make sure to do this soon, so that we can ensure that the FSC GA is as powerful as it can be.

Start the conversation now – Visit the members motions platform



With 90 motions to be voted on at the upcoming FSC GA 2014, there's no time to waste to start debating and discussing the issues.

You can start these very important conversations on the [members motions platform](#) on the FSC GA

2014 website, and continue them right up until you see your fellow members in person in Spain. The online platform provides advanced access for FSC members to the motions that will be voted upon. They can discuss the pros and cons of different motions, as well as ask and answer questions about each motion, which will help build consensus in advance of the GA.

To make sure all members are as informed as possible about each of the motions, the *Motions Report* was distributed to all FSC Members on 7 July 2014; a brief cost-benefit and impact analysis conducted by the Secretariat will follow in a separate report in due course.

Thank you for your financial support applications



Thank you to all members who submitted their financial support forms – they are currently being processed and members will be contacted individually regarding their applications.

While many factors are taken into account when assessing the applications, our aim is to have as many and as varied a membership present at the FSC GA 2014 as possible. We hope to see you there.

[Register now!](#)

Please note that the **Regular registration** period will end on **31 July 2014**.



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LOGISTICS UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Iberia is offering to all GA participants a 15% discount!

Purchase Period

Up to September 14, 2014.

Flight Period

From September 02, 2014 through September 19, 2014.

Prices

15% savings is applicable on the fare component. Taxes and Service Fees are not subject to discount.

Savings apply to all Iberia destinations operated by Iberia, Iberia Express and Iberia Regional Air Nostrom (not valid in flights IB5xxx, IB4XXX e IB7xxx).

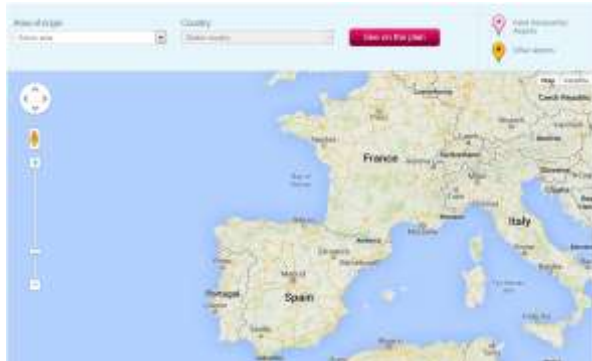
Prices shown during the reservation process include the saving.

Offer valid on purchase of a round-trip ticket on Economy.

[Click here to book your flight>>](#)



Have you booked your flight?



Whether by land, sea or air, there are plenty of different ways to get to Seville, Spain for the FSC GA 2014. We have updated the [travel section](#) of the FSC GA 2014 website with useful information and resources about international flights, as well as European and national connections.

With so many members coming from all over the world it is vital to book your travel arrangements now so that you have the easiest connections,

and the smoothest possible journey – see you all soon!

To get specific information about Spanish airports, airlines and flights, please check this [interactive map](#) from [Aeropuertos Españoles y Navegación Aérea](#) – the state-owned company that owns and manages Spain's airports.

Book now and get a good night's rest in Seville

With such a packed schedule of activities and events planned for the FSC GA 2014 you will want to make sure that you have a comfortable and relaxing place to go back to at night.

Special rates have been arranged for GA participants at the following hotels – book early to ensure availability.

The Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento (GA venue) has informed us that **there are only a few rooms left**, so participants are kindly advised to make their reservations now to avoid disappointment.



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Hotel Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento (****)

The Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento hotel (entirely refurbished in 2012) is situated in Seville on the banks of the Guadalquivir River. It offers 295 light-filled and spacious rooms measuring 40m², with large, comfortable beds. The modern, relaxing décor and services on offer – such as Wi-Fi and 24-hour room service – will make your stay in Seville an unforgettable experience.

***Breakfast included**

[Click here to make a reservation>>](#)

Hotel Monte Triana (***)

A 10-minute taxi ride from the GA venue, the Hotel Monte Triana has 114 spacious rooms (available as twin beds, double beds, pillow menu, three beds, and adjoining rooms). There is also free Wi-Fi and ample parking facilities. Most rooms have views onto a typical Andalusian courtyard, portraying a tranquil and relaxing setting.

***Breakfast included**

[Click here to make a reservation>>](#)

Hotel TRYP Sevilla Macarena (****)

The hotel's central location allows a leisurely 20-minute walk to Seville Cathedral, the Torre del Oro (Golden Tower) and the Real Alcázar (Moorish palace). The hotel boasts a magnificent Seville-style patio, a panoramic swimming pool (or sun deck depending on the season) with views of the most important monuments in the Andalusian capital. The proximity to the historical heart of the city and easy access to the airport make it one of the best hotels in Seville for a sightseeing visit. The hotel meeting facilities and proximity to the Cartuja business and finance hub also make it ideal for business travel.

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SEVILLE: *We love people*

The Alcazar, Europe's oldest royal palace

Escape the heat for a moment and join us behind the walls of the Alcazar – Europe's oldest palace – where you'll find not only shade, but also lavishly decorated rooms, beautiful courtyards built around pools and a grandiose garden with fountains and a labyrinth.

This spectacular venue will play host to the FSC 20-year anniversary cocktail reception on Monday 8 September – providing our members with the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to drink, mingle and celebrate in a place reserved for royalty. Full details of the reception are to come, but, in the meantime, check out [our article](#) on the palace on the FSC GA 2014 website.

Feel the rhythm and stay for the La Bienal de Flamenco

Are you passionate about dance? Curious about the sizzling moves of flamenco? Excited to immerse yourself in all things Andalusian? The timing of the FSC GA couldn't be better as the last day – Friday 12 September – is the first day of the [La Bienal de Flamenco](#) – the largest flamenco event worldwide.



Every two years, Seville becomes the place to be for all flamenco fans – both professionals and aficionados. Over 24 days there will be 66 pieces performed in 75 shows – something for every member to enjoy.

Since its birth in 1979, La Bienal has been a melting pot where the most traditional forms of flamenco coexist in pure harmony with its more experimental, avant-garde expressions.

This incredible event is the perfect reason to extend your stay in Seville after the FSC GA 2014 – book your tickets now!

Contact us:

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