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56th ISU Ordinary Congress

Dubrovnik, Croatia – June 6 - 10, 2016



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Message of the ISU President
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the name of the International Skating Union I am very honored to invite you to attend the 2016 ISU Congress in Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 6 – 10, 2016.

The ISU is approaching the Congress with the ambition to evaluate new steps that are necessary to maintain the ISU in the group of the innovative International Sport Federations.

I take the opportunity to extend to the IOC and to the Olympic Movement the appreciation of our Union for their efforts to sustain the development of all sport disciplines through an adequate activity.

Sincerely we present our congratulations and gratitude to the Croatian Skating Federation for their cooperation in hosting the assembly of our Union in beautiful Dubrovnik. We wish as well to deliver a warm welcome to all those who will attend the Congress assuring that the ISU will use all its motivation for the achievement of very positive results on the basis of a truly constructive cooperation.

Ottavio Cincuenta
President of the International Skating Union

Message of the Croatian Skating Federation President
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to welcome you to the 2016 ISU Congress in Dubrovnik, on the behalf of the Croatian Skating Federation and my personal behalf. We consider it a great honor that an event of this magnitude is being held at one of the most beautiful towns in the Mediterranean.

The Croatian Skating Federation always strives to be a force in the world of sport and to be a part of positive movements and changes that benefit the greater good. We are proud of our close cooperation with the ISU and the IOC and we are certain that hosting important events such as this Congress will help us be a part of a bright future for sport in general and skating in particular.

We will do our best that all of our dear guests always feel welcome and that they enjoy the beautiful City of Dubrovnik despite their busy schedule and hard work. We hope that all of you will leave with plenty of fond memories and wishing to return one day.

Have a successful and enjoyable stay!

Morana Paliković Gruden
President of the Croatian Skating Federation

Official Program

A. PROGRAM FOR CONGRESS DELEGATES – OFFICE HOLDERS

Thursday, June 2		Technical Committee Meetings
Friday, June 3		Technical Committee Meetings
Saturday, June 4		Arrival Technical Committee Meetings
Sunday, June 5	09.00 to 12.00	Arrival Council Meeting Technical Committee Meetings
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 to 17.00	Council Meeting Technical Committee Meetings
	18.00	Welcome reception hosted by Croatian Skating Federation
Monday, June 6	09.00 to 12.00	Opening of the Congress/Congress Workshops Technical Rules
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 to 17.00	Congress (full Congress - both Branches combined)
	17.15 to 18.00	Test/Practice Election using voting pads
Tuesday, June 7	09.00 to 12.00	Congress (full Congress - both Branches combined)
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 to 17.00	Congress (full Congress - both Branches combined)
Wednesday, June 8	09.00 to 12.00	Congress / separate Branches Figure Skating and Speed Skating
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	15.00	Tour and dinner hosted by Croatian Skating Federation
Thursday, June 9	09.00 to 12.00	Congress / separate Branches Figure Skating and Speed Skating
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 to 17.00	Congress / separate Branches Figure Skating and Speed Skating
Friday, June 10	09.00 to 12.00	Congress including Elections
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 to 17.00	Congress and/or Drafting Committees
	20.00 to 24.00	Closing Banquet hosted by the ISU
Saturday, June 11	09.00 to 12.00	Council Meeting / Drafting Committees
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 to 18.00	Council Meeting / Drafting Committees
Sunday, June 12	09.00 to 12.00	Council Meeting / Drafting Committees
	12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 to 18.00	Council Meeting / Drafting Committees

B. PROGRAM FOR NON-DELEGATES

Sunday, June 5	18.00	Welcome Reception
Wednesday, June 8	15.00	Tour and dinner hosted by Croatian Skating Federation
Friday, June 10	20.00	Closing Banquet hosted by the ISU

A special information booklet will be published.



Registration

Please be so kind to confirm your registration for the 56th ISU Ordinary Congress 2016 by sending your completed registration forms (Registration Form for ISU Members, Individual Registration Form, Individual Hotel Reservation Form) along with a passport size photo by **January 15, 2016**.

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Please note that you must register separately to the ISU Congress Organizing Committee and to the International Skating Union.

Official Hotels

Official Congress Hotel 1: Sheraton Dubrovnik Riviera Hotel



Just a few minutes drive from the beauty and bustle of the World Heritage Site of Dubrovnik, lies new Sheraton Dubrovnik Riviera Hotel, an oasis of calm and a gem of contemporary architecture.

Wrapped in lush gardens running right down to the beach and with fabulous views across the sea, this 240-room and 11-suite resort is all about bringing people together. It is intimate enough for couples, spacious enough for families, and, with 1500 m² of state-of-the-art conference facilities, an appropriate location for international conferences.

A precious jewel in Dubrovnik.

Be dazzled by the Adriatic from the heights of Dubrovnik's city walls, relish the shade of narrow alleys lined with tiny bars and shops, soak up the local culture and be stunned by the antiquity of every stone you touch.

Then fast forward by cab or boat ride, to the contemporary culture and style at new Sheraton Dubrovnik Riviera Hotel.

Health and fitness are vibrant features of life on the shore here. Jog along the beach, take a yoga class, dive, swim, sail, snorkel or, if you're aiming to stay fit on the road. And if all you want to do is relax, the range of special treatments at Shine SPA™ for Sheraton are there to help you find your glow.

Experience world-class service at Sheraton Dubrovnik Riviera Hotel.



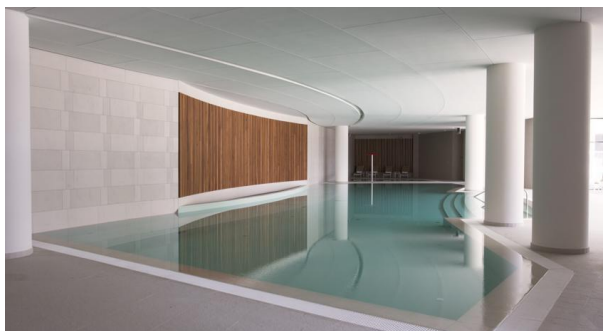
Conveniently located between the UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik Old Town and Dubrovnik Airport, Sheraton Dubrovnik Riviera Hotel is situated in a secluded beachfront location in the village of Srebreno. The property offers outdoor and indoor pools and a spa and wellness centre. Free WiFi access is available in all areas.

All rooms are air-conditioned and come with a balcony, a flat-screen satellite TV, a minibar and a safe, as well as a Sheraton Sweet Sleeper® Bed. Private bathrooms comprise a bathtub, a shower and free toiletries. A hairdryer and slippers are also provided.

Guests can work out at the fitness centre, enjoy drinks at the bar or sample local delicacies in the restaurant. The modern conference centre is illuminated by natural daylight and caters to various types of events and conferences.

Dubrovnik Old Town, with various sightseeing, dining and shopping options, is 10 km away, while the historic town of Cavtat is at a distance of 9.5 km.

The property is 9 km from Dubrovnik Airport. Free private parking is provided.



Official Congress Hotel 2: Hotel Mlini



The newly built (2015) four star Hotel Mlini is an oasis of paradise and a superb Mediterranean vacation spot with a view of the crystal clear open sea and the perfect sunset. Located by the promenade, near the picturesque village of Mlini and in the immediate vicinity of small secluded beaches, this is the hotel for a romantic holiday near Dubrovnik.

Hotel Mlini features 85 luxurious rooms with balconies and a sea view. Complement your amazing vacation with the unique dining experiences offered at the hotel restaurants and bars.

Location of the hotel

Hotel Mlini is located at the spectacular Dubrovnik riviera, in a picturesque town of Mlini. The hotel and villa are located at the coastline, near the sea and surrounded with centuries old and Mediterranean trees.

Recreational facilities

The guests staying at Hotel Mlini are welcome to use all the facilities of the nearby (2 minutes of walk) Hotel Astarea, such as: spacious indoor and outdoor swimming pool, spa center with sauna and gym.

The restaurants and bars that are located between the Astarea and Mlini hotels are available to the guests of both hotels.



Official Congress Hotel 3: Villas Mlini



Just steps away from the beach and the open-air swimming pool complex of Hotel Astarea, Villas Mlini are set in a well-kept Mediterranean garden and offer elegant apartments with private sea-view balconies. Free Wi-Fi is provided in the public areas.

The apartments all come with a separate bedroom with LCD TV and a bathroom with bath, hairdryer and free toiletries. The living room comes with sofa and LCD satellite TV, while the kitchenette includes a dining area. A direct telephone line and a safety box are provided.

Guests have access to the Hotel Astarea indoor pool and its wellness centre including possibilities for sauna and massages. You can also enjoy walking the long promenade connecting Mlini with Srebreno.

Local buses stop 300 m away. The town of Cavtat is about 7 km away, while the UNESCO-protected Old Town of Dubrovnik and its airport are within a 9 km radius from Mlini.



For hotel booking please fill in and send the Hotel Booking Form attached as soon as possible but not later than **January 15, 2016** to Organizing Committee, email: isucongress2016@croskate.hr; We cannot guarantee hotel rooms after January 15, 2016. Prices range from EUR 165,00 to EUR 220,00, depending on the room type, with breakfast and all taxes included, please see the Form for details.

Delegates may also choose on their own initiative one of the many other Dubrovnik hotels.

Shuttle service from and to airport will be arranged upon previous request.

The Organizing Committee will organize a shuttle to Dubrovnik Old Town on Monday, Tuesday and on Thursday afternoon, after the Congress, upon previous request.

The distance between Sheraton Hotel and Hotel Mlini is a 10 minutes walk.

A buffet lunch in the Sheraton hotel will be offered to all the ISU Congress participants at the special price of 20.- EUR. Previous request is also required. Please see Special Requests Form.

Map of Croatia



ABOUT CROATIA

Country

Croatia, officially the Republic of Croatia, is a sovereign state at the crossroads of Central Europe, Southeast Europe, and the Mediterranean. Its capital city is Zagreb, which forms one of the country's primary subdivisions, along with its twenty counties. Croatia covers 56,594 square kilometres (21,851 square miles) and has diverse, mostly continental and Mediterranean climates. Croatia's Adriatic Sea coast contains more than a thousand islands. The country's population is 4.28 million, most of whom are Croats.

A unitary state, Croatia is a republic governed under a parliamentary system. The International Monetary Fund classified Croatia as an emerging and developing economy, and the World Bank identified it as a high-income economy. Croatia is a member of the European Union (EU), United Nations (UN), the Council of Europe, NATO, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and a founding member of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Government

The President of the Republic is the head of state, directly elected to a five-year term and is limited by the Constitution to a maximum of two terms. In addition to being the commander in chief of the armed forces, the President has the procedural duty of appointing the Prime minister with the consent of the parliament, and has some influence on foreign policy. The most recent presidential elections were held on January 11, 2015, when Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović won. She took the oath of office on February 15, 2015.

The government is headed by the Prime minister, who has four deputy prime ministers and 17 ministers in charge of particular sectors of activity. As the executive branch, it is responsible for proposing legislation and a budget, executing the laws, and guiding the foreign and internal policies of the republic. The government is seated at Banski dvori in Zagreb. Since December 23, 2011, the Prime minister of the government has been Zoran Milanović.



Religion

Roman Catholicism is the official religion but other religions are practiced freely.

History

The Croats arrived in the area of present-day Croatia during the early part of the 7th century AD. They organised the state into two duchies by the 9th century. Tomislav became the first king by 925, elevating Croatia to the status of a kingdom. The Kingdom of Croatia retained its sovereignty for nearly two centuries, reaching its peak during the rule of Kings Peter Krešimir IV and Dmitar Zvonimir. Croatia entered a personal union with Hungary in 1102. In 1527, faced with Ottoman conquest, the Croatian Parliament elected Ferdinand I of the House of Habsburg to the Croatian throne. In 1918, after World War I, Croatia was included in the unrecognised State of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs which seceded from Austria-Hungary and merged into the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. A fascist Croatian puppet state existed during World War II. After the war, Croatia became a founding member and a federal constituent of Second Yugoslavia, a constitutionally socialist state. In June 1991, Croatia declared independence, which came into effect on October 8th of the same year. The Croatian War of Independence was fought successfully during the four years following the declaration.



Economic Profile

The service sector dominates Croatia's economy, followed by the industrial sector and agriculture. Tourism is a significant source of revenue during the summer, with Croatia ranked the 18th most popular tourist destination in the world. The state controls a part of the economy, with substantial government expenditure. The European Union is Croatia's most important trading partner. Since 2000, the Croatian government has invested in infrastructure, especially transport routes and facilities along the Pan-European corridors. Internal sources produce a significant portion of energy in Croatia; the rest is imported. Croatia provides a universal health care system and free primary and secondary education, while supporting culture through numerous public institutions and through corporate investments in media and publishing.

Tourism dominates the Croatian service sector and accounts for up to 20% of Croatian GDP. Its positive effects are felt throughout the economy of Croatia in terms of increased business volume observed in retail business, processing industry orders and summer seasonal employment. The industry is considered an export business, because it significantly reduces the country's external

trade imbalance. Since the conclusion of the Croatian War of Independence, the tourist industry has grown rapidly, recording a fourfold rise in tourist numbers, with more than 10 million tourists each year.



GETTING AROUND CROATIA

By Air

Travelling around Croatia by air is, of course, by far the quickest means of getting around the country, and there are numerous daily flights in Croatia that will enable you to zip around very easily. The country's main airline, Croatia Airlines, operates regular services between Zagreb and other airports within the country, including Dubrovnik, Split, Pula and Zadar, and there are also flights between some of these airports as well.

Croatian Airports:

Brac Airport
Dubrovnik Airport
Osijek Airport
Pula Airport
Rijeka Airport
Split Airport
Zadar Airport
Zagreb Airport

By Rail

Train travel in Croatia is easy and relatively inexpensive, but the train network isn't as far reaching as the bus network is. Train is a popular mode of transport in Croatia, although the train network isn't that extensive – trains in Croatia generally feature most within the country's interior, and far less so along the coast. Zagreb is, of course, the central hub of the train network, and within Croatia there's a high frequency of routes to and from the capital. The two most useful coastal destinations connected to Zagreb by train are Rijeka and Split. In comparison with Western Europe, tickets are inexpensive. There have also been upgrades of some of the track in recent years to improve journey times.

By Sea

Given the many, many islands off the country's coastline, it's highly likely that you'll be utilising ferries in Croatia when you visit the country. The main ferry company in Croatia is Jadrolinija and they operate the vast majority of ferry and catamaran routes in Croatia. Boats and ferries sail the Adriatic connecting major ports with almost all the inhabited islands all year round, with many routes having a higher frequency of sailings during the summer months. Some catamaran services only operate during peak summer months – such as the G & V Line service from Dubrovnik to Korcula. There used to be a rather famous ferry route connecting the northern part of the Croatian Adriatic to the southern part run – essentially, travelling from Rijeka to Dubrovnik via Split (and the islands of

Hvar and Korcula). Run by Jadrolinija for 60 years, in recent times this route has become less popular and more difficult to maintain. Kapetan Luka's popular catamaran from Split to Milna (Brac), Hvar Town, Korcula and Dubrovnik – which was introduced in 2014 – now also includes a stop in Mljet for 2015. Better still, this service runs daily from the beginning of June to the end of September, with services three/four times a week in May and October. Currently, there are only routes from Croatia to Italy – there are no ferry routes from Croatia to any other European country.

By Road

The bus service in Croatia is first class: from frequent express buses that cover longer distances that are reasonably comfortable right down to bus connections between the smallest villages in the country. The train network in Croatia is somewhat on the limited side (as there's no train service that travels along the coast), so travelling by bus is far preferable. Bus travel in Croatia is also inexpensive, and the newish motorways that exist in parts of the country have reduced journey times considerably. In almost every larger town, there is a large (or large-ish) bus terminal where tickets are sold and timetables are clearly displayed. The motorway system in Croatia has greatly improved in recent years thanks to some rather extensive road building. There are (amongst other routes) now motorways linking Zagreb to Pula, Rijeka, Zadar and Split along the coast and Varazdin in the interior. The main motorway south – to Dubrovnik – is currently constructed as far as Ploce, which is about 100 km north of Dubrovnik (along the coast). The most picturesque route in Croatia is definitely the Adriatic road (Jadranska magistrala) which connects Rijeka and Dubrovnik. Some people compare this road to the famous Highway 1 between San Francisco and just south of Los Angeles in California.* We would say that ours is prettier!

Immigration and Customs

Visitors to Croatia must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document. Most nationalities do not require visas for social or business visits. For further information, please check with the nearest Croatian Consulate/Embassy in your country.

In case a specific invitation letter is needed, please contact the ISU Congress 2016 Organizing Committee by email or fax as follows:

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Working Days

Government offices work from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Most shops and department stores are open non-stop, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Malls at the City entrance are open from Monday to Saturday and have working hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and are even open on Sundays.

Climate

Dubrovnik, Croatia is at 42°38'N, 18°6'E, 49 m (161 ft).

Dubrovnik has a hot mediterranean/ dry-summer subtropical climate that is mild with moderate seasonality. Summers are dry and hot due to the domination of subtropical high pressure systems while winters experience moderate temperatures and changeable, rainy weather due to the polar front. These climates usually occur on the western sides of continents between the latitudes of 30° and 45°. Vegetation is adapted to the dry summers and is fragrant and oily making it susceptible to fire. The typical Mediterranean climate average monthly temperatures in excess of 22.0 °C (71.6 °F) in its warmest month and an average in the coldest month between 18 to -3 °C (64 to 27 °F) with at least four months above 10 °C (50 °F). Seasonality is moderate. According to the Holdridge life zones system of bioclimatic classification Dubrovnik is situated in or near the cool temperate wet forest biome. The average temperature is 16.3 degrees Celsius (61.3 degrees Fahrenheit).

Average monthly temperatures vary by 16 °C (28.8°F). This indicates that the continentality type is oceanic, subtype truly oceanic. Winter time records indicate temperatures by day reach 13°C (55.4°F) on average falling to 6.7°C (44°F) overnight. In spring time temperatures climb reaching 17.3°C (63.2°F) generally in the afternoon with overnight lows of 11°C (51.8°F). During summer average high temperatures are 27.3°C (81.2°F) and average low temperatures are 20°C (68°F). Come autumn/ fall temperatures decrease achieving average highs of 21°C (69.8°F) during the day and lows of 14°C (57.2°F) generally shortly after sunrise. On average there are 2523 hours of sunshine per year.

Languages

The official language is Croatian. Many people, especially young, speak English. German is also widely spoken.

Currency

The basic Croatian currency unit is *KUNA*.

Coins are 1, 2 and 5 *KUNA*.

paper bills: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 *KUNA*.

1 *KUNA* contains 100 *LIPA*. Coins are 1,2,5,10,20 & 50.

Foreign Currency can be exchanged for local money in banks, official exchange offices, post offices, hotels etc.

Time

Croatia is a part of the Central European Time Zone (GMT +1): when it is noon in Zagreb it is 12:00 in Berlin, 11:00 in London, 06:00 in New York, 14:00 in Moscow and 21:00 in Sydney.

Electricity

The voltage in Croatia is 220 V, 50 Hz, which is the same as the rest of Europe.

Banking Hours

Many bank branches and exchange offices are normally open from 8 a.m. to 7-p.m. non-stop (Monday-Friday), and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon (Saturdays). Most of the banks have cash machines (ATMs), which operate 24 hours a day. At the Airport, banks are open every day (including Sunday and holidays) from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Post Offices

Post boxes are yellow in Croatia and the times of collections are indicated on the box.

Tipping

A "service charge" is already included in restaurant bills, but it is customary to "round up" the bill in a restaurant (but not if you just have a drink).

For special services rendered by hotel personnel usually expect tips between 10-50 *KUNA*.

TAX-FREE Shopping

Tourist whose purchases exceed 500 *KUNA* may claim a PDV (VAT) return for all goods except petroleum products when leaving the country with TAX CHEQUE receipts verified by the Croatian Customs Office. Time limit for tax refunds is one year.

Credit Cards

All major credit cards like: American Express, Diners Club, Eurocard/Master Card, Visa, JCB and Eurocheques are advertised at points of sale, are normally accepted throughout Croatia.

Liquor Laws

The minimum legal drinking age in Croatia is 18 years.

Telephone

Local area code is +385 20

Public telephone boxes accept only phone cards available in post-offices and convenience stores. They cost between 15,00 and 100,00 Kuna. There are also pre-paid phone cards with discount for calling abroad which are available on news stands.



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Dubrovnik City Center Maps

