

April 2017

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1. Intro

Here we are again! We hope you enjoyed our first newsletter? Sun is starting to shine here in Ghent, people are coming out their houses and long trousers are being swapped by shorter ones, farewell to gloves and caps, WELCOME SPRING! With a "don't worry, be happy" mentality (copyright Bob Marley) we start this second newsletter. So **don't worry** about not receiving your invoice yet, **be happy** you are going to be part of a great event! Invoices are on their way, 5.000 is allot to process so please be patient.

What to expect this time? April is all about the sports themselves, [click here](#) and you will see we have been working very hard. As usual we are at your full disposal if you have any questions. In case you missed the previous newsletter: playing schedules will only be published (latest) one week before the games so questions about this topic will remain unanswered. One thing is already sure: everybody will be able to compete on both Thursday and Friday and some of you even on Saturday! (This is not valid for people who only participate at the "[combining sports](#)")

2. Media

Put yourself at "present" at our [facebookevent](#) to follow the latest updates and see pictures during the games and preparations. On twitter you can follow updates via #ecsgghent2017. We also invite you to post pictures on Facebook and Twitter using this hashtag. Show off how hard you are training and post your workout-pictures on Facebook to impress the competition!

3. Sporty news

Insurances ... hopefully you never need them but if you do, you will be happy it's there! Therefore, a small reminder, all participants at the ECSG are supposed to be insured via the company sports federation of their home country or the company you are working at. If you are not sure about this please do a quick check. We don't want you to face any surprises during your stay here.

4. Locations/sport facilities

We have big news here, we want to make the ECSG an unforgettable experience for you therefore we are moving accreditations and the Meeting Center to "The Bijloke". From the 21st of June this will be your answer if people ask you "What's the nicest thing you have seen in Belgium?". Forget about the Atomium and "Manneken pis", they fade away with the beauty of our new meeting center (at least that's our opinion :). This former hospital in the city center got a huge facelift and is balancing on the edge of modern art and ancient architecture. (This building was chosen as the best restauration and redestination of a historical building in Flanders in 2011!).



Also worth mentioning but a bit less spectacular is the new squash facility we arranged. The new location can offer you a better view on the boxes which makes it easier to follow the games and cheer for you colleagues.

New location: Bateas Sports centre - Dendermondsesteenweg 397, 9040 Gent

5. Transportation



Because of the huge range of possibilities of public transport in Ghent we searched for the best option to communicate all that information to you. The best solution was to make a summary of the options per sport. We recommend you to check your personal route via our site or use the following application ([android](#) and



[apple](#)), trust us, this is far more efficient than a summary of all options for which you need at least 15 minutes only to find the right page where you can find more information. WiFi will be free at your disposal in the meeting center and most hotels. Don't worry if you don't have a smartphone we will hand you over a decent plan with basic information about the transportation possibilities.

6. Musts*

** Actually we don't really oblige you, it would just be a pity if you miss these things out!*

Must-see suggestions

Since we are already organising our Meeting Center on the beautiful "The Bijloke" we don't need to recommend you anymore to go visit it. However please take the time to go visit het [STAM](#), the city museum that is located on the same venue. Another great suggestion to visit is "The Graslei". A cosy spot in the city centre of Ghent where allot of young people gather during the summer months to hang out, play music, ... Make sure to bring your camera because the most iconic pictures from Ghent are taken from the Graslei – point of view! At every time of the day the view is great although most people visit it in the evening, the atmospheric lights give it a magical touch.

Ps. Last month we mentioned the boat tours as a must do suggestion, remember? In case you do a boat tour you will be able to view this spot from out your boat!



Must-do suggestions

Maybe too obvious to mention here but go for a city walk, the centre is completely car-free. Ghent has a lot of beautiful little alleys that offer you a surprise around every corner, some even change during the year like "het graffitistraatje" where graffiti artists are legally allowed to spray their artworks on the walls, others will make you feel like you are wandering around in the middle-ages again. Some advice, take your camera everywhere because you might bump into great works from artists like Roa just around the corner!



Must-taste suggestions

Time to learn another word of Flemish before we finish this letter: "neuzeke" meaning "little nose". This is the name of one of Ghents most famous candy, sometimes you will see the name "cuberdon" pass around as well. I could try to describe this purple sweatness but instead I just suggest you to try one. If you are not very fond of candy we also have liquor with the same taste called "cuberdonjenever". If you manage to pronounce this correctly you definitely deserved to try one! The perfect address to try this one (or one of the 200 other flavours!) is "het dreupelkot" Groentenmarkt 12.

7. Who is who?

This week it's time to meet Silke, also known as Miss. ECSG herself? She has been working on this organization for longer than anyone of us. Easy to recognize as the immer-enthusiastic person who is reachable 24/7 and always ready to help you with any problem. Even if your first word on the phone is "Gutentag" she will do her very best to help you out and if you are lucky you will hear her inventing some German words in her explanation as well!



8. Who makes this possible?

Who else than our lovely city of Ghent, the host city for these games. Without any doubt these games would not be possible without the support of several departments; the department of sports, communication, infrastructure, ... thank you for making this possible and the great cooperation! **Ghent: So much city!**



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