

**Circular No. 2 Draft Programme****Eleventh Annual  
Institution of Civil Engineers  
European Local Associations Conference****Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006  
Turin, Italy**

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the Institution of Civil Engineers' 2006 Annual European Local Associations Conference being held in Turin, Italy from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 (inclusive). Attached to this second circular you will find a draft programme of activities to whet your appetite and wetting your appetite is something you will do if you join us in Turin in May!

**Those wishing to attend are requested to register their interest so as to be included in future mailings and correspondence.**

We look forward to seeing you in Turin in May. If you have any questions or difficulties in booking travel or accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Igor Leto**  
ICE Country Representative

Tel: +39 06.998.5078  
Fax: +39 06.998.5100  
Mobile: +39 3357069859  
Email: letconse@edl.it

**Mr Darren Page**  
ELAC 2006 Conference Secretary

Tel: +39 011.5810.611  
Fax: +39 011 597.440  
Mobile: +44 7966620160  
Email: dpa@geodata.it

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

To confirm your registration, please supply the Conference Secretary with the following information.

- Name and Surname
- Partner or Guests Name and Surname
- Contact Address
- Telephone, mobile and fax numbers
- Email address (note: this is the preferred form of communication)
- Date/Time of Arrival in Turin
- Date/Time of Departure from Turin
- Hotel in Turin

Next Circular (No.3) end March 2006
-------------------------------------

**DRAFT PROGRAMME [speakers/timings subject to change] Version 1 [10.02.2006]****Eleventh Annual  
Institution of Civil Engineers  
European Local Associations Conference****Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006  
Turin, Italy****Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Registration****19.00 Arrivals and Registration****Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Conference Sessions, Starhotel Majestic, Turin****Conference Topic: Urban Change – Lessons from Italian Cities****08.00 Registration****09.00 Conference Opening Ceremony  
Welcome by UK HM Consul General, Milan & Conference Patron****Introduction to Conference Programme**  
Dr Igor Leto & Darren Page**9.30-10.45 Conference Session 1**  
Key Note: Dr Gabriele Del Mase, Director, ARUP, Milan (Speaker 1)**10.45-11.15 Coffee Break****11.15-13.00 Conference Session 2**  
Speaker from Torino Internazionale (Speaker 2)  
Speaker from EC Harris, Italy (Speaker3)**13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch****14.00-15.30 Conference Session 3**  
Speaker 4 TBA  
Speaker 5 TBA  
Speaker 6 TBA**15.30-16.00 Coffee Break****16.00-17.30 Conference Session 4**  
Mr Andrea Danese, Project Manager, Astaldi (Speaker 7)

Speaker from Geodata (Speaker 8)

**17.30 Close**

**18.30 Reception/Aperitivo (Venue and host TBA)**

**20.30 Evening free.**  
Stroll around the city, find a traditional café/winebar, perhaps?

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Conference Sessions, Starhotel Majestic, Turin**

### **Conference Topic: ICE Affairs**

**08.40 Opening Remarks**

Dr Igor Leto

**08.45-09.15 Introduction by Director General**

**09.15-09.45 Presentation on International/European Issues and Strategies**

David Howell, ESC Chairman

**09.45-10.15 Presentation on Membership Satisfaction Survey & Communications Strategy**

Anne Moir, ICE Director of Communications

**10.15-10.45 Coffee Break**

**10.30-12.30 Reports from Country Representatives**

**12.30-13.00 Discussion, ELAC2007 and closing remarks**

David Howell

**13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch**

**Afternoon Free**

**19.00 Aperitivo followed by Conference Dinner at Ristorante Del Cambio** (established in 1757 this is one of Turin's most historic restaurants).

**23.00 Official Close.**

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Gastronomic Tour of the Langhe Valley**

**08.30 Assemble at Starhotel Majestic**

**09.00 Depart**

**10.00 Arrive 'Agenzia di Pollenzo' the location of the 'Università di Scienze Gastronomiche', Slow Food and the 'Banca del Vino' ([www.unisg.it](http://www.unisg.it)), ([www.bancadelvino.it](http://www.bancadelvino.it)).**

<b>10.30</b>	<b>Tour of ‘Banca del Vino’</b> (this effectively is the national wine repository, including wine tasting)
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Presentation on Slow Food and the Slow Food Movement by Fiona Richmond, UK Representative for Slow Food</b> ( <a href="http://www.slowfood.it">www.slowfood.it</a> ).
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Drive to Fontanafredda Winery</b> ( <a href="http://www.fontanafredda.it">www.fontanafredda.it</a> )
<b>13.00</b>	<b>Lunch at ‘Villa Contessa Rosa’, Fontanafredda</b> (5 course meal with 5 wines to match!)
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Tour of Wine Cellars and presentation on wine production at Fontanafredda</b> (no tasting, you just had lunch!)
<b>16.00</b>	<b>Return to Turin via some nice scenery, with a stop at either a village, a medieval castle, an artisan food producer, a Savoy Palace or a guided tour of the Martini Museum in Pessione</b> ( and perhaps more oenology!).
<b>18.30</b>	<b>Arrive back in Turin</b>
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Free</b>

## **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Technical Visits, Turin**

### **Conference Topic: Urban Change – Lessons from Italian Cities**

<b>08.00</b>	<b>Assemble at Starhotel Majestic</b>
<b>08.30</b>	<b>Depart for Turin Metro Depot</b>
<b>09.00</b>	<b>Visit to Turin Metro Depot (hosted by GTT and Geodata)</b> Opened in January 2006, the first phase of the light railway is 9.6km long and has 10 stations. The railway uses the VAL system and is entirely automatic.
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Travel to ‘Nodo di Torino’ worksite.</b>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Visit to ‘Nodo di Torino’ (hosted by Andrea Danese, Astaldi).</b> This is an underground railway link that will bring national and international high speed rail directly into the city centre at Porta Susa. It is unprecedented in size being 12km long with 7 major interchange railway stations, constructed predominantly underground.
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14.00-16.30</b>	<b>Tour of various Olympic Stadia sites and sites of urban regeneration in Turin (hosted by Gabriele Del Mase, ARUP)</b> <b>Olympic Ice Hockey Stadium</b> designed by Arata Isozaki with Archa & Arup. With a structural roof span of 90m, this is designed not only as an ice hockey stadium but as a modern multi-purpose venue. <b>Turin Swimming Pool</b> also designed by Arata Isozaki with Archa & Arup. This

forms part of the same world class complex and comprises 2x 50m pools and an Olympic pool with associated facilities.

**17.00            Return to Starhotel Majestic**

**Evening            Free or Departure**

### **DRAFT PARTNERS PROGRAMME [timings and venues subject to change]**

The intention is not to pack this too tightly to allow you to enjoy the ambience of this regal Italian city.

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**08.45            Assemble at Starhotel Majestic**

**09.00            Guided Tour of Turin by public bus and foot.**

**12.00            Apertif at historical Turin café**

13.00-14.00    Lunch

**14.00-15.30    Visit to either Lavazza (world famous coffee producer), Ferrero Rocher or another famous chocolatier.**

#### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**09.00            Assemble Starhotel Majestic for coach**

**10.00-12.00    Visit to the Sacra di San Michele in the Susa Valley**  
Enormous Abbey perched somewhat precariously on a rock guarding the entrance to the Susa Valley (great views, staggering structure and very historic).

13.00-14.00    Lunch

**Afternoon        Free**

## SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- **Basilica Superga** – One of the best examples of Baroque architecture and the resting place of Savoy Kings and Queens, spectacular views over Turin and the Alps. Can be accessed by a very interesting inclined railway (**so no civil engineering then!**).
- **Shopping** – Via Roma, Via Garibaldi, Porto Palazzo Market (one of the largest markets in Europe. Check out the bargains!)
- **National Cinema Museum & Panoramic Lift** – Did you know that Turin is the birthplace of Italian cinema? The panoramic lift gives stupendous views of the city (great at dusk!). The building was once a synagogue and has a 167m high tower made of brick (**so no civil engineering then!**)
- **Egyptian Museum** – One of the largest collections outside of Egypt.
- **Rivoli** – Quaint town with a castle, art gallery and nice shops. Situated at the end of Corso Francia.
- **Parco Valentino, Valentino Castle and Medieval Village** – Situated on the River Po.
- **Lingotto** – Former Fiat factory (the one with the test track on the roof), now converted into a shopping mall and an art gallery.
- **National Motor Car Museum** – Turin is the home of FIAT.
- **Palazzo Reale** – Savoy Royal Palace and famous for Juvarra's scissor staircase see also Palazzo Madama.
- **Il Duomo and the Turin Shroud** – You only get to see the facsimile. Make you own mind up, fact or fraud?
- **Porta Palatina** – Former Roman gate to the city.
- **Antiquities Museum** – Check out the Roman ruins.
- **Pietro Micca Museum** – Local hero. Check out the military tunnels (**so no civil engineering then!**).
- **Museum of Contemporary Art** – Famous artists from around the world.
- **Cittadella** – Remnant former fortification (impressive earthworks, **so no civil engineering then!**)
- **Quadrilatero Romano** – The old town, partly rebuilt on the original street pattern, quaint shops and nice bars and restaurants.

For more on what Turin has to offer see [www.turismotorino.org](http://www.turismotorino.org) (see also the website listed under 'Links').

## ICE 2006 Torino ACCOMMODATION LISTING

We have visited the following hotels in Turin and have arranged a discount on their normal rates (some are discounted 50% on the standard rate). However, you are **very strongly** advised to check the internet as considerably better rates and weekend packages are available. There are very many hotels close to the Conference Venue. We personally think that the 3 star hotels offer excellent value and are all to a very good standard (particularly as many have been refurbished for the Olympics). Rates as low as €65-75 per night (1 pax) are available from some hotels if you book early on the internet.

<b>4 Star</b>	<b>1pax</b>	<b>2pax</b>	
Starhotel Majestic (Conference Venue) Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 54 10123 Torino T: +39 011.539153 F: +39 011.534963 E: majestic.to@starhotels.it www.starhotels.com	Classic €115 Superior/ Executive €145	Classic €145 Superior/ Executive €175	Per night per room inclusive of 10% VAT and buffet breakfast – applied to all hotels listed. *** <b>ROOMS BEING HELD ONLY AT DISCOUNTED RATES UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2006***</b>
Turin Palace Hotel Via Sacchi, 8 10123 Torino T: +39 011.562.511 F: +39 011.5611.312 E: palace@thi.it www.thi.it	€120	€165	
Atahotel Concord Via Lagrange, 47 10123 Torino T: +39 011.5176.756 F: +39 011.5176305 E: direzione@hotelconcord.com www.hotelconcord.com	€140	€160	
<b>3 Star</b>			
Albergo Genova e Stazione (Best Western) Via Sacchi, 14b 10123 Torino T: +39 011.562.9400 F: +011.562.9896 E: info@albergogenova.it www.albergogenova.it	€103	€140	

The following are a list of hotels within the city centre that have been recommended by the Turin Convention Bureau ([www.torinoconvention.it](http://www.torinoconvention.it)).

**Best Western Hotel Genio** (3 star) (close to venue) ([www.bestwestern.it](http://www.bestwestern.it))

**Best Western Hotel Gran Mogol** (3 star) (close to venue)

**Best Western Hotel Piemontese** (3 star) (close to venue)

Other hotels can also be found and booked on the internet. The following site is recommended viewing for information on Turin [www.turismotorino.org](http://www.turismotorino.org)



"When you understand civil engineering, you see the world differently."

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) is one of the world's leading professional organisations that exists to promote and progress civil engineering.

We are a qualifying body, a centre for the exchange of specialist knowledge, and a provider of resources to encourage innovation and excellence in the profession, worldwide.

The ICE has a very rich history. Our Royal Charter tells people about our aim to "foster and promote the art and science of civil engineering" and was granted in 1828.

**77,108** members

**55,557** working members

**10,153** student members

**1818** date established

**145** countries with ICE presence

**£24.6 million** net assets 2004

**£22.1 million** gross income 2004

**One Great George Street**, London, UK: ICE headquarters

We aim to be a leader in shaping the engineering profession by:

- delivering products & services that are attractive, relevant & valued by members and employers globally
- raising the profile of civil engineers
- maintaining high professional standards
- providing an international source of skills & knowledge for tomorrow's engineering
- being broad & inclusive of all those engaged in civil engineering
- influencing governments, industry & public debate
- partnering with relevant bodies

Institution of Civil Engineers  
One Great George Street  
Westminster  
London SW1P 3AA  
t +44 (0)20 7222 7722  
f +44 (0)20 7222 7500  
[www.ice.org.uk](http://www.ice.org.uk)