

**Advance notice & Reservation forms
for UIM National Authorities
and UIM Commission members**

**81st UIM General Assembly
Gold Coast - Australia
Mantra Legends Hotel
October 27 – November 2, 2008**

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To all UIM NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
To all UIM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

In view of the various requests we receive regarding the General Assembly in Australia, we are pleased to send you well in advance the preliminary notification of the 81st UIM General Assembly at the Gold Coast being hosted by the Australian Powerboat Association under the Presidency of Mr Tony Walsh.

During my scouting trip in March, I have checked the hotel and meeting room facilities and had various meetings with Tony Walsh regarding the organisation of the meetings and the social functions which they have been preparing. You can check the hotel facilities on www.mantralegends.com.au. Since it will be a long journey for most of the delegates, you might want to extend your stay to discover the beauties of the Gold Coast. Tony Walsh will provide you further details on the sight seeing possibilities by a separate mailing begin of June.

Included with this notice, you will find following documents:

- Procedures for obtaining 3 nights free for each N.A. voting delegate
- Hotel conditions – Hotel reservation form to be returned to the UIM Secretariat **by June 20th latest.**
- Provisional Timing schedule of meetings and social functions
- Voting mandate form - To be returned by voting N.A.'s **by June 20th , 2008**

Following information is to follow in August:

- Agenda's of all meetings and final timing schedule
- Reminder on procedure for elections (Election of all Commissions and available seats at Council)

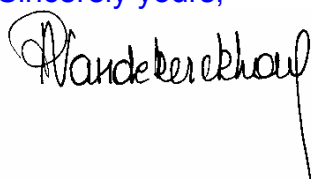
Please note that all proposals to the 2008 General Assembly must be received at the UIM office **by September 2** – we will provide all National Authorities and Secretaries of the Commissions with the format to fill in the proposals. For easy handling, we would appreciate to receive all proposals by Email.

This invitation is sent by Email so that you can fill in all forms electronically. However, a hard copy of this invitation has been sent by normal mail as well.

We hope to receive your confirmation of attendance by the requested deadlines so that we can edit our room listings in a smooth way.

Looking forward to receive your replies,

Sincerely yours,



Régine Vandekerckhove
Secretary General UIM

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PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING 3 NIGHTS FREE HOTEL

For Full Members only

As agreed by the Council meeting of October 2001 we will maintain our offer of 3 nights free hotel accommodation - single room occupation - to the voting delegates mandated by the National Authority on condition that your entry form has been entered by the requested deadline.

- The attached voting mandate must be returned by **June 20th the latest.**

Please note that the hotel will invoice you for the full duration of your stay before departure. The UIM will reimburse 3 nights à 125 Euro to the account of the National Authority before end of December 2008 as long as all outstanding invoices have been settled. There will be no reimbursement to the delegates during their stay in Australia.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hotel rates

- The rates are inclusive VAT, breakfast and lunch (for UIM delegates only) accompanying persons will be charged for the lunch.
- Conditions for triple occupancy will need to be requested to the hotel.
- Beverages are not included.
- All rates are listed in Australian Dollars (AUD) – actual conversion to the Euro is at .060

Special room rates during Indy Car race : 23rd to 26th October

Twin/double bed & breakfast : based on double or twin share occupancy	253 AUD
Single bed & breakfast : based on single share occupancy	236.50 AUD
Room accommodation only : based on single, double or twin share occupancy	220 AUD

Conference package rates – October 27th to November 3rd

Single share (delegate only) includes room/breakfast/lunch	209.50 AUD
Double share (delegate + partner) includes room / 2 Breakfasts / 1 lunch	226 AUD
Twin share (delegate + delegate) includes room / 2 Breakfasts/ 2 Luncheons	274 AUD

Room rates as from November 3rd

Twin/double bed & breakfast : based on double or twin share occupancy	178 AUD
Single bed & breakfast : based on single share occupancy	161,50AUD

As an explanation :

The single bed room is a king sized bed with Kitchenette.
The Twin/Double bed room has 2 double beds with complimentary coffee and tea making facilities.

Please note that room rates during the Indy Car race are in general very expensive. This is a special rate granted to the UIM Delegates. However these rates do not include any luncheons. If you plan to arrive during this period, we need to receive your reservation by the requested deadline. If not received, the hotel will release the hotel rooms to their regular Indy Car Customers. For those who want to attend the Indy Car race, full information on ticket prices, purchase online, circuit maps etc can be found on www.indy.com.au

Catering and social functions

- The APBA dinner will take place on Saturday November 1 and busses will leave the hotel at 6 pm. Dresscode for this “surprise” party dinner will be smart casual with easy shoe-wear.
- Another social function will probably take place on the Tuesday evening but the final confirmation is to follow.
- On Thursday evening you will be invited to the 78th floor of the Q1 building for a “high in the sky” cocktail and fingerfood party offered by Trask Industries. (F1 drivers)
- On Friday afternoon an offshore race will be organised and the delegates will be able to view the race from the beach in front of the hotel. More details are to be confirmed.
- After the General Assembly meeting on Sunday all delegates will be taken to a VIP Chartered Vessel for the UIM Farewell lunch. The lunch and beverages will be served on board whilst the delegates can watch the Superboat Spectacular which will be races in all different classes (Unlimited Displacement, 6 L Displacement, F1, F2, Thundercats, Aquabike and Formula Future)
- A guided visit to the Maritimo shipyard is being organised with the owner Bill Barry Cotter (Offshore Class I driver) – more information is to follow.
- A Lunch-buffet will be served at the Pre Function Terrace adjacent to the meeting rooms but only from Monday through Saturday. Lunch will be at cost for any accompanying partners (approximately 22 AUD per person). With the lunch following beverages are included : coffee, tea , water and fruit juice - any other drinks are at cost
- During the entire meeting week, coffee breaks will be served at the Conference area for all UIM identified members.

UIM Badge

- UIM badges will be edited for UIM delegates only, not for the accompanying family members. Your UIM badge provided at previous General Assembly meetings needs to be worn throughout the week of meetings,
- Your badge will serve as recognition by hotel personnel that you are an attending member of the UIM General Assembly and will provide you free of charge luncheons throughout the week.
- If you did not keep your UIM badge of previous years, we need to receive your headshot by email (jpeg) by June 20th and the badge will be handed to you against payment at registration. For any newly attending delegates, the badge will be free of charge.

Visa Applications and transportation

- Some Nationalities might require a Visa. Please check with your travel agent when booking your tickets.
- The Mantra Legends hotel is situated at a 30 minutes taxi drive from the Coolangatta Domestic Airport. Taxi cost would be approximately 30 to 40 AUD. Gold Coast Tourist shuttle operates door to door airport transfers, one way and return, 7 days a week. There is no need to pre-book this as they have a Transport Desk in the Qantas arrival terminal where you can purchase a transfer for 19 AUD to Mantra Legends Hotel.
- International airport of Brisbane is however 1 hour trip and taxis will be expensive.
- We would therefore advise you issue your flights to Sidney or Melbourne and to book a domestic flight to your final destination at the Gold Coast. Please note that Jet Star , Virgin

Blue and Qantas Airlines offer great rates on domestic airfares and you could book on their websites. Booking an additional domestic flight however means that you will probably need to pick up your luggage and register it again for your final domestic flight to Coolangatta.

Check-in, UIM Secretariat and Meeting Rooms

- Check-in to your room will be at the regular reception desk of the hotel.
- The conference area is located at the first floor of the hotel.
- The UIM Secretariat will be open for registration on Monday, October 27 at 09.00 hrs. All other days UIM Secretariat will be operational 8.30 – 12.30 hours and 13.30 – 17.30 hours.

**PROVISIONAL TIMING SCHEDULE 81st UIM GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Monday, October 27

09.00 – 12.00	Registration Delegates		14.00 – 17.00	Jetsprint	Plenary
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Tuesday, October 28

08.30 – 12.30	Comintech	Closed	14.00 – 17.00	River Marathon	Plenary
08.30 – 12.30	Cominsport	Closed	14.00 – 17.00	Powertrain	Plenary

Social function at 18.00 hours

Wednesday, October 29

08.30 – 12.30	Cominoff	Plenary	13.00 – 15.00	Cominsafe	Plenary
08.30 – 12.30	Pleasure Navigation	Plenary	15.00 – 18.00	Joint Comintech/Sport	Plenary
			14.00 – 18.00	Aquabike	Plenary

Thursday, October 30

08.30 – 12.30	Safety Cockpit	Plenary	14.00 – 15.00	Formula 1	Plenary
08.30 – 12.30	Int. Board Consultants	Plenary	15.00 – 17.00	Formula 1	Closed
			14.00 – 17.00	Cominoff	Plenary

Social function at 19.00 hours

Friday, October 31

08.30 – 09.30	Formulae Committee	Plenary	14.00 – 16.00	Executive Committee	Closed
09.30 – 12.30	Formulae Committee	Closed	14.00	OFFSHORE RACE	
08.30 – 12.30	Formula Future	Plenary			

Saturday, November 1 (translation provided)

08.30 – 10.00	Open Forum (Mandatory)	Plenary	14.00 – 16.00	Council	Closed
10.30 – 12.30	Calendar Meeting	Plenary			

Social function at 18.00 hours

Sunday, November 2 (translation provided)

08.00 – 13.00	General Assembly	Plenary	13.15 – 14.15	Farewell Lunch on Boat	
			14.15 – 18.00	Boat Spectacular	