



GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE

Fourth Session, 7-9 June 2004

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Venue: Alexandria Library (Bibliotheca Alexandrina)
The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, a vast cultural complex rising on the shore of the Mediterranean, is located in the Eastern Harbour in the vicinity of Alexandria. The full address is:

Bibliotheca Alexandrina
P.O. Box 138
El Shatby
Alexandria 21526, Egypt

Tel: +20-3-4839999
Email: secretariat@bibalex.org
Web: www.bibalex.org

Dates: 7-9 June 2004

Visa Arrangements for Participants

Participants from certain GFCM member countries may require entry visa to Egypt. The delegates are invited to contact their respective Egyptian consulates with a copy of the invitation faxed in order to obtain an entry visa.

Weather

The weather in Alexandria is usually warm during early June. Delegates are however encouraged to bring a light jacket, particularly for the evenings and whilst in air-conditioned buildings.

Alexandria Airport

The city of Alexandria is situated north-west of the capital Cairo on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Alexandria is connected by air, road and rail from Cairo. The airport of Alexandria is also connected with direct flights from other major European cities (e.g. Athens). For flight details and connections from your country please contact your local travel agency.

Cairo to Alexandria by Train

The following websites provides train timetables. A return fare from Cairo to Alexandria is around US\$ 12,00.

- www.seat61.com/Egypt.htm
- www.touregypt.net/trains.htm

Currency and Exchange

The currency in Egypt is the Egypt Pound and at the current rate (28 April 2004) 1 US\$ = 6.16 Egypt Pounds or 1 € = 7.29 Egypt Pounds. The Egypt Pound bank note denominations are 5, 10, 25, 50 Piasters and 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Pounds (100 piasters = 1 pound). Coins are rarely used.

Accommodation

A list of suitable hotels located in the city centre of Alexandria and in the vicinity of the venue is listed below. Please note that the room prices have been negotiated for the participants attending the CAQ Session.

Le Metropole Hotel 52 Saad Zaghloul Street El-Ramle Station	Tel: +20-3-4861467 +20-3-4861465 +20-3-4840910 Fax: +20-3-4862040 Web: www.paradiseinnegypt.com
(Price: US\$ 50 single; US\$ 60 double)	

Windsor Palace Hotel 17 Shohada Street El-Ramle Station	Tel: +20-3-4808123 +20-3-4808256 Fax: +20-3-4809090
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(Price: US\$ 50 single; US\$ 60 double)

Paradise Inn Beach Resort Maamoura Beach	Tel: +20-3-5650152 +20-3-5479602 / 03 / 04 Fax: +20-3-5650153
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Alexandria Cecil 16 Saad Zaghloul Square	Tel: +20-3-4877173 +20-3-4807055 +20-3-5260602 Fax: +20-3-4855655 +20-3-4840368 +20-3-5261155
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In order to assist with your reservation, you may contact Ms Alyaa Ali at the Alexandria Library at the following fax (+20-3-4834994) or email address (alyaa.ali@bibalex.org), providing your departure and arrival details. Please note that rooms may not be available for late bookings. Details of alternative hotels may be provided by your travel agent. It is recommended that bookings are done before 23 May 2004

Transportation from Cairo and Alexandria airports

Transportation from Cairo to Alexandria will also be arranged by the Egyptian authorities. You are kindly requested to fax (+20-2-3374195) your arrival and departure details c/o Dr Fadia Nosseir, Supervisor, Foreign Agricultural Relation, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Cairo, Egypt.

Map

Alexandria lays north-west of the Nile Delta and adjoins Lake Mariut. It is linked to Cairo by the Delta Road (231 km) and the Desert Road (225 km).

