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International Jew's Harp Society

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We have now received various pieces of information, and the following is based on a Skype-conversations between Nikolay Shishigin (director of Khomus-museum, Yakutsk) and Franz Kumpl.

Flight Moscow-Yakutsk:

The Yakutian Organisation Committee has launched a tender for the cheapest provision of flights for Moscow-Yakutsk on 21 June, Yakutsk-Vilyuisk on 25 June, Vilyuisk-Yakutsk on 26 June and Yakutsk-Moscow on 27 June. Most probably the Yakutian Airline might win because of provision of the internal flight Yakutsk-Vilyuisk. Nikolay mentioned a price of about Euro 900 for the flight Moscow-Yakutsk. I (Franz) opposed this price as too high, since commercial flights by Siberian Airlines S 7 used to be around 500-600 Euro. I asked for a price of about 500 Euro as the target, or otherwise many people would not be able to come to Yakutsk.

Researchers

Researchers are asked to submit the themes and, if possible, an annotation of their presentations. This applies to Wolf Janscha (Austria), Michael Wright (England), Tran Quang-Hai (France/Vietnam), John Wright (France), Silvain Trias (France), Gerd Conradt (Germany), Aron Szilagyi (Hungary), Luca Recupero (Italy), Fabio Tricomi (Italy), Harm Linsen (Netherlands), Svein Westad (Norway), Philippe Dallais (Switzerland), Deirdre Morgan (Canada), and Jose Luis Pignocchi (Argentina). We herewith ask these colleagues to confirm their wish to hold a presentation and/or lecture in Yakutsk. You may transmit this information (confirmation, theme, annotation) to Michael Wright and copy to Franz Kumpl (franz.kumpl@aon.at)

Some advice for the trip to Yakutsk:

- Take Jew's harp-related items and artefacts, photos, CDs, copies and originals, etc with you for donating it to the **Khomus (Trump) Museum of the Peoples of the World**. This is THE PLACE, where everything related to the Jew's harp really is highly esteemed and will have its proper place. Fred Crane donated his huge and precious collection of harps to the museum.
- You may smile about it, but in case you will take part in a competition, I highly recommend thinking about your **national costume**. Yakutians love regional characteristics, be it the Jew's harp playing style, food, drinks or dress.
- Check out how much you will have to pay and how it has to be done in case you want to change the **return flight** from Moscow back home. You may want to extend your stay in Yakutia, and it is good to know already at this point how this will be possible.

Presidency – a message from Franz.

Since I intend to lay down my presidency during the IJHF in Yakutsk, interested members are invited to communicate their ideas for future development of the International Jew's Harp Society by 15th May 2011, to Michael Wright and Franz Kumpl. The main issues are: function and status of the IJHS, organisational structure, kinds and means of publications. Michael Wright already has some thoughts and will communicate them in the next Newsletter. I have asked the Yakutian friends to transmit their approach and ideas in regard of the IJHS; Nikolay had promised this until beginning of May. Based on these ideas, papers and discussions we should be able to come to a professional and satisfying strategy for the IJHS during our meetings in Yakutsk.