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**Twelfth Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever
in Europe (SGE ASF12)
Prague, Czech Republic
11-12 March 2019**

And

**Better Training For Safer Food (BTSF) event on African swine fever
Prague, Czech Republic
13 March 2019**

Information Sheet – *update of 5 February 2019*

We would like to sincerely thank the European Commission and the Government of the Czech Republic for kindly supporting and hosting the SGE ASF12 and the BTSF event.

All participants to the SGE ASF12 should confirm by **1st March 2019.**
All participants to the SGE ASF12 are welcome to also attend the BTSF event.

Please confirm to Fabien Schneegans (f.schneegans@oie.int), Marek Soph (m.soph@svscr.cz), Rina Kostova (r.kostova@oie.int) and Ana Vukotic (ana.vukotic@opera-italy.eu), detailing if your intention is to attend both events.



1) **USEFUL CONTACTS**

For any query on the organization of the SGE ASF12, please contact:

- Czech colleague → Mr Marek Soph (phone: +420 227 010 236, mob: +420 602 285 693, m.soph@svscr.cz)

- OIE colleagues → F. Schneegans (phone: +32 2211 83 41; f.schneegans@oie.int), R. Kostova (r.kostova@oie.int)

For any query on the organization of the BTSF event, please contact Ms Ana Vukotic (phone: +356 9955 4880, ana.vukotic@opera-italy.eu).

2) VISA REQUIREMENTS

All participants (sponsored and non-sponsored) are responsible to enquire on the visas and/or transit visas required and obtain them for the full round trip.

Countries which are subject to the formality of entrance visa in the Czech Republic and countries which are exempted from the formality of entrance visa in the Czech Republic are laid down in [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement](#)

3) AIR TICKETS

For the SGE ASF Members (Belarus – Belgium – Bulgaria - Estonia – Hungary - Latvia - Lithuania - Moldova - Poland – Romania - Russian Federation – Ukraine): The European Commission will cover travel costs (economy class with most direct route) for 2 representatives of the abovementioned funded member countries. This will be confirmed by a formal invitation letter from the EC.

For SGE ASF Observers: The meeting is open to all other European countries as Observers, on a self-sponsored basis.

4) AIRPORT TRANSFERS

SGE members and SGE observers are kindly requested to share their flight itinerary with Marek Soph (m.soph@svscr.cz), Rina Kostova (r.kostova@oie.int) and Ana Vukotic (ana.vukotic@opera-italy.eu) by **1st March 2019** at the latest. In case you change your travel plan, please inform the Contact Persons in due time.

Group transfer from/to Prague airport will be organized by the Czech Veterinary Administration (SVA CZ) for the SGE ASF meeting participants on March 10, 11 and 12, based on the information submitted.

The BTSF organizers will take care of the transfers back to the airport on 13 March.

We will inform you later on about the details.

You may also use the public transport system (ticket for 32 Kč – 1.3 EUR):

- from the Ruzyně airport to the hotel: You will take a bus No 119 and go to the final stop Nádraží Veleslavín then change to Metro line A (green line) and go to the station Muzeum (7 stops) change to the line C (red line) and go to the station Vyšehrad (2 stops) which is in very near distance from the hotel Corinthia.
- from the hotel to the Ruzyně airport: go to the metro station 'Vyšehrad' (close to hotel Corinthia); board the line C (red line) for 2 stops direction Letňany; change at the metro station 'Muzeum' to line A (green line) direction Nemocnice Motol; go to station 'Nádraží Veleslavín' (7 stops); board a bus No 119 until the airport.

Flights to countries outside the Schengen area are dispatched from Terminal 1, flights to Schengen countries are dispatched from Terminal 2.

5) MEETING VENUE

The SGE ASF12 meeting and the BTSF event will both take place at:

Hotel Corinthia

Address: CORINTHIA HOTEL PRAGUE, KONGRESOVÁ 1, PRAGUE 4, 140 69 CZECH REPUBLIC

TEL: +420 261 191 111

FAX: +420 261 225 011

PRAGUE@CORINTHIA.COM - <https://www.corinthia.com/en/hotels/prague>

Hotel location and photos: <https://www.corinthia.com/en/hotels/prague/destination/location>

6) INTERPRETATION

An interpretation will be provided from English to Russian and vice versa during the SGE ASF12 meeting. The BTSF event will be interpreted in English, Russian and Czech.

7) ACCOMMODATION: BOOKING AND PAYMENT

All participants are kindly requested to make their reservation directly at Hotel Corinthia, where both meetings will take place.

- **As regards the SGE ASF12**, a group booking has been negotiated for the nights of 10 and 11 March. Click on the [following link \(booking page\)](#) to take advantage of the promo-code for group booking/special rate. The negotiated room price is: SGL (5*) – 125,35 euro/night (including breakfast + VAT).
- **As regards the BTSF event**, another group booking has been negotiated for the night of 12 March. Click on the [following link \(booking page\)](#) to take advantage of the promo-code for group booking/special rate. The negotiated room price is: SGL (5*) – 148,35 euro/night (including breakfast + VAT).

The deadline for booking at these special rates is February 20, 2019, in both cases.
After February 20 the booking will still be possible, provided there is some vacancy, but not at the negotiated rates.

We would like to kindly remind all participants, **including the participants funded by the European Commission**, to pay their accommodation upon check out. Where announced in the EC invitation letter, the reimbursement will be done routinely by bank transfer after the end of the meeting according to the EC procedures.

8) **MEALS**

Lunches (2) and coffee breaks (3) will be kindly offered for all participants by the Czech Veterinary Administration on 11 and 12 March at the Hotel Corinthia, as well as a courtesy dinner on 11 March at Corinthia Hotel Restaurant Bellevue Hall.

Please, inform Marek Soph (m.soph@svscr.cz) and Rina Kostova (r.kostova@oie.int) in advance if you have some specific food preferences or in case if you are on specific diet.

The BTSF organization will accommodate coffee breaks and lunch for the participants on 13 March.

9) **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PARTICIPANTS**

According to EC procedures, daily allowances for the duration of the meeting will be provided to the SGE ASF Members for their travel expenses, as detailed in the invitation issued by the EC.

All SGE ASF Observers have to cover their expenses.

10) **CURRENCY**

The local currency in the Czech Republic is CZK (Czech crown): 1 CZK = 0,03847 EUR ↔ 1 Euro = 26 CZK