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Dear friends,

## Convening of IFM-SEI International Committee Meeting 2017

It is with pleasure that I invite all member organisations to the IFM-SEI International Committee Meeting 2017. The meeting will take place in Slovenia on 6-9 July 2017 and is being organised in cooperation with our members from the Slovenian Falcons.

The venue of the meeting is the <u>Dijaški dom Portorož Hostel</u> on the Slovenian coast, close to the borders of Italy and Croatia. Delegates travelling by plane should arrive into Ljubljana, Venice or Trieste airport. You can either arrange your own local transport to Portorož or we can support you with booking group travel at cost price.

Each organisation is invited to send up to five delegates to the meeting. We would also ask you to take note of the **women's quota** at our statutory meetings. If you send more than two delegates, at least 50% of your delegation must be women.

The booking deadline is **6 April 2017**. Please ensure you complete the <u>online registration form</u> for your delegates.

The participation fee for the meeting is set in line with the membership fee system. The participation fee covers all accommodation, board and programme for three nights. Unfortunately, we cannot cover any travel costs to the meeting. The participation fee per person is:

Lowest category	20€
Small or less resourced organisations	30€
Medium-sized organisations	40€
Medium-sized to big organisations	50€
Financially strong organisations	60€
Financially strongest organisations	70€

You can pay your participation fee by bank transfer in advance of the meeting (reference: IC 2017 +org + name/s) or in cash at the meeting. The bank details can be found below:

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Slovenia is part of the Schengen zone therefore Schengen rules apply. As Slovenia is a small country, you may have to apply through another country's embassy or consulate in your country. If you require a visa you will receive a visa invitation from the Slovenian Falcons verified by the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If you need a visa you must fill in the <u>online visa form</u> as soon as possible and latest by the application deadline.

We would ask for you to share with us your travel information by **6 June 2017** by completing this <u>online travel form</u>. Please aim to arrive before dinner on Thursday 6 July so that we can start the programme on Thursday evening. The official part of the programme will end on Saturday evening.

Delegates are invited to travel to Döbriach after the International Committee meeting to help prepare for the Rote Falken Kinderfreunde international camp '<u>Children's Republic of Döbriach</u>'. Accommodation and food will be provided free of charge and you will be given support/advice regarding travel options from Portorož to Döbriach. Slovenian Falcon members have also offered to support onward travel plans in Slovenia if desired.

Please note:

- 1) Support with your visa application, accommodation and food cannot be guaranteed for those who fail to book by the booking deadline. If you register and do not turn up to the meeting, your organisation will be charged 100€ per person.
- 2) Member organisations with outstanding membership fees will not be able to attend the meeting unless an agreement is made and signed between the member organisation, Control Commission and Secretary General before the end of March 2017. According to article 3.5 of the IFM-SEI constitution, members with outstanding membership fees and no agreement will have no voting rights at the IC meeting. If this applies to you, please contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

The deadline for submitting resolutions is 25 May 2017. The International Committee is your chance to shape our movement and I very much hope you will contribute with all your energy and ideas.

The formal agenda, programme and technical details will be circulated in the first week of June. We look forward to seeing you all in Portorož for a productive and inspiring meeting.

In friendship,

Carly Walker-Dawson IFM-SEI Secretary General

