**Meeting of the UEMS-Occupational Medicine Section**

**31st of May and 1st of June 2019**

**Açores**

The following is the preliminary programme for the meeting in the Açores (Azores) island of São Miguel.

Due to the religious celebrations that will be held between 18th to 30th of May, in Ponta Delgada, we had to move the initially proposed location in this town to a new one, in the north part of the island.

The hotel is named Pedras do Mar and is located at about 10 Km from Ponta Delgada city center and 20 minutes from the airport. Booking has been arranged with a preferential tariff and delegates should mention UEMS meeting. The person in charge is either Mrs. Ana Pereira or Mrs. Cristiana Câmara.

If there are enough delegates to arrive on the same plane, we may provide a bus for transfer. Otherwise you will have to do this trip by taxi.

Unfortunately, alternative lodging will be difficult to arrange for these dates due the religious celebrations.

**May 31st**

We have arranged a visit on the morning of 31st of May to the Geothermal Central of Pico Vermelho, which is located at about 14 Km from the Hotel. Departure is programmed at 09.00.

There will be a presentation of the system, as a renewable source of energy, which is converted to the electricity provided to the island of São Miguel.

Afterwards we will have the opportunity to have our lunch at the Terra Nostra Park, located about 28 Km from the Central, where the meal will be cooked by the energy collected from a dormant volcano. Here, you may eventually have the possibility of enjoying thermal baths but, to do it, you have to notify in advance such desire.

We will follow to Ponta Delgada, 42 Km away, where we will have our dinner.

We will return to the hotel no later than 23.00.

**June 1st**

The meeting will be held according to the program annexed to this document.

There will be coffee-breaks in the morning and in the afternoon. Lunch will comprise hot and cold meals accompanied by non-alcoholic drinks. If anyone has a food allergy, please let us know about it so that an alternative menu can be served.

Dinner will be served at a nearby restaurant, in Calhetas.

**June 2nd**

We may provide a bus transfer to the airport as long as there are enough delegates that will depart at about the same time. Otherwise taxis are the alternative way of reaching the airport.

The prices are guaranteed by the hotel until 8th of April

In the annex are the prices concerning the hotel and the meals, where you may register your preferences. Please note that the cost of one of the dinners will probably be supported by the Portuguese Medical Association. However, we are still waiting for its confirmation.

We look forward for the meeting that, hopefully, will be a fruitful one.

For further information you may also consult the following links:

For Açores (Azores) - <https://www.visitportugal.com/en/destinos/acores> and <https://www.visitazores.com/en>

For the programme of the religious celebrations - <https://byacores.com/en/festas-do-senhor-santo-cristo-dos-milagres/>

For the hotel Pedras do Mar - <http://pedrasdomar.com/en/hotel/>

For the lunch of 31st May - <https://portugal.com/portugal-blogs/underground-cooking-thermal-pools-furnas-azores> and <https://www.aportugueseaffair.com/cozido-das-furnas/>

For Terra Nostra Park - <http://www.parqueterranostra.com/en-US/menu.aspx>

No links yet for the restaurants where we will have our dinners