

Conference folder for the 15th World Conference of the League of Historical Cities

Smart, innovative, creative historical cities of the future



June 7th - June 9th 2016 Bad Ischl

The 15th World Conference of Historical Cities held in Bad Ischl, Austria from June 7 to 9, 2016.

The 15th World Conference of Historical Cities was held successfully from June 7 to 9 in Bad Ischl, Austria. More than 130 people gathered from 39 cities from all over the world and had meaningful discussions on the future of historical cities under the theme of “Smart, innovative, creative historical cities of the future”.

In the General Assembly held on June 9, the Bad Ischl Declaration was adopted. Please view the following for details:

Bad Ischl Declaration

signed at the 15th World Conference of Historical Cities 2016

We, the representatives of historical cities and sites, have assembled for the 15th World Conference of Historical Cities in Bad Ischl, Austria, and hereby declare:

Our cities have to face numerous challenges to keep our historical heritage alive and to create liveable conditions for our citizens. We do not see these demands as contradictory, but as a promising initial situation that will enable our cities to improve the quality of life for the people residing in our historical places, even if they have to accept some inconveniences to preserve the historic values. In short, it is our intent to create sustainable, liveable smart and innovative historical cities in harmony with the nature.

In order to plan for the prosperous future of our cities, we are aware that we have to engage our citizens, raise their awareness of the unique preconditions of historical cities, and fill them with enthusiasm.

This is especially true for the young people living in our historical cities. They have to be included in these efforts and should be given opportunities to experience the cultural heritage not only of their hometowns, but also of other cities to sharpen their views on the cultural heritage and the history of their hometowns. We must consider starting an exchange program for young people to increase their awareness of the particularity of other historical cities.

Historical Cities are and have always been places of international encounter and inspiration, where people are brought together. The development of tourism is seen as a unique chance to promote city identity. We will start a process to exchange our experiences in tourism development and promotion for the benefit of our populations.

In historical cities the human wisdom is accumulated in the long history and the historical sites and cultural monuments are an economic foundation for the people living there. The destruction and demolition of world cultural heritage deprives people from receiving their benefits, and in solidarity with the people living in affected countries, where contemporary wars or conflicts are taking place, these actions are judged by this World Conference as acts of tyranny and barbarism instead of generosity and acceptance.

We, the representatives of historical cities and sites, have been continuing exchanges overcoming all the difference as race, social structure, religion, etc.

It is our aim to make our contribution for a peaceful, sustainable and friendly society which lives together in harmony preserving the global environment. Therefore, we commit to enforce and strengthen the cooperation between our historical cities from around the world.



<Period>

June 7-9, 2016

<Theme>

“Smart, innovative, creative historical cities of the future”

<Program>

Day 1 (June 7)

10:00 Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speech

14:00 Round Table

(Presentations by 7 city representatives)

19:00 Welcome Dinner

Day 2 (June 8)

09:00 Youth Forum (continued until 12:00)

Presentations and discussions

09:00 Workshop of Experts

(Presentations by 7 city representatives)

13:30 Round Table

(Presentations by 6 city representatives)

18:00 Historical Round Tour in Hallstatt

19:30 Dinner

Day 3 (June 9)

09:00 Board Meeting of the LHC Directors

09:30 Visit to the City Museum of Bad Ischl

11:00 General Overview of Sessions (Youth Forum)

13:00 General Overview of Sessions (Expert Forum, Round Table)

15:00 General Assembly of the League of Historical Cities 2016

Closing Ceremony with signing of Bad Ischl Declaration

18:00 Bad Ischl City Tour to Kaiservilla

19:00 Farewell Dinner



Opening Ceremony



Welcome Reception

Participants

<i>Member cities</i>	<i>Non Member Cities</i>
Alba Iulia (Romania)	Aranjuez (Spain)
Bad Ischl (Austria)	Brno (Czech Republic)
Ballarat (Australia)	Corfu (Greece)
Bursa (Turkey)	Deidesheim (Germany)
Buyeo (Korea)	Hallstatt (Austria)
Chengdu (China)	Honolulu (U.S.A.)
Cheng Mai (Thailand)	Klaipeda (Lithuania)
Gongju (Korea)	Limassol (Cyprus)
Gyeongju (Korea)	Olomouc (Czech Republic)
Kashan (Iran)	Pszczyna (Poland)
Kazan (Russia)	Salzburg (Austria)
Konya (Turkey)	Tiradentes (Brazil)
Kyoto (Japan)	
Ljubljana (Slovenia)	
Luxor (Egypt)	
Norwood Payneham & St. Peters (Australia)	
Prague (Czech Republic)	
Riga (Latvia)	
Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	
Shiraz (Iran)	
South East Region of Malta	
Suwon (Korea)	
Veliko Turnovo (Bulgaria)	
Vienna (Austria)	
Xi'an (China)	
Yangzhou (China)	
Zhengzhou (China)	



Review of the Board of Directors' Meeting & General Assembly of LHC 2016 held in Bad Ischl, Austria on June 9, 2016

Outline of the Board of Directors' Meeting

Date and Time: 9:00-11:00, June 9

Venue: Kongress & Theaterhaus

<Board Members>

Chairperson: Kyoto (Japan)

Directors: Vienna (Austria) *Vice-Chairperson

Xi'an (China) *Vice-Chairperson

Ballarat (Austria)

Gyeongju (Korea)

Konya (Turkey)

Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Baghdad (Iraq) *Absent

<Host City of the 16th World Conference of Historical Cities in 2018>

At the Board of Directors' Meeting, four cities: Bursa (Turkey), Lviv (Ukraine), Shiraz (Iran), South East Region of Malta (Malta) each made a final presentation to express their cities' desire to hold, and merits of holding, the conference in their cities. As a result of voting, the board members approved the City of Bursa to host the 16th conference in 2018.

Outline of the General Assembly

Date and Time: 15:00-16:00, June 9

Venue: Kongress & Theaterhaus

<Report of the Results of Deliberation at the Board of Directors' Meeting>

Mr. Shigenori Shibata, the Secretary General of the LHC, announced the results of deliberation at the General Assembly.

<Bad Ischl Declaration>

The City of Bad Ischl proposed the Bad Ischl Declaration as the outcome of the 15th Conference. Mr. Hannes Heide, Mayor of Bad Ischl, explained the Declaration, and the Chairperson of the League, Mr. Daisaku Kadokawa, Mayor of Kyoto, who took the chair of the General Assembly, confirmed its approval to the applause of the attendees.

<Signing of the Bad Ischl Declaration>

All representatives of member cities who attended the General Assembly went up to the stage and signed the Declaration one by one.

