
IOPS/IAIS PCG/ Financial Supervisory Authority of Iceland (FME):

Seminar

Regulatory and supervisory challenges for the Icelandic pension industry

28 February 2014

Reykjavik, Iceland

Information Note for Participants

Organisation

The **Seminar** ‘Regulatory and supervisory challenges for the Icelandic pension industry’ organised by the International Organisation of Pension Supervisors (IOPS), the International Association of Insurance Supervisors Pensions Co-ordination Group (IAIS PCG), the Financial Supervisory Authority of Iceland (FME), with the participation of the Icelandic Pension Funds Association (LL) and with the support from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), will take place on 28 February 2014 in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Registration

Please note that participation is by invitation only. Those invited to register, should do so by filling out the registration form and sending it by email to the contact person that appears at the end of the form.

Registrations must be received by **20 January 2014**, at the latest.

Venue

The Seminar will be held at **Radisson BLU Saga Hotel**.

Address: Hagatorg, 107 Reykjavik, Iceland.

Phone: +354 525 9932

Fax: +354 525 9929

E-mail: s.arnason@radissonblu.com

Website: <http://www.radissonblu.com/sagahotel-reykjavik>

Accommodation

A special accommodation rate has been negotiated with the **Radisson BLU Saga Hotel** for 108 Euro per night – a 10% discount, excluding 0,70 EUR city tax. This rate is valid for both single and double occupancy. Breakfast is not included in this rate, and will be billed at EUR 20 per person.

Each participant is responsible for the reservation and payment of his/her own accommodation. In order to reserve, please fill out the reservation form, sign and e-mail to: s.arnason@radisonblu.com

Please note that the deadline for making reservations at the negotiated rate is **20 January 2014**.

Social Events

Lunch

Lunch will be offered at the Seminar venue on 28 February 2014.

Documentation and Website

Additional information on the Seminar, including the documents and presentations will be made available to the Delegates through the IOPS website www.iopsweb.org. For further information related to the organization of this Seminar, please contact:

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Working languages

The Seminar and documentation will be in English.

Airport transfer

The hotel is 45 minute drive from the airport by bus and will cost approx. 16 EUR (2.500 ISK).

Visas

In order to obtain a specific visa invitation letter, please contact Mr. Björn Z. Ásgrímsson of the Icelandic Financial Supervisory Authority [bjorn@fme.is]

All delegates will be personally responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure.

The organizers do not accept responsibility for consequences of a delegate failing to ensure that he or she has complied with the necessary passport and visa requirements.

Practical Information

Language

The official language of Iceland is Icelandic.

Time

Iceland is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Currency

The official currency is “króna” (ISK).

Exchange: The rate is 1 Euro ≈ 168 ISK, 1 USD ≈ 122 ISK. Bank opening hours are generally 09.00 – 16.00 hours. All major credit cards are accepted in Iceland.

More information including exchange rates is available at:

<http://www.sedlabanki.is/?PageID=183>

Health

No immunizations or special health precautions are necessary or required. Iceland has no infectious risks and there are no poisonous insects.

Climate

Iceland has a cool temperate ocean climate: cool in summer and fairly mild in winter.

In late February/early March the average temperature in Reykjavik ranges from -0,2°C to 0,8°C.

Sunrise on the 1st of March is at 08:36 and sunset is at 18:45.

When travelling in Iceland you should bring along lightweight woolens, a sweater or cardigan, a rainproof (weatherproof) coat and sturdy walking shoes. More information on weather in Iceland:

<http://en.vedur.is/>

Electricity

Iceland's local voltage is 220 V, 50 Hz and the sockets take the standard continental European dual round-pronged plugs. A plug adaptor is required for non-European appliances.

Tipping

Service and VAT are invariably included in prices in Iceland.

Insurance

Citizens of Scandinavia have to show passport in case of medical emergency. Citizens of EEA countries must have the E-111 form, otherwise the patient will be charged in full. Citizens of other countries must be charged in full.