



Engineers Without Borders – International A Humanitarian Engineering Network for a Better World

INVITATION

Engineers Without Borders – International (EWB-I) invites representatives from all EWB-I member organizations to attend an international conference in Boras, Sweden, from September 26-28, 2008

Theme: Multinational Collaboration and Action for a Better World

Purpose: The meeting is intended to form a platform for the exchange of experience between national EWB/ISF organizations in initiating and performing projects towards improving the quality of life of disadvantaged communities worldwide through education and implementation of sustainable engineering projects. The conference will also focus on how collaboration among EWB/ISF groups and others can lead to self-sustaining individual groups and network – and sustainable projects.

Objectives:

- Review of existing EWB/ISF collaborative initiatives
- Development of an action plan between national EWB/ISF organizations for the initiation and development of multinational projects
- Development of processes for quality assurance of national EWB/ISF projects

Location: Boras University, Boras (app. 60 km East of Gothenburg) Sweden (airport bus facilities from Gothenburg international airport).

Programme:

September 25-26	EWB-I Board meeting
Friday September 26	Conference attendees arrive early afternoon Discussions in small groups regarding procedures for multinational projects and experience exchange Dinner
Saturday September 27	Development of an action plan for the initiation of multinational projects Discussion of processes for quality assurance of EWB-projects
Sunday September 28	Discussions in small groups regarding the initiation of multinational projects and fundraising for such projects.

Lodging: Scandic Hotel, Boras, located near the University of Boras campus. Cost per night app SEK 970 = US\$ 162 (includes breakfast). Lunches will be taken in the university campus cafeteria (50 SEK = \$8). For a limited number of visitors lodging could be arranged at a youth hostel (SEK 150 = US\$ 25 per night).

Local Organizing Committee: Lars Pakarinen, Boras Chapter of EWB-Sweden and Claes I Helgesson, EWB-I Board member (Gothenburg, Sweden)

Please RSVP your attendance to Bernard Amadei (amadei@colorado.edu) no later than July 1, 2008.



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PROPOSED AGENDA

Friday, 26 September 2008

Morning and early afternoon: Attendees arrive in Boras

17:00 – 18:00: Welcome, Update, What are the expectations of the EWB-I collaboration?

18:00 – 19:30: Dinner

19:30 – 21:00: Ten minutes presentations of national EWB groups focusing on membership, areas of activity, main challenges, expected collaboration between national EWB/ISF and EWB-I.

Saturday, 27 September 2008

09:00 – 12:00: Procedures for joint collaboration and exchange of experiences

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch

13:00 – 15:00: Development of an action plan for the initiation of joint projects and education/training programs

15:00 – 15:30: Break

15:30 – 17:00: Processes for quality assurance and coordination of projects

17:00 – 19:00: Practical collaboration issues

19:00 - : Dinner and social get-together

Sunday, 28 September 2008

09:00 – 12:00: Fundraising for projects and programs

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch

13:00 – 15:00: Wrap-up, Summary, and Action Plan

15:00: Departure from Boras.