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Humanitarian Village

23-28 June 2009. Solferino, Italy

On 23-28 June 2009 thousands of Red Cross Red Crescent staff and volunteers from all over the world will gather in Solferino, Italy, to mark 150 years of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Throughout the four days, the Humanitarian Village will be hosting *Youth on the move* (youth meeting), the memorable *Fiaccolata* torchlight procession and the *Humanitarian Boulevard*, a large area offering exciting trainings, simulations, shows and more. The registration to the Humanitarian Village is now open and Red Cross Red Crescent volunteers and staff are invited to take part in what will be an unforgettable event.

Programme

Tuesday	23 June 2009	Arrivals and opening ceremony
Wednesday-Saturday	24 –27 June 2009	Humanitarian Boulevard and exhibit centre open
Friday	26 June 2009	Emergency simulation / Evening show
Saturday	27 June 2009	Fiaccolata torchlight procession
Sunday	28 June 2009	Departures

24 – 27 June 2009: Humanitarian Boulevard A series of parallel activities in disaster, health, capacity building, and humanitarian values will be offered in the Humanitarian Boulevard:

Emergency Response Units training

Six Emergency Response Units (ERUs) (base camp, telecommunications, relief, logistics, basic health care, water and sanitation) will be showcased at the Humanitarian Boulevard. Experienced Red Cross Red Crescent staff will run morning and afternoon trainings with interactive methodology to ensure full participation and learning experience. The ERUs will also be used to provide services to the camp.

Emergency shelter competition

Red Cross Red Crescent shelter units will be present to share their expertise and stories from the field. Trainings will run every day on how to best use the shelter kit to repair damaged houses and build emergency shelters. In teams of five to ten people Humanitarian Village guests race to assemble tarpaulins with proper use of fixings. The best shelter will be awarded – will you be on the winning team?

Youth as agents of behavioural change skills-based training

Youth peer educators from National Societies will train everyday on the principles and values (P&V) skills-based toolkit for youth as agents of behavioural change comprising interactive games, exercises and role plays on humanitarian values, and training on skills such as empathy, non-violent communication and mediation.

Community health, psychosocial support, first aid, malaria, TB and HIV training and activities

Open-air exhibitions

The Humanitarian Boulevard includes booths for National Societies to share their knowledge and profile their activities. You can find details below on how to reserve your space.

Run from San Martino della Battaglia to Solferino

This 10 km run departs 27 June from San Martino village and arrives later in Solferino to join the *Fiaccolata*.

Inter-cultural diversity art performances portraying humanitarian values

On 25 June, youth members of the Youth as agents of behavioural change training and other National Societies perform songs, dance and theatre promoting respect for diversity, non-violence and culture of peace.

Raid Cross, Massimo Ghio Trophy and other activities on international humanitarian law

Social, sports and leisure activities

Guided tours to the International Museum of Red Cross in Castiglione delle Stiviere

Activities proposed and organized by National Societies around the world

We welcome National Societies' ideas and involvement in running different plays, trainings or shows. We will do our best to find time and space for your activities.

24 -27 June 2009: Exhibit centre National Societies across the world are invited to exhibit their work and share best practices through videos, photos, shows etc. in the covered Exhibit Centre.

26 June 2009: Emergency simulation During a simulated disaster scenario, Emergency Response Units and shelter units are shown in full operation and guests are invited to take part in the action. The exercise will involve 300 guests of the camp who will be prepared to act as Red Cross Red Crescent relief workers and victims.

26 June 2009: Evening show Goodwill ambassadors and celebrities will join the crowd to make this powerful evening rich in emotion.

27 June 2009: Fiaccolata torchlight procession Held annually since 1992, this torch-lit procession follows the ten kilometre path walked in 1859 by the local people that volunteered to nurse and took the injured soldiers from the battlefield of Solferino to the medical outpost in Castiglione.

To reserve exhibit space or organize activities National Societies are welcome to present their programmes and activities in the Humanitarian Boulevard. To plan and book your activities please contact us at solferino2009@cri.it not later than 22 March. Cost for booths, indoor stage, multimedia equipment etc. on request.

Practical information

Place The Humanitarian Village is set in Solferino, Northern Italy. Sleeping is organized in tents and guests are requested to bring their own sleeping bags. For those unable to bring a sleeping bag, renting of paper sheeting will be available. Meals are provided in canteen tents. Modern camp sanitation facilities including chemical toilets, lavabos and showers are in place.

Local conditions Guests should be prepared for the fairly hot climate of Solferino area with daily maximum temperature around 30 C and bring along sun screen, hats and light summer clothing etc.

Transportation Transportation to the Humanitarian Village is provided from/to Desenzano del Garda train station, five kilometres from Solferino. Regional trains from Milan, Verona and other cities in Northern Italy run to Desenzano del Garda station with direct connections. See train timetable at <http://trenitalia.com/>. The nearest airports are Brescia Montichiari (25 minutes away), Verona Villafranca (45 minutes), Bergamo Orio al Serio (one hour), Milan (two hours). Guests arriving to Italy by air will need to organize their own transport to Desenzano del Garda railway station to meet the Red Cross Red Crescent bus service to the Humanitarian Village.

Participation fee The participation fee is 35 euro/day/participant. This fee includes three meals per day, accommodation in tents, transportation from/to Desenzano del Garda and participation in the *Fiaccolata*. The payment can be made either by credit card or bank transfer through the online registration form. Guests must cover their own travel expenses and participation fees.

Registration Registration for the event is only possible through the online system at <http://www.ifrc.org/meetings/events/solferino>, where you will find a link to the registration form. All information concerning the event will be regularly updated and available on this website. The final deadline for registration is Friday 1 May 2009. Guest registration will be accepted only up to the capacity of the camp, therefore it is recommended to register as early as possible. We invite both individual participation as well as delegations from National Societies. There is no limit in number of participants per National Society. Please note that different rules apply to the participation in the Youth on the move meeting and it has a separate registration. If you require any technical support to register or need assistance, please contact our support unit at solferino2009@cri.it; tel. +39 06 97844522; fax +39 06 97844539.