

## INVITATION

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SILCA in Vittorio Veneto



Venice



Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria



Padua



Abano Terme

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# 62<sup>ND</sup> ARGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria

**Abano Terme, Veneto, ITALY**

## INVITATION

Ladies and Gentlemen, Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite all members, colleagues and friends to the 62<sup>nd</sup> ARGE Congress! The main event will take place in **Abano Terme**, at the **Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria\*\*\*\*\***. Abano Terme is located on the outskirts of the city of Padua, in the centre of Italy's Veneto region. For more than 2000 years the thermal water of this area has been attracting visitors. The Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria offers – in addition to our conference facilities – splendid recreational areas, including the “Vital Thermal Spa”, and indoor as well as outdoor pools.

The key subject of the business programme will be “Environmental Product Declarations”. Two external experts will address this matter which is of high relevance for our industry. In this context ARGE Executives will provide a progress report on ARGE's project under which industry representative EPD's are in the process of being established.

For the evening of the first day of the Conference it is planned to enjoy an open-air dinner at the pool area of the Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria.

On the second day you will have the opportunity to join the excursion to SILCA S.p.A. ([www.silca.biz](http://www.silca.biz)) in Vittorio Veneto. The manufacturing facilities there are the biggest in Europe concerning key blanks, keys and key cutting machines. The day will end with a casual dinner at a small family-owned winery, nestled against the Euganean hills, close to Abano Terme.

For the weekend you might opt for staying at the hotel, and venturing day trips to Padua, Venice, Treviso, Vicenza, Verona and other fine places in the north-eastern part of Italy.

We hope the combination of business and social events is appealing and attractive to you! We sincerely look forward to welcoming you at the ARGE Congress 2014!



**Hans Weissenböck**  
*Chairman*



**Joachim Kieker**  
*General Secretary*

## PROGRAMME

### Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

11:30 – 13:00                    **Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria**  
Registration of delegates and partners, Lunch

#### **Business Programme:**

13:15 – 14:00                    **Welcome of delegates;** H. Weissenböck, ARGE Chairman  
**Presentation of Working Group C;** P. Vilain, Convener  
**Presentation of Working Group M;** A. Koole, Convener

14:00 – 14:30                    **Guest speaker on industry relevant subject;** tbd

14:30 – 15:00                    Coffee Break

15:00                                **Lectures on Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)**

15:00 – 15:30                    Lecture I:  
**“ECO Platform, an European Sustainability Tool”**  
Sven-Olof Ryding, President of the Pan-European ECO Platform

15:30 – 16:10                    Lecture II:  
**“ARGE Industry Representative EPD’s – an attractive concept for  
European Lock and Builders Hardware Manufacturers”**  
Lionel Meleton, Project Manager at CETIM  
*incl. discussion with both lecturers*

16:10 – 16:30                    Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00                    **Open General Meeting**  
Presentations, Reports, Discussions, Elections

#### **Options for partners to spend the afternoon** (individual, no program):

Relax at the pool area of the hotel / Enjoy the Vital Thermal Spa of the hotel / Take a taxi to Padua downtown and explore the city

#### **Dinner:**

19:30 – 22:30                    **Dinner at the Relax and Pool area of the Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria**  
Remark: *In case of bad weather dinner will be at the hotel restaurant.*

## Friday, September 5th, 2014

07:00 – 08:45 Individual breakfast

### Excursion to SILCA S.p.A. in Vittorio Veneto

(SILCA is the leading manufacturer of key blanks, keys and key cutting machines in Europe.)

09:00 – 10:15 Bus transfer to Vittorio Veneto

10:30 – 12:30 **Visit to SILCA's manufacturing site**

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch in Vittorio Veneto**  
Ristorante "Le Macine"

14:00 – 16:00 Bus transfer back to Abano Terme, whereby the trip starts with a scenic drive through the hills west of Vittorio Veneto ("Valdobbiadene", where prosecco wine is produced).

### Dinner at a small, family-owned winery (Euganean hills, at the outskirts of Abano Terme)

19:30 – 20:00 Bus transfer to the winery "Azienda Sengiari"

20:00 – 23:00 **Visit to the wine cellar**  
**Casual dinner including wine tasting**  
Bus transfer back to the hotel

### *End of Conference program*

## Saturday, September 6th, 2014 & Sunday, September 7th, 2014

As Abano Terme is located close to Padua, Venice, Treviso, Vicenza, Verona and other interesting places in the north-eastern part of Italy, the weekend could be spent by visiting one or some of these cities and towns. **Arrangements would have to be made individually; the hotel will gladly provide support.**

Alternatively, one might just stay at the hotel and enjoy the pool and spa facilities.

## REGISTRATION

### General Information

#### Conference Venue

**Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria \*\*\*\*\***

Conference Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of adjoining building to hotel

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#### Dates

**September 2014**

From Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30, until Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 23:00

#### Fees include

**Registration fee for a delegate includes the programme on Thursday:**

Lunch including drinks; participation at the conference with coffee breaks; dinner at the Relax and Pool area of the Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria, including drinks.

**Registration for a partner includes the programme on Thursday:**

Lunch including drinks; dinner at the Relax and Pool area of the Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria, including drinks.

**Optional booking for delegates and partners for Friday's programme:**

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| 1) Excursion to SILCA in Vittorio Veneto; including lunch with drinks;<br>bus transfer from Abano Terme to Vittorio Veneto and back | Friday 09:00 – 16:00 |
| 2) Casual dinner at a small winery, including wine tasting;<br>bus transfer from Abano Terme to the winery and back                 | Friday 19:30 – 23:00 |

#### Language

The official ARGE language is English.

#### Conference Fees

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| ▪ Conference fee for a delegate:  | 199.- € |
| ▪ Conference fee for a partner:   | 139.- € |
| ▪ Fee for optional booking 1) – excursion to SILCA at Vittorio Veneto:    | 65.- €  |
| ▪ Fee for optional booking 2) – dinner at winery, including wine tasting: | 45.- €  |

## Hotel booking

ARGE has made room reservations for 45 rooms at the **Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria** for the two nights from September 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. There are rooms available also for the previous night, as well as for the nights from September 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. The **Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria** is located right at the centre of Abano Terme. As the main entrance is at the pedestrian area, when arriving by car, one has to follow the street signs to get to the parking area of the hotel which is on the side of the hotel.

The **room price per night** for ARGE delegates and partners at the **Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria** is 130.- € for single occupancy, and 200.- € for double occupancy. There are supplements on higher grade rooms and suites. Rates include breakfast, Thermal Spa Card (entrance to spa area), and use of swimming pools. Rates include VAT. You are kindly requested to **make your own bookings, using the code word "ARGE"**.

Alternatively you can also book your accommodation at the **Hotel Terme Metropole \*\*\*\***, which is an Oriental Thermal Spa hotel, located off the town centre ([www.hotelmetropoleabano.com](http://www.hotelmetropoleabano.com)). It takes approx. 15 minutes by foot to get to the Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria. The Hotel Terme Metropole is part of the same hotel group as Grand Hotel Trieste & Victoria.

The **room price per night** for ARGE delegates and partners at the **Hotel Terme Metropole** is 90.- € for single occupancy, and 160.- € for double occupancy. Rates include breakfast, use of Thermal Spa Card (entrance to spa area), and use of swimming pool. Rates include VAT. Also at the Hotel Terme Metropole you are kindly requested to **make your own bookings, using the code word "ARGE"**.

## Badges

All delegates and partners are kindly requested to wear their badges.

## Attire

Thursday:	Buffet lunch	casual
	Conference	business attire
	Pool side dinner	smart casual
Friday:	Excursion to SILCA	casual
	Dinner at winery	casual

## Registration

Please complete the [registration form](#) until **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014** and e-mail, fax or mail it to:

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## **The Speakers**

**Mr Sven-Olof Ryding**, President ECO Platform for European EPDs

**Mr Lionel Meleton**, EPD Project Manager of CETIM