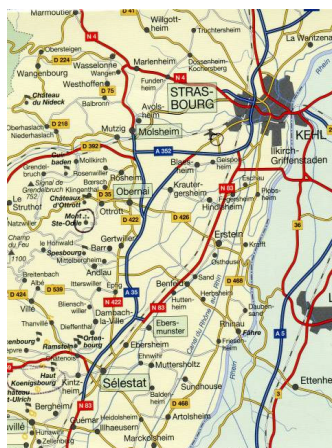




## AFE-ADB Europe Chapter Meeting in Alsace, France

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> through Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012



**Hi colleagues,**

We have now more or less finalized our program for the **15<sup>th</sup> AFE-ADB Reunion**, which will be in the Region of Alsace, that straddles between the Rhine-river and the mountain range of the Vosges and which is particularly famous for its natural beauty and its wines and cuisine. The timing of the Reunion has now been set to **Friday 21 to Monday 24 September 2012** with an extension-program for those who want to stay a bit longer.

This Reunion will be a bit different from the recent ones, in that there will be no hustle and bustle of a metropolis and instead we will experience a more laid back time in the countryside, wining and dining and inhaling the fresh air of the Alsatian countryside, to get a taste of knowing what it feels to live like a "King in France".

We resisted from booking in one of the big hotels in the city center and chose the old monastery Mont Sainte Odile up on a hill above near the picturesque town of Barr, which has been converted into a modern hotel in the same league of many five-star hotels.

After arrival and check-in, the first event will be a buffet-dinner at the hotel. On Saturday morning a bus will take us along the famous **Alsatian Wine Route**, passing through many of the picturesque villages, which are competing with each other in the floral decoration of their houses. We will then stop for an important activity, which is wine tasting, followed by a late lunch at the place of one of Alain's old friends, the owner of the Klipfel vineyard and cellar with countless different wines at Barr, the village below Mont Sainte Odile. We will have time for a stroll'n'shop through this typical Alsatian village or top-up on our wine consumption or just relax in one of the many cafés, before the bus will take us back to the hotel to freshen up for the evening highlight:

Since we are in France, we thought a taste of what Paris is also known for, would be in order. We organised a variété-spectacle-cum-dinner at the "Moulin Rouge" of

Alsace, the "**Paradis Des Sources**" at Soultzmatt. The bus will bring us back to the hotel after midnight.

Sunday morning, we will be visiting the castle of **Haut-Kœnigsbourg** and feast on the breathtaking views, where you may even see as far as the Black forest on the other side of the Rhine-river valley. The afternoon will be reserved for the AFE-Business Meeting and in the evening we shall have the traditional Gala Dinner. Both events will take place in the hotel.

On Monday, a bus will take us to **Strasbourg** for a guided visit of the Conseil Europe, which was made possible through high-level connections Alain could maintain since retirement. Thereafter we will be on a two-hour boat trip around the historical and the modern parts of Strasbourg. Thereafter, there will be time to stroll in the alleys of the old part of Strasbourg, visit the Cathedral and have a light snack. The afternoon will find us visiting the museum of the famous illustrator and writer, **Tomi Ungerer** and if your energies still permit, Alain suggests to also visit the **Bibliothèque de Humaniste** in Sélestat, founded in 1452 from the library of Beatus Rhenanus (1485-1547) of Rheinau near Sélestat. He was a philologist with close contacts to Erasmus of Rotterdam and displays 450 handwritings, 530 Inkunables and abt. 200 prints of the 16th century. The bus will bring us back to the hotel to get ready for our farewell get-together in one nearby eating place or at our hotel.

### **Detailed Program:**

#### **Friday, 21 Sept 2012**

- 18:00 Arrival at Hotel Mont Sainte Odile
- 19:00 - Buffet dinner at Hotel

#### **Saturday, 22 Sept 2012**

- 09:00 - 12:00 Bus Tour of "Route de Vins d'Alsace"
- 12:30 - 15:00 Lunch with Wine tasting at the Klipfel-Winery at Barre
- 15:00 - 17:00 Visiting and shopping at Barre (on your own)
- 17:00 Pick-up by Bus at Klipfel to return to Hotel for refreshing
- 18:30 Bus Departure for Soultzmatt
- 17:00 - 00:00 "**Paradis des Sources**" for Dinner, Show & Dance (Return trip abt. 45min)

#### **Sunday, 23 Sept 2012**

- 10:00 - 14:00 Bus departure and visit of the Castle **Ht. Kœnigsbourg**
- 15:00 - 17:00 AFE-ADB Business Meeting at Hotel Mount Sainte Odile
- 19:00 - 23:00 Gala Diner at Hotel Mount Sainte Odile

#### **Monday, 24 Sept 2012**

- 09:00 Departure by bus for Straßbourg
- 09:30 - 11:30 Visit of Conseil d'Europe
- 12:00 - 13:30 Boattrip around historical & modern Straßbourg
- 13:45 - 15:00 Walkabout in old city on your own and time for snack
- 15:15 - 16:15 Visit gallery of world famous artist Tomy Ungerer
- 16:30 - 18:00 Visit of la Bibliothèque Humaniste of 1452 in Sélestat
- 18:45 Return to Hotel
- 20:00 Departure for Farewell get-together

### **Pls. note:**

1. You are kindly requested to fill the **Response Sheet** below (I have same attached seperately as an Excel Sheet on which you can make the entries directly) and return the same by email or fax to [ghecker@t-online.de](mailto:ghecker@t-online.de) with cc to [alain\\_dick@yahoo.com](mailto:alain_dick@yahoo.com) (alain\_dick) and transfer the amounts to the account that is indicatred below.(For guidance: The second worksheet of the Excel-Response Sheet

gives an example on how to fill the bookings; you only have to make the entries in the yellow fields, the rest calculates itself). **Please also bare with us, when we ask to book&pay early as we will have to make downpayments.**

2. Based on your response sheet we will make the hotel bookings and it is recommended that all of us will stay at the same hotel.

3. Changes in the program may become necessary depending weather and other unexpected occurrences.

4. It is suggested that the participants arrive on Friday in their own car. Parking for hotel guests is free. If you arrive by train or plane in Straßbourg, there is a commuter train from Straßbourg/MainTrain Station via the Straßbourg/Entzheim Airport leaving every 30 minutes to Barr (abt. € 5,20 pp; 36 min) from where you can take a taxi to the hotel on Mont Sainte Odile (€ 20.-). If you arrive by plane at Straßbourg/Entzheim Airport, you just catch the commuter train that passes through from the main train station. A direct taxi from airport to the hotel is around €50.-.

We will be looking forward seeing you all !!!



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## AFE-ADB 15th Reunion in Alsace 2012- Booking Response Sheet



**Name of Participant: Enrie & Gunter Hecker**

Booking-Blocks	Activities				No. of Nights		Cost per Room&Night		Cost of Booking-Blocks	Total Cost
					Single	Double	Single	Double		
						4	55,30 €	67,40 €		269,60 €
						<b>No. of Participants</b>	<b>Cost per Person</b>			
Block 0	Friday	21. Sep. 12	16:00 - 17:00		Arrival at Monastery Mt.St.Odile (Hotel)					
			19:00 -		Buffet Dinner at Hotel	2		25,00 €	25,00 €	50,00 €
Block I	Saturday	22. Sep. 12	9:00 -		Departure for bus-trip "Route de Vins d'Alsace"	2		cost for Bus 15,00 €	55,00 €	110,00 €
				- 12:00	Travelling along the Route and stopping at attractive places					
			12:30 - 15:00		Lunch with Wine tasting at the Klipfel-Winery at Barre			40,00 €		
			15:00 - 17:00		Visiting and shopping at Barre (on your own)					
			17:00 -		Pick-up by Bus at Klipfel to return to Hotel for refreshing					
Block II	Saturday	22. Sep. 12	18:30		Departure for Soultzmatt (cost for Bus)	2		cost for Bus 10,00 €	105,00 €	210,00 €
			19:00 - 23:59		"Paradis des Sources" for Dinner, Show & Dance (Return trip abt. 45min)			95,00 €		
Block III	Sunday	23. Sep. 12	10:00		Departure for Ht. Koenigsbourg	2		cost for Bus 10,00 €	35,00 €	70,00 €
			10:45 - 14:00		Visit of the Castle <b>Ht. Koenigsbourg</b> incl.with Guide			25,00 €		
Block IV	Sunday	23. Sep. 12	15:00 - 17:00		AFE-ADB Business Meeting at Hotel Mount Sainte Odile	1		AFE-ADB Account		
Block V	Sunday	23. Sep. 12	19:00 - 23:00		Gala Diner at Hotel Mount Sainte Odile	2		50,00 €	50,00 €	100,00 €
Block VI	Saturday	22. Sep. 12	9:00 - 09:30		Departure by bus for Strasbourg (cost of Bus)	2		cost for Bus 14,00 €	54,00 €	108,00 €
			9:45 - 11:30		Visit of Conseil d'Europe			15,00 €		
			12:00 - 13:30		Boattrip around historical & modern Strasbourg +			10,00 €		
			13:45 - 15:00		Walkabout in old city on your own and own snack			own account		
			15:15 - 16:15		Visit gallery of world famous artist Tomy Ungerer (with guide)			9,00 €		
			16:30 - 18:00		Visit of la Bibliothèque Humaniste of 1452 in Sélestat (incl. Guide)			6,00 €		
			18:15 - 18:45		Returntrip to Hotel					
Block VII	Monday	24. Sep. 12	20:00 -		Farewell get-together	2		15,00 €	15,00 €	30,00 €
Please indicate here whether you arrive by own car: (no/yes)						yes				
Please indicate here whether you would be interest in an extention ( no of days):						2 days				
Bookings have to be done following the indicated Blocks						<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>339,00 €</b>	<b>678,00 €</b>
<i>Calculation is based on 45 participants</i>						<b>Total incl. Hotel</b>				<b>947,60 €</b>

Please enter numbers of participants in the yellow column (rest should calculate itself) and email or fax this sheet to [ghecker1@t-online.de](mailto:ghecker1@t-online.de) (fax +49 6221 715040) pay total to

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