

## Reservations

Included in the participation fee of £950 per person will be all local transportation during the Festival, all meals, wines and entertainment as shown in the programme. **NOT INCLUDED:** Travel to & from Herefordshire, Accommodation, Personal Accident/Health/Cancellation Insurance and other personal expenditures.

The participation fee is payable in 3 instalments: an immediate payment of £150/\$280/€220 to secure a reservation, a second payment of £500/\$910/€735 by 01 August 2004 and the balance by 01 December 2004. You will receive an invoice for subsequent instalments. A cancellation fee of £150 will apply from 01 March 2004, and NO REFUNDS will be made for cancellations received after 01 March 2005 unless the places can be resold.

A single initial payment may be made at a discounted rate of £900. Payments may be made in currencies other than pounds sterling only by credit card but will incur an additional charge of 3%. The above US\$ and Euro€ rates include this charge. Where payments are made in other than pounds sterling, the invoice for the final balance will be adjusted so that £950 is received.

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To: M.H.Kirkham. 6 Beechbank Drive , Thorpe End, Norwich NR13 5BW, UK.

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1: I enclose my cheque for £ -----Payable to **IWFS-EAC**

or

2: Charge my \*VISA/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
with the amount of \*£/ \$/ € \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Signature.....Date.....

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# IWFS European & African Committee 2005 Regional Festival

Wednesday 18 - Monday 23 May 2005

The UK City of Hereford has been chosen for this five day festival



The Cathedral at Hereford

Preparations are already underway to receive members from all over the world. Situated on the England - Wales border the city is dominated by its 12<sup>th</sup> Century cathedral which houses the 13<sup>th</sup>C Mappa Mundi and the Chained Library which contains manuscripts from the 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Centuries. The county of Herefordshire is blessed by an advantageous micro-climate which encourages the production of superb fruit, vegetables and the world famous Hereford Beef Cattle for local consumption and export. The river Wye bisects the city and on a good day wild salmon leap playfully and temptingly under the old town bridge. Close by are several vineyards, cheese-makers, cider producers and rural craftsmen. We shall offer our guests the best of local produce complemented by a selection of the finest old world, new world and local wines. The venues, where internationally experienced guest chefs will preside over our banquets, will include a 200 year old English border castle, a modern day minimalist dining suite overlooking the river Wye, a reconstructed Tudor barn and the cloisters of Hereford Cathedral. The accommodation from which guests may select will include a city centre *Leading Small Hotel of the World*, a converted 15<sup>th</sup> C Abbey, and the English border castle where many original features are retained intact.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

*Subject to amendment*

### Wednesday 18 May

Arrive in Hereford - transfer to hotels  
7.00pm Official Reception in the Cathedral Cloisters  
Private viewing of the Mappa Mundi, followed by Buffet Dinner  
10.30pm Transfer to hotels

### Thursday 19 May

10.00am Visit to local Cheesemaker and Vineyard  
lunch at Vineyard  
7.00pm Formal Black tie Dinner overlooking the River Wye  
10.30pm Transfer to hotels

### Friday 20 May

10.00am Visit to Cider Museum  
English 'Pub' lunch  
Afternoon free or tour of Stratford-upon-Avon  
7.00pm Informal Dinner  
10.30pm Transfer to hotels

### Saturday 21 May

Optional guided tour of Hereford City  
or day at leisure, where an informal programme will be suggested  
7.00pm Formal Black tie Dinner in Eastnor Castle  
10.30pm Transfer to hotels

### Sunday 22 May

At leisure - guests may wish to attend morning service at Hereford Cathedral  
12.30pm Lunch in a 'Black & White' village  
7.00pm Informal Medieval Banquet  
10.30pm Transfer to hotels

### Monday 23 May

Depart Hereford

## City of Hereford

Hereford is reached conveniently by rail and road from the international airports at London, Birmingham & Manchester. Immediately before the Festival, the International Wine & Spirits Fair will open in London and members may wish to visit the fair and then travel on to Hereford. On arrival in Hereford all transportation and hotel arrangements will be organised by members of the local branch and there will time for exploring the Tudor 'Black & White' villages, the Wye Valley, the small market towns of Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye and Ludlow, and Stratford-upon-Avon the birthplace of Shakespeare. Prices for accommodation will range between £75 and £150 per person per night. Pre & post Festival accommodation and onward travel arrangements are available on request. Further information about Herefordshire can be found at < [www.aph.org.UK](http://www.aph.org.UK) >.



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