

ANNUAL MEETING 2014



The next annual TRA-meeting will take place in Regensburg (Ratisbon), Bavaria, on Friday 14th March 2014. Arrival day will be Thursday 13th March 2014 and departure day will be Saturday 15th March 2014. Regensburg (Ratisbon) is near Munich and there is the headquarter of the German TRA partner SH+C.

Dear TRA colleagues,

After the very successful foundation of our network and the fruitful first meeting in Paris in March 2013 we are pleased to announce the second annual meeting of all members of the Tax Representative Alliance (TRA). The meeting will be hold on

Friday, 14th March 2014

between 9:00 and 18:00 o'clock. It will take place at the SORAT Insel-Hotel in DE-93059 Regensburg (Ratisbon), Müllerstraße 7, Bavaria. Regensburg is the headquarter of SH+C, the German member of TRA who is organizing the meeting.

This is the first announcement of the meeting for your annual planning 2014. Later in the year we will provide further information to you as well as a registration form.

With kind regards,

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The annual TRA meeting offers the chance to learn more about other members, other countries and VAT. The annual meetings are the centerpiece of doing business together within TRA.

It is always easier to do business with someone you know personally. The personal meetings are also one characteristic which differs TRA from Big Four companies or other associations.

After the first meeting in Paris in 2013, the second meeting in Regensburg in 2014 will be the base for developing the cooperation between the member firms and for upgrading the structures.



Above: Photo from the first TRA meeting

SHORT NOTED

About Regensburg (Ratisbon)

Regensburg, historically also Ratisbon, is a city with a population of more than 150,000 in Bavaria, Germany, located at the confluence of the Danube and the Regen rivers, at the northernmost point of the Danube. The city is approximately 95 km northern from Munich. To the east lies the Bavarian Forest. Regensburg is the capital of Bavarian administrative region Upper Palatinate. The large medieval centre of the city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Easy transfer from Munich Airport

The distance between Munich Airport and Regensburg is only 95 km. For the transfer we recommend to use the airportliner who offers good service at a fair price (www.airportliner.com).

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Regensburg - economic centre

Regensburg is, after Munich, one of the economic centres of Bavaria and Germany.

BMW operates an automobile plant in Regensburg and produces the 3-series, 1-series and Z4 vehicles there. Other major employers are Siemens, Osram, Continental, Toshiba, Amazon and Infineon.

Also many medium-sized and family-owned companies have their headquarters in the region.

Regensburg History

The first settlements in Regensburg date to the Stone Age. Around AD 90, the Romans built a fort there. In 179, the Roman fort Castra Regina („fortress by the river Regen“) was built for the Legio III Italica during the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurellius. It was an important camp on the most northern point of the Danube, the biggest fort in Roman Raetia province with approximately 6,000 legionnaires.

From about 530 to the first half of the 13th century it was the capital of Bavaria. Regensburg remained an important city during the reign of Charlemagne. In 792, Regensburg hosted the ecclesiastical section of Charlemagne’s General Assembly.

Between 1135 and 1146, the Stone Bridge across the Danube was built at Regensburg. This bridge opened major international trade routes between northern Europe and Venice, and this began Regensburg’s golden age as a residency of wealthy trading families. Regensburg became the cultural centre of southern Germany and was celebrated for its gold work and fabrics.

In 1245 Regensburg became a Free Imperial City and was a trade centre before the shifting of trading routes in the late Middle Ages.

From 1663 to 1806, the city was the permanent seat of the Imperial Diet of the Holy Roman Empire, which became known as the Perpetual Diet of Regensburg. Thus, Regensburg was one of the central towns of the Empire, attracting visitors in large numbers.

In 1803 the city lost its status as free city and was later, 1810, a part of the Kingdom of Bavaria. In 1809 Regensburg was the scene of the Battle of Ratisbon between forces commanded by Napoleon and retreating Austrian forces.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda



The most important aim of the annual TRA meeting is to connect to the members and to bring our businesses forward. With the agenda we try to give enough time for a get-together of all participants of the member firms. At the moment the agenda is in a preliminary status.

Thursday, 13th March 2014 (arrival day)

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| 18.00 - 19.00 h | Get-together in the lobby bar (optional) |
| 19.00 - 19.30 h | Slow walk from the hotel to the restaurant |
| 19.30 h | Bavarian evening in a traditional restaurant (optional) |

Friday, 14th March 2014 (conference day)

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| 09.00 - 12.30 h | Annual TRA meeting |
| 12.30 - 13.30 h | Lunch |
| 13.30 - 16.00 h | Annual TRA meeting |
| 16.00 - 18.00 h | Bus transfer and joint survey of SH+C office |
| 20.00 h | Dinner at the restaurant “Heuport” near the cathedral (www.heuport.de) |

Saturday, 15th March 2014 (departure day)

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| 10.00 - 12.00 h | Regensburg sightseeing tour (optional) |
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The SORAT Insel-Hotel

The meeting will be hold at the SORAT Insel-Hotel. Room reservation has already been made at a special rate for TRA members.

The SORAT Insel-Hotel is a 4 stars hotel with an extraordinary design, located on an island in the middle of the Danube river. From the hotel you will have a spectacular view across the Danube to the Stone Bridge, the city’s landmark as well as to the cathedral and to the historical downtown. Once the listed hotel building was a crafts manufactory. It is an enchanting location, quiet and central at the same time.

The hotel has 75 rooms, WLAN, a restaurant, a lobby bar, 5 meeting rooms, a sauna and an underground garage.

The hotel address is DE-93059 Regensburg, Müllerstraße 7. There is more information available on the hotel website <http://www.sorat-hotels.com/en/hotel/regensburg.html>.

