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Travel information: VQEG meeting in Stockholm

Here comes some travel information for the VQEG meeting in Stockholm, which will be held between 26th and 30th September 2005. The meeting will be held at Acreo or a conference room close to Acreo depending on the number of people, who will attend the meeting. The area is called Kista, which is a suburb north of Stockholm where quite a few telecom- and IT-companies are located, together with a branch of the Royal Institute of Technology and some research institutes e.g. Acreo. To read about Acreo and see where it is located see: www.acreo.se and www.acreo.se/templates/contact_261.aspx.

Those who like to stay close to the venue can book one of the two hotels Mr Chip (www.mrchiphotel.se) or Memory (www.memoryhotel.se). These are located less than 5 min walk from Acreo. We have an agreement with Memory, which you may use, but it is still slightly more expensive than Mr. Chip.

Those who like to stay in the center of Stockholm; we could recommend the Hotel Amaranten, which is located close to the city center and close to the underground station Rådhuset with trains running to Kista (15 min travel time). This hotel could be booked through www.destination-stockholm.se and if doing so a package including a travel pass will be included. This site contains other hotel options as well.

As usual early bookings give greater chance to lower prices.

If you fly to Stockholm from abroad you will most likely arrive at Arlanda. To travel from Arlanda to Stockholm there are: taxi, Arlande Express (train) and airport coaches to choose from. The airport coaches are cheapest but slowest. I would recommend taxi if you stay or are going to Kista. (The airport coaches will also go to Kista, but not Arlanda Express). If you are going into the center of Stockholm, taxi, Arlanda Express or the airport coaches could be used. A taxi ride from Arlanda and to the city center would be about €50 or \$60 (475 SEK) and less to Kista. The time would be about 30 minutes if there is not too much traffic. A train ride would be less than half the price i.e. €21 and \$26 (200 SEK) and will be the fastest way too go, at least to the central station (25 min). When taking a taxi from Arlanda please use the companies Taxi Stockholm or Taxi Kurir, since smaller companies sometimes are very expensive. Ask for the price before going. Another option for the taxi is to use the company Transfer Taxi. They are cheaper for transport to and from the airport (385 SEK). If you call the number 020-350000 from the airport at the time you are picking up your bags, they will go into the airport and pick you up at the information desk.

For information about Stockholm see:

www.destination-stockholm.se

www.stockholmtown.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you wonder about. More information will come later on.

Looking forward to see you in Stockholm.

Best regards,

Kjell