



Rome, 30 March 2024

To the Presidents, Delegates, GEX and National Presidencies of Past Pupils of Don Bosco.

Purpose: **Extraordinary General World Assembly 2024 – EGWA24** (communiqué)

Dear Past Pupils and Friends of Don Bosco,

Greetings to all of you through this communiqué regarding the Extraordinary World General Assembly that we have already started to prepare.

1. DATES

The Extraordinary General World Assembly will be held **in person from 02nd – 06th October 2024** in Turin - Valdocco. Along with the personal presence, there will be time for online participation for anyone who wishes to join this occasion. Attached to the informative communication, you can find the preliminary programme.

2. PURPOSE OF THE EGWA24

The aim of the Extraordinary General World Assembly of Past Pupils of Don Bosco is to understand together better actual situation of Past Pupils in the world and to update and make the necessary changes in our associations to “reflect on our past, discern the present, and shape the future”. In the theme for EGWA24 – we seek to make the changes for continuity, in unity and synodality, and to find the answers for the questions of the 21st century for past pupils and friends of Don Bosco. How do we live our mission in the world today? Who is the past pupil and friend of Don Bosco in the 21st century? How can we be more active and meaningful members of our communities, associations, Salesian Family, society, and the Church? How do we understand our role as laity in the Church and share our expertise for showing solidarity with others, to Don Bosco and to God?

3. PARTICIPATION

3.1. Days and timetable

3.2. Registration

— For **PRESENCE** participation fill in the form with the deadline of **30th of June 2024** found on <https://forms.gle/YmBpDGr45kToX8rc7>

— For **ONLINE** participation fill the form: <https://forms.gle/71dBqVrNZnr2RcDj6> with the deadline **31st of August 2024**

3.3. Financial details

— Materials, meals, tour, and accommodation in **single room: €495/person**

- Materials, meals, tour, and accommodation in **double room: €395/person**
- External participants (materials, tour, meals): **€195**

3.5. Method of payment

- **Exclusively by bank transfer** to this account, **before 30th of June 2024**:

Name of Bank Account: **Don Bosco Connecting Exallievi**
BANK: **Vseobecna uverova banka, a.s.**
ADRESS: **Mlynske Nivy 1, Bratislava 829 90, Slovakia**
IBAN: **SK71 0200 0000 0041 3312 0557 (euro)**
BIC/SWIFT: **SUBASKBX**

In this case it is necessary to **specify**:

- ✓ The name of the person, registered via registration form and the country (e.g., Peter Kovac - Slovakia)
- ✓ Indicate that these are the **EGWA24**

You are **also asked to**:

- ✓ Send an email to secretary@exallievi.org informing that "*x amount of euro*" have been paid, the names of the payees and the bank receipt of the payment
- ✓ Please do choose to cover the expenses of the transfer on your side of the transfer.
- ✓ NOTE In the event that there is any difference between the payment made and the actual expenses, the extra will be paid in cash on arrival at the EGWA24.

— If it is not possible to use transfer method, please inform us on secretary@exallievi.org and we will discuss a solution.

4. TO GET TO VALDOCCO

4.1. TORINO PORTA SUSA train. And from there, take BUS 72 or TRAM 10, to Maria Ausiliatrice (Via Maria Ausiliatrice, 32).

4.2. Turin Airport. Three possibilities:

- a) SADEM AIRPORT BUS service TO PORTA SUSA (frequency 15'/30'. Info: www.sadem.it And from Porta Susa to Maria Ausiliatrice, BUS, no. 72 or TRAM 10.
- b) Train CASELLE AIRPORT – PORTA SUSA (Frequency 30'/60'. Info: www.trenitalia.it From Porta Susa to Maria Ausiliatrice, BUS 72 or TRAM 10.
- c) Taxi service or Uber service

4.4. Malpensa Airport (Milan)

SADEM BUS service. Frequency 60'. Info: www.sadem.it

4.5. Linate Airport (Milan)

BUS service to STAZIONE CENTRALE in MILAN (STARFLY and AIR BUS Companies. Frequency 20'/30'). Then take the train from MILANO to TORINO PORTA SUSA. Prices vary. See www.trenitalia.it or www.italo.it.

5. OTHER DETAILS

- Keep in mind that October is quite cold month in Torino and temperatures can drop to 10°C during night
- Simultaneous translation is being planned
- Online streaming of the programme is being planned
- Please bring your typical national/regional products to be shared during international evening (e.g – sweets, wine, cheese, meat....)
- Those who need VISA – please contact as soon as possible our Delegate Bro. Dominic Nam Nguyen SDB on delegate@exallievi.org

6. STATUTE AMENDMENTS PROPOSALS – EXTENSION OF DEADLINE

World Presidency has decided to prolong the date for proposals for statute changes and amendments for one month. New deadline is 30th of April 2024, midnight Rome time. For proposing changes, you can use [THIS LINK.](#) or [THIS LINK.](#)

7. 150th ANNIVERSARY BOXES – LAST CALL

In 2020, we have celebrated 150th years anniversary of the foundation of Past Pupils. To commemorate this occasion, we had launched social initiative with special gift of coffee cups and coffee to commemorate the gift of Carlo Gastini and his colleagues to Don Bosco. We made a limited edition of 150 sets of coffee cups, each with a unique number. Since Covid had disrupted many things in our lives, this project took longer time to implement. We have given the box to Pope Francis, to Rector Major – Cardinal Angel Fernandez Artime, to benefactors all around the world and to past pupils who decided to support the social fund. We still have a few boxes left. If you are interested in obtaining one or more of these, please contact secretary on secretary@exallievi.org and the boxes will be brought to you with no additional transport fees during the Extraordinary General World Assembly for special discounted price of 100€.

Looking forward to seeing more past pupils and friends of Don Bosco participating in the next Extraordinary General World Assembly from all parts of the world. Let us come together in synodality and celebrate the different cultures but our love and gratitude toward Don Bosco for the education and formation that we received. It is in giving from what we have received that makes us all past pupils and friends of Don Bosco from all over the world.

Sincerely in Don Bosco



Bryan Magro

President of the World Confederation of Past Pupils of Don Bosco