



**8<sup>th</sup> International Youth Forum of IFBDO  
Catania - Italy  
28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> of August**

**Invitation**

On behalf of the Italian Voluntary Blood Donor Associations – A.V.I.S., the Italian Youth Committee of Voluntary Blood Donors and the International Youth Committee of IFBDO (IYC-IFBDO), we have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the **8<sup>th</sup> International Youth Forum of IFBDO** from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2008.

The Forum will be held at the:

CATANIA (SICILY) - ITALY  
Hotel Le Dune  
Viale Kennedy, 10/b Lungomare Plaja , 95121 Catania (Sicily)  
Tel 095 7233120 fax 095 7233045  
info@albergoledune.it,  
www.ledunesicilyhotel.it

It is very closed to the airport of Catania (Sicily) and transfer from airport to the hotel is organized if you indicate time of arrival in the registration form.

We sincerely hope that you are considering joining this great opportunity to visit Italy and its beauties and share your experiences as well as meeting lots of young donors from all around the World. We kindly ask you to plan your arrival on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August before the Opening workshops starts at 17:30, and departure on the 31<sup>st</sup> after the closing.

**Outline of the program**

**Thursday 28th August 2008**

- 10,00-15,00    Arrival
- 16,00            Check-in participants
- 17,30            Opening workshops in plenary  
*Andrea Tieghi, Presidente Nazionale Avis*  
*Niels Mikkelsen, President of Fiods*
- Greetings Authorities
- 18,00            Introduction of the Forum's program, introducing the workshops which will be held  
                    in the next days  
                    Aurora and Stefano, Avis  
                    Marion, IYC-Fiods

- 19,30 Dinner in Hotel
- 21.00 Preparing the “Market” in the plenary room:  
each delegation prepare a table with its national material.
- 21.30 Presentation of delegations: each delegation introduces itself to the Forum  
Music and tasting of typical local products

**Friday 29th August 2008**

- 9,00 **“Relations between institutions and blood donor associations”**  
(Giving Italy as an example in order to give suggestions to the other nations)  
(title need to be revised)  
Dr. Grazzini, CNS director
- 11,00 In plenary: Discussion with the participants.
- 11-30 In plenary **“Communication waves”, communication for blood donation between narrations and innovations.**  
**Prof. A, Volterrani**
- 12.00 Closing of workshops
- 12.30 Lunch in Hotel
14. 30 1) **“Virtual narration :Blood donation and web”** coordinated by **Dr. Paola Tola**  
- *IYC Website (redesign and development)*
- 2) **“Daily narrations. How to build a newsletter”** coordinated by **Dr.Andrea Bilotti**  
- *Involvement of other young people and new countries (and thus development of new communication supports such as: Guide “How to create national organizations” and the Questionnaire)*
- 3) **“Promotional Narrations. A preface of a Communication campaign”**  
coordinated by **Prof. Elena Elia**  
- *Creation and Use of materials and communication supports*  
- *World Blood Donor day*
- 4) **“Associative narrations. Communicating the social value of voluntary blood donation”** coordinated by **Prof. Andrea Volterrani**  
- *Involvement of other young people and new countries (and thus development of new communication supports such as: Guide “How to create national organizations” and the Questionnaire)*  
- *Continental Youth Forums (instead of an International Youth Forum and because we need to focus on the specific needs of each continent)*

- 19,00 Closing of workshops
- 19.30 “Pizza party” in the hotel’s swimming pool

**Saturday 30th August 2008**

- 9.30 In plenary: Debate on workshops, conclusions
- 11,00 **FIODS forum: programs’ presentation**  
- *Presentation of the IYC Business Plan*
- 11,30 Workgroups :  
- *Continental Youth Forums*  
- *Support the creation of National Youth Groups and Committees*
- 12,30 Closing of workshops
- 13,00 Lunch in hotel
- 15.00 Meeting with delegations  
- *End of the 2 workgroups and evaluation*  
- *IYC;*
- 16.30 Excursion on Etna with an English speaking guide
- 20.30 Dinner in Hotel  
After dinner on the beach

**Sunday 31st August 2008**

- 9.00 In plenary: Forum valuations, conclusions and redaction of the final document
- 12,00 Good-byes
- 12,00- 17.00 Departures
- 13,00 Lunch in Hotel

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Participant requirements**

According to the Executive Council of IFBDO you have to be between 18 and 30 years old to participate in the International Youth Forums (*Exceptions: lecturers; members of IFBDO Executive Council and local helpers – these can only participate in the meetings when asked by the IYC*).

Each Country can send a maximum of 10 participants to the forum, preferences will be given to the participants indicated by the organizations members of the IFBDO and when possible, to other applicants in order of inscription date.

### **Participation fee and other costs**

The participation fee for every delegate is 175 (one hundred and seventy five) euros and it covers housing in the hotel from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of August, three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), transportation from/to Catania Airport, excursion on Etna Volcano.

***The deadline for inscriptions and fee payment by bank transfer is July 10<sup>th</sup> 2008. We will not accept any registration nor bank transfers after these dates.***

Remember that your registration will be only valid once we have received both your inscription form and the confirmation of that the participation fee has been transferred to us.

Please note that you have to pay your own transportation costs all the way to Italy and back, as well as any other travel expense in the days before or after the Forum.

If you want to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Youth Forum of the IFBDO please fill out the inscription form and fax it to: **0039 02 70 00 66 43** or send it by mail to: **Avis Nazionale - Viale E. Forlanini, 23 - 20134 Milano - ITALY**. Or by E-mail to: **avis.nazionale@avis.it**

And transfer the participation fee to our account:

#### **AVIS NAZIONALE**

Bank : **UNICREDIT**

IBAN-code : **IT35 H 02008 68390 000040503697**

Description : **8<sup>th</sup> International Youth Forum of IFBDO - CATANIA**

### **Arrivals and departures**

The transfer from/to Catania Airport and the Hotel Le Dune (that is closed to the Airport of Catania) is organized; please remember to indicate the time of arrival and departure on the inscription form.

### **Market, workshops and lectures**

Make to sure to prepare your delegation members to fully participate in the activities. Give them material, information about your organization and the projects being done, provide an opportunity for these young people to meet before the forum, etc.

Make sure that your young people speak at least one of the working languages of FIODS (English, French or Spanish) and especially english. There won't be any official translators (only some volunteers).

**Note:** *A) If you need extra arrangements / equipment for your speeches / presentations please let us know on time.*

*B) Bring with you traditional music of your country and be prepared to teach the other participants how to dance and sing it.*

### **Visa**

Foreign citizens participating to the event will be showing the necessary documents to the customs which explain the reasons and the duration of stay and in some cases, also financial availability and accommodation's conditions of the participant.

Depending on each participant's citizenship and country of residence, he/she may need to apply for a visa presenting all the documents required to the Italian Diplomatic Representations and Consulates of his/her country of residence.

Avis (Italian Voluntary Blood Donor Association) asked the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Embassies to cooperate in order to facilitate the procedure for Visa applicants.

That is the link where each participant will find all the visa information selecting his/her citizenship, country of residence, duration of stay and reason for visit (in our case it will be "TOURISM"): [www.esteri.it/visti/home\\_eng.asp](http://www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp)

The list of each country with the names, birthdays and birthplaces of the participants, will be sent by AVIS to the Italian Diplomatic Representations abroad in order to give the adequate assistance to Visa applicants.

**Considering the long procedure for the issue of Visas (up to 90 days), it would be necessary to send as soon as possible the official inscription to the forum.**

### **Hotel, food, drinks and other things**

You will be accommodated in rooms of two, three or four persons in each room. If you already know whom you would like to share the room with let us know, otherwise we are making the accommodation plans ourselves.

The meals will be served at the restaurant of the hotel.

The Hotel is situated in Catania, where you can find anything you may need.

*Note: The temperature in Italy this time of the year is between 25 - 35 °C. So we advise you to bring sun block and swimming suits.*

### **Extra days in Italy**

If there are reasons for you to stay some extra days in Italy before or after the forum (such as lack of planes from/to your country on the exact dates) or if you want to see more of this wonderful country, please let us know! The local hosts can help you to organize your extra days – at your own expense.

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