

## SCHEDULE OF SOCIAL EVENTS REVISED DECEMBER 1: NOTE CHANGE TO CLOSING NIGHT TOUR AND RECEPTION DETAILS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

#### WCSFP Welcome

4:30 pm–5:30 pm

*Location:* American Bar, Ground Floor, Hilton Florence Metropole (Host Hotel)

Join us for a drink on the house! Get in gear for Congress with fellow delegates at the American Bar, conveniently located in our host hotel, before heading out to the official opening night concert and reception at Palazzo Vecchio.

#### RAI Presents

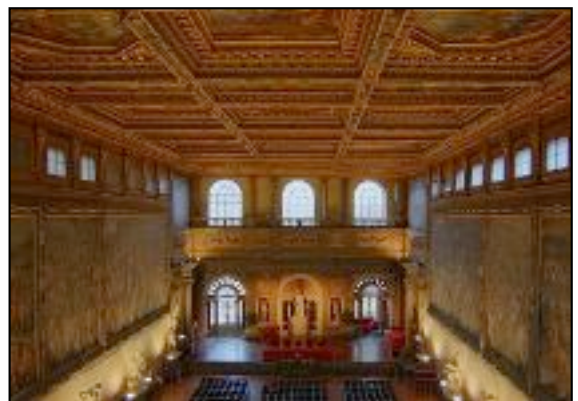
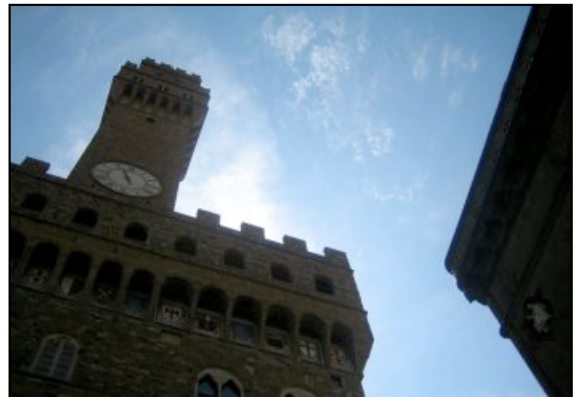
#### A Special Opening Night Concert and Reception

6:30 pm

*Location:* Salone dei Cinquecento (Hall of the Five Hundred), Palazzo Vecchio (transportation provided from Hilton Florence Metropole beginning at 5:30 pm)

*Sponsored by:* RAI

Mayor Leonardo Domenici joins host broadcaster RAI in welcoming delegates to Florence with a special concert in the stunning Salone dei Cinquecento at the Palazzo Vecchio, the massive Romanesque fortress-palace that serves as the city's town hall. Built in 1494 as the seat of the 500-member Grand Council, and then enlarged to accommodate the court of Grand Duke Cosimo I, the Salone dei Cinquecento features expansive frescoes, painted ceiling panels by Vasari and, at the south of the hall, Michelangelo's famous marble group *The Genius of Victory*. Orchestra Dei Ragazzi Della Scuola Di Musica Di Fiesole conducted by M<sup>o</sup> Edoardo Rosadini will perform, followed by a reception.



## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

### Palazzo Corsini Cocktail Reception

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

*Location:* Palazzo Corsini, Longarno Corsini, 10 (transportation provided from Hilton Florence Metropole beginning at 6:00 pm)

*Sponsored by:* Discovery Channel

Mix and mingle with fellow delegates in the grand Palazzo Corsini, a novel late Baroque residence in Renaissance Florence. Purchased by the Corsini Family from the Grand Duke Ferdinando II de' Medici in 1649, the palace underwent a 50-year period of renovation, and the decorations that were created between 1692 and 1700 reveal one of the finest eras in the history of Florentine painting. Important artists such as Anton Domenico Gabbiani, Alessandro Gherardini and Pier Dandini were called to decorate the elegant ground floor where impressive reception rooms are located.



## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

### Palazzo Borghese Gala Dinner and Cocktail Reception

7:00 pm

*Location:* Palazzo Borghese, Via Ghibellina, 110 (transportation provided from Hilton Florence Metropole beginning at 6:00 pm)

*Sponsored by:* Mediaset

In the heart of Florence, beneath the shadows of the Bargello Museum's towers, lies the ancient Palazzo Borghese. Dating back to 1400, it was acquired by the noble Borghese family in the 19th Century and the building's main façade still bears the family's coat of arms. Dine with colleagues in this spectacular setting, which features an abundance of ornate drawing rooms, galleries and reception halls.



### Karaoke Party

10:00 pm

*Location:* Hilton Florence Metropole (Host Hotel)

*Sponsored by:* Pioneer Productions

So you think you can sing? Well, get ready - the rousing WCSFP tradition that started in Tokyo is back! Join MC Bill Brand from the cast of *Mamma Mia* as he performs "Rat Pack" classics and leads delegates in a fun-filled evening of karaoke and cavorting.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

### Closing Night Private Tour of the Vasari Corridor and Reception at Savoy Hotel

6:30 – 9:30 pm

Begins at Palazzo Pitti (transportation provided from the Hilton Florence Metropole beginning at 5:45 pm)

Reception at Savoy Hotel, Piazza della Repubblica, 7

*Hosted by:* Regione Toscana, Toscana Promozione and the Tuscany Film Commission

On the final night in Florence, join with old and new friends for a private tour of the Vasari Corridor, the spectacular elevated, enclosed passageway built in 1565 that connects the Palazzo Vecchio with the Palazzo Pitti, passing over the Uffizi Gallery and the Ponte Vecchio. Private areas not accessible to the public will be open exclusively to delegates, so don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Delegates from ABC, the 2009 host broadcaster, will also be present to welcome the Congress to Australia.

