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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Work Session on Statistical Data Editing
(Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 5 - 7 October 2009)

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2

ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

I. MEETING VENUE

1. At the invitation of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, the meeting will be held at the Hotel *Beaulac*, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, from 5 to 7 October 2009.

2. The address of the **conference venue** is:

Hotel Beaulac
Conference room "Léopold-Robert"
Esplanade Léopold-Robert 2
2000 Neuchâtel

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hotel@beaulac.ch

3. The conference room named 'Léopold-Robert' is on the fourth floor of Hotel *Beaulac*. The room is equipped with the usual technical equipment (presentation computer, beamer, etc.).

II. ACCOMMODATION

4. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements, as well as hotel reservations and bookings, and they are responsible for covering all related costs.

5. The Swiss Federal Statistical Office has pre-reserved a number of rooms in four hotels at special rates for the participants of the work session. Neuchâtel is a small city and all the hotels are situated within walking distance of Hotel *Beaulac* where the meeting is held. For more details please refer to the hotel descriptions and to the map of Neuchâtel with the hotels (<http://maps.google.ch/maps/ms?hl=fr&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=108890964712691692367.0004622910171cebf0c04&z=16>) on the internet or at the end of this notice.

6. When making your hotel reservation, please indicate the reference:
"SFSO- Statistical Data Editing 09".

7. The **deadline for all hotel reservations is 21 August 2009**, which is also the registration deadline for the work session. (After this date the special rates and pre-reserved rooms can not be any longer guaranteed.)

8. HOTELS

Hotel Beaulac ****



Located on the harbour of Neuchâtel, Hotel *Beaulac* is just a two minute walk from the historic city centre. The majority of the 90 rooms and suites, with their contemporary decor, have an impressive view over the lake and the Swiss Alps.

The hotel *Beaulac* can be reached from the railway station by taking the Funambule (very short metro ride) inside the railway station (one way ticket price: Frs. 1) followed by a five minute walk. It can also be reached by the buses 7, 9a and 9b from the bus stop Blaise-Cendrars (north exit of the railway station). Get off the bus after circa 5 minutes at the bus stop St-Honoré and walk 5 minutes. A short distance one way ticket for the bus costs Frs. 1.70.

Single room Frs. 207 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate

Double room: Frs. 267 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate

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<http://www.beaulac.ch>

Hotel Alpes & Lac***



Overlooking the rooftops of the old town of Neuchâtel, the *Alpes & Lac* hotel offers a splendid view. Close to the railway station, it combines the charm of a freestone building dating back to 1872 with a contemporary chic of interior decoration.

In 10 minutes walking distance from the venue, or a short metro ride with the Funambule (inside the railway station) followed by a 5 minute walk, or by bus (7, 9a/b) from the bus stop Blaise-Cendrars (north exit of the railway station). Get off the bus after circa 5 minutes at the bus stop St-Honoré and walk 5 minutes. A short distance one way ticket for the bus costs Frs. 1.70.

Single room (lake view) Frs. 152 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate

Single room: Frs. 125 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate

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Contact information: Hotel Alpes & Lac
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2000 Neuchâtel
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www.alpesetlac.ch

Hotel des Arts***

Close to the town-centre and the lake, at the Hotel *des Arts*, renovated in early 2002, you will enjoy the warm surroundings decorated with colourful paintings & sculptures.



5 minutes walking distance from the venue (Hotel *Beaulac*)

The hotel *des Arts* can be reached from the railway station by taking the Funambule (very short metro ride) inside the railway station (one way ticket price: Frs. 1) followed by a two minute walk.

Single room (king size bed) Frs. 121 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate
 Single room: Frs. 99 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate
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<http://www.hotel-des-arts.ch>

Hotel Touring au Lac***

The Hotel *Touring au Lac* is situated next to the old port, only 2 minutes away from the city centre and 5 minutes walking distance from the venue (Hotel *Beaulac*)

The train station can be reached in 10 minutes on foot. It can also be reached by the buses 7, 9a and 9b from the bus stop Blaise-Cendrars (north exit of the railway station). Get off the bus after circa 5 minutes at the bus stop St-Honoré and walk 2 minutes. A short distance one way ticket for the bus costs Frs. 1.70.

Single room Frs. 100 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate
 Double room: Frs. 115 (breakfast and taxes included) per night at the special rate
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 CH-2001 Neuchâtel
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III. TRAVEL INFORMATION AND LOCATION OF THE HOTEL BEAULAC

9. The conference venue (Hotel *Beaulac*) is situated at the harbour of Neuchâtel and can be reached easily by foot from all hotels in the accommodation section.

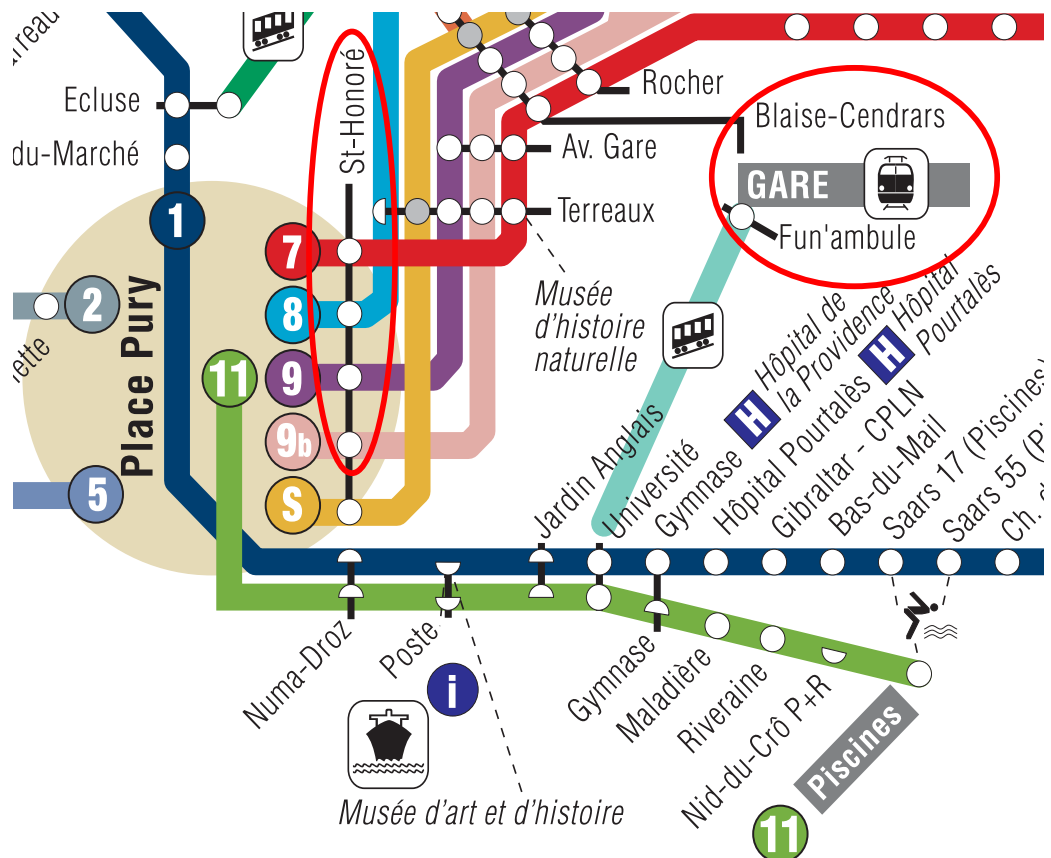
10. The city of Neuchâtel is located between the Arc of the Jura Mountains and the Lake of Neuchâtel in the French speaking part of Switzerland and is the seat of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

11. **Access by train / plane:** The three international airports of Switzerland are Zurich, Geneva and Basel-Mulhouse. The easiest way to get from these airports to Neuchâtel is by train. Tickets should be purchased at ticket machines or at the railway station before taking the train. Seat reservation is not necessary. Information on train connections can be found on the internet: www.sbb.ch. The approximate travel times are as follows:

From Zurich International Airport (http://www.zurich-airport.com/)	to Neuchâtel:	2:00 hours
Geneva International Airport (http://www.gva.ch/en/Desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-11/)	to Neuchâtel:	1:30 hours
EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse (http://www.euroairport.com/EN/accueil.php)	to Neuchâtel:	2:00 hours

IV. PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN NEUCHÂTEL

12. The centre of Neuchâtel can be visited easily by foot. In addition a tight bus network links all parts of Neuchâtel with the city centre. Public transport tickets can be bought directly at the stations of the Funambule or at the ticket machines at the bus stops, see Neuchâtel's public transport internet site (<http://www.tnneuchatel.ch/pratique.asp/2-0-310-5507-11-5-1/>) for the network map and timetables (French only). A short distance one way ticket costs Frs. 1.70 and is valid for the yellow bus stops on the network map posted at the bus stop. Blue coloured bus stops on these network maps cost Frs. 2.50.



V. FURTHER INFORMATION

General Information:

13. The following websites provide more general information about Neuchâtel and the Swiss Federal Statistical Office:

- **The Neuchâtel region: a brief portrait:** Assets, geography, economy, key figures, etc. on the official homepage of the canton of Neuchâtel.
<http://www.ne.ch/neat/site/jsp/rubrique/rubrique.jsp?CatId=5388&StyleType=bleu>
- **Neuchâtel tourisme:** <http://www.neuchateltourisme.ch/e/home/>
- **Swiss Federal Statistical Office:** <http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/portal/en/index.html>

Time and currency

14. Switzerland's Time zone in October is UTC/GMT + 2 hours.

15. The Swiss currency is the Swiss Franc (Frs. or CHF). Current official exchange rates can be consulted at **swissinfo** http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/business/currency_converter.html?siteSect=830 . In March 2009 the exchange rate was approximately as follows:

1€= 1.50 Swiss Francs (Frs.)
1 GBP = 1.65 Swiss Francs (Frs.)
1 US\$ = 1.20 Swiss Francs (Frs.)

Climate:

16. The average temperature in early October is about 12 degrees Celsius. Detailed weather forecast is provided by **swissinfo** (<http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/weather/index.htm>)

Museums:

17. **Laténium** (<http://www.latenium.ch/>) Park and Archaeological Museum of Neuchâtel. The Laténium exhibits 50,000 years of prehistory and history in original settings. More than one hundred archaeological sites buried underground and under the waters of the lake have been exposed in the last few years, covering a period stretching from Neanderthal man to the Middle Ages.

18. **Dürrenmatt Centre** (<http://www.cdn.ch/html/home.html>) Exhibition and research centre dedicated to the famous Swiss author Friedrich Dürrenmatt.

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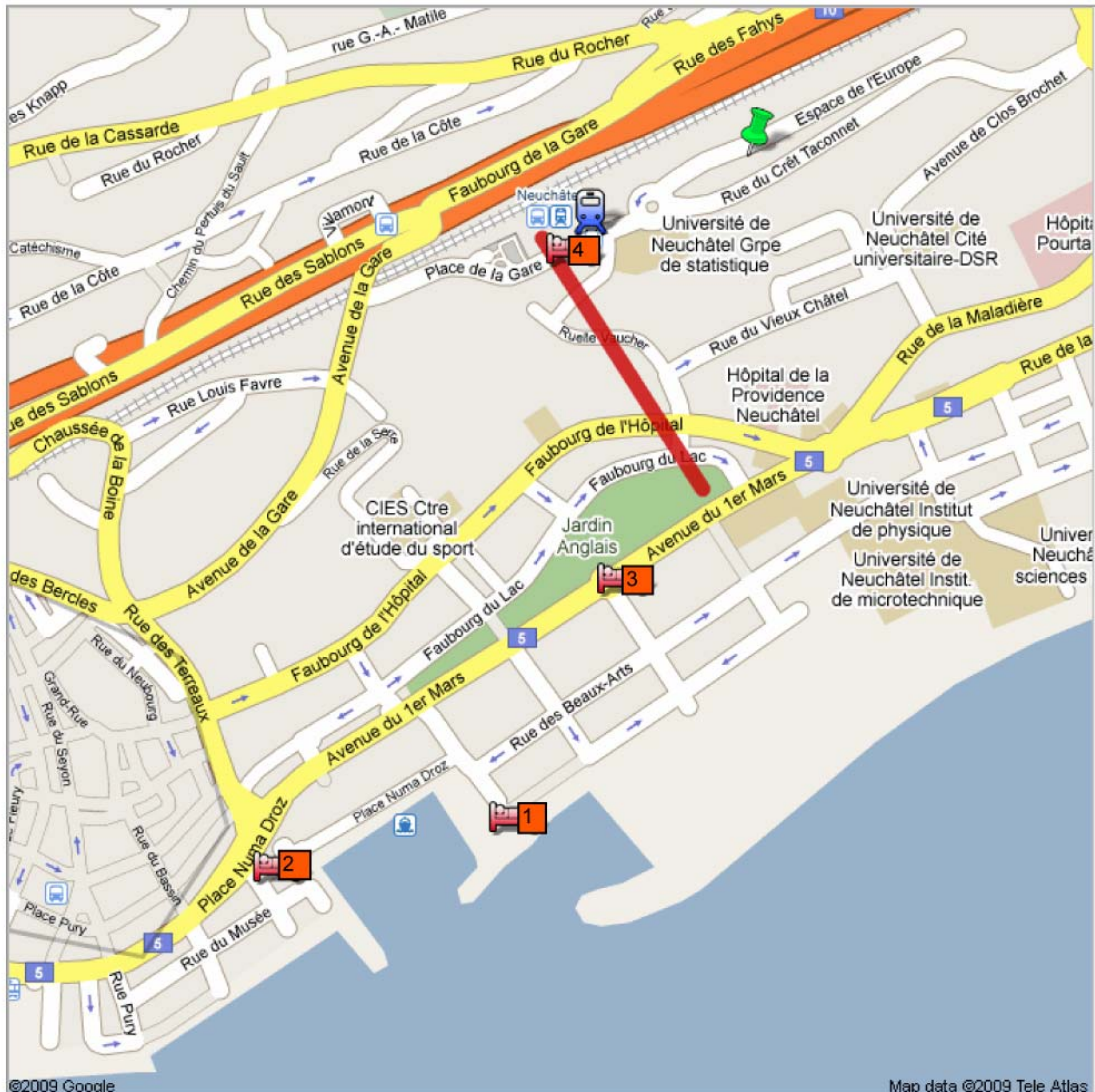
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Map of Neuchâtel and the hotels



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 **Railway Station, Neuchâtel**

 **Funambule**
 Very short "metro" that takes you up to the railway station and the SFSO.

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