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Dear Colleagues,

We are extremely honored at having been given this excellent opportunity to host and organize FEG's 25th Anniversary celebrations, as we also celebrate SNATTI's 75th Anniversary! It is with the greatest of pleasure that we and the island of Madeira welcome all the participants in this great event, from the 15th to the 21st November 2011.

Tourism on the island of Madeira dates back to the 19th Century and ever since then we built on our widespread experience in receiving tourists from all over the world, not just from Europe. In earlier days, tourists came to Madeira searching for a climate where they could recover from tuberculosis, a scourge of the times. Nowadays, they come for leisure, adventure, culture, history, fauna, flora, good weather, excellent food and last but not least, a glass or two of delicious Madeira Wine.

The archipelago of Madeira consists of several islands that were discovered at the beginning of the 15th century. The capital is Funchal, on the main island, whose name is derived from the fact that this island was totally covered by laurel trees, a great and invaluable source of wood. (In Portuguese, *madeira* means wood). Some of this original vegetation can still be seen and visited in a highly protected area that was declared a UNESCO World Nature Heritage site in 1999.

Today, Funchal is a happy, very cosmopolitan city that is animated by the many tourists who come here either by plane or cruise ship. The many churches and beautiful buildings that have been constructed over the years, attest to the islands' history. The numerous cafés and esplanades, surrounded by delightful public gardens, bubble with the friendliness that characterizes our people.

Welcome to Madeira!

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