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**UNIVERSITY OF
STIRLING**

London Academy of Diplomacy Away Day

University of Stirling

3-6 September 2014

Programme

Wed 3rd September

12.00 **Departure from Kings Cross station by train**

Meeting point: On the concourse (main entrance hall) in front of the departure indicators

17.19 **Arrival at Stirling**

Executive coach to collect LAD staff from station

18.00 **Check in to Stirling Court Hotel**

Stirling Court Hotel is situated within the beautiful grounds of the University of Stirling campus

19.00 **Welcome Reception hosted by Ms Eileen Schofield, University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer at Airthrey Castle.**

At the centre of the Stirling campus is the historic Airthrey Castle. Please meet in reception at 18.45 and we shall depart as a group for the evening reception. The Castle is a short 10-15 minute walk from the hotel and allows you to take in the beautiful and scenic grounds of the University of Stirling. Make sure you bring your cameras!

NB – Umbrellas will be provided if required and ladies may wish to wear flat shoes which can easily be changed at the Castle

20.30 **Meeting between Professor Joseph Mifsud, Ms Eileen Schofield, University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer and Mr Alan Simpson, Chairman of the University Court**

Room G6, Airthrey Castle

21.00 Welcome reception closes

Group to return to Stirling Court Hotel on foot

Thurs 4th September

All sessions will take place in Glendevon function room unless otherwise stated

08.00 Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in the meeting room

Introduction to the University of Stirling and our Internationalisation aims

- *Professor Douglas Brodie, Dean of Internationalisation, Head of the School of Arts and Humanities*
- *Stephanie Niven, Head of International Affairs*

09.00 MSc in Diplomatic Studies

Facilitator: Professor Joseph Mifsud and Professor Charles Chatterjee

Roundtable discussion by the following:

Miomir Zuzul, Anastas Angjeli, Michael Frendo, HE Kevin Issac and Michel Reinprecht

10.00 MSc in Business, International Trade and Diplomatic Studies

Facilitator: Professor Charles Chatterjee and Dr Deborah Swallow

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Communication, Language and Diplomacy

Facilitator: Professor Riad Nourallah

Roundtable discussion by the following:

Barry Tomalin, Saad Elshlmani, Mohamed Al Ansari, Hayet Bahri and Biljana Scott and Michel Massih QC

12.15 Janice McCormick – Skype meeting

12.30 Group photo followed by lunch in Abbeycraig Restaurant, Stirling Court Hotel

14.00 **Academic panel chaired by Holger Nehring**

Stirling, the UK, and the world: research synergies at Stirling [10-15 minute statements about what we do and how this matters for LAD, followed by Q&A

- *Dr Peter Lynch: The Scottish Political Archive and Scottish politics*
- *Dr Andrew Glencross: European integration*
- *Professor Holger Nehring: The Cold War: security and public diplomacy*
- *Contributions from LAD delegates*

15.30 **Mohamed El Ansari meet with Kerry Bryson and Stephanie Niven (TBC)**

16.00 **London Academy of Diplomacy: What we offer – Enterprise Zone, Library**

A presentation to key University of Stirling staff from Professor Joseph Mifsud, Director

17.00 **Library tour for all delegates**

A visit to our state of the art, multi-million pound library facilities

20.00 **Drinks reception and Gala Dinner – Silver Glen, Stirling Court Hotel**

Professor Gerry McCormac, Principal and Vice-Chancellor to host an evening to celebrate the partnership between the London Academy of Diplomacy and the University of Stirling

Dress Code: Lounge Suit/National Dress/Glamour Wear

Friday 5th September

All sessions will take place in Glendevon function room unless otherwise stated

09.00 **Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served in the meeting room

09.00 *Meeting with the following in Dunblane function room over breakfast:*

Joseph Mifsud, HE Kevin Isaac, Claire Smith, HE Sameh Aboul Enein, Miomir Zuzul, Michael Frendo, Michael Reinprecht, Anastas Angjeli, Charles Chatterjee, Fatmah Lallmahamood

09.30 **The Student Experience**

Showcasing our graduate degrees

- *Presentation by Dr Andrew Glencross, Lecturer and Dr Peter Lynch, Senior Lecturer on the Masters in International Conflict and Co-Operation*
- *Student statements by Emily St Denny and Paul Gillen*

10.30 **MSc in Diplomacy and Security**

Facilitator: Roger McNally and HE Dr Sameh Aboul Enein

Roundtable discussion by the following:

Claire Smith, Mohamed Benhamou, William Lawrence and Michel Massih QC

11.30 **Coffee break and group photo**

12.00 **Presentation on Simulation**

Benoit Calicis, Partner, MEGA Learning

12.30 **Presentation on the PhD taught programme**

Deborah Swallow, Lecturer, LAD

13.00 **Lunch at Abbeycraig Restaurant, Stirling Court Hotel**

15.00 **Social afternoon**

Option 1 - Visit to Stirling Castle

Stirling Castle is included on a list of the top experiences in Europe in a new Lonely Planet guide alongside iconic sights and cities including the Colosseum in Rome, the Alhambra in Andalucía, Crete, Barcelona and Paris. A tour of this iconic site which has played a key role in Stirling, and indeed, Scotland's history

Option 2 – Visit to The Famous Grouse Distillery

The Seasonal Special Tour includes five tastes of whisky. During your tour you will receive two whisky tastes, one of The Glenturret Highland Single Malt and a taste from The Famous Grouse range of whiskies. Following your tour, you will take part in a guided nosing and tasting session where you will sample three superior whiskies, which are varied seasonally. You will also receive a Glencairn whisky glass as a souvenir of your visit.

20.30 **Evening meal at the Meadowpark**

The Meadowpark is a beautifully restored pub & restaurant overlooking Stirling Castle in the historic spa town of Bridge of Allan. The restaurant is a short walk from the Stirling Court Hotel – please meet in the hotel lobby at 20.15.

Saturday 6th September

- 07.00 – Breakfast at your leisure
09.00
- 09.45 Check out
- 10.00 Executive coach to depart Stirling Court Hotel for 10.32 train to London
Kings Cross
- 15.55 Arrive into Kings Cross Station

Key contacts and useful information

The reception desk at the Stirling Court Hotel is open 24 hours a day and happy to assist you during your stay.

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the Stirling Court Hotel through The Cloud. Please contact reception if you need any assistance using this facility. Additionally, Wi-Fi access is available across the campus and a member of IT will be available during the reception at Airthrey Castle if you need to access this service.

If you need any help during your stay then please contact one of the event organisers on the numbers below:

Shonagh Maak – 07825 611432
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