

COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO

Thursday, 18 June 2015 • Lion's Mound (Waterloo battle site) • Belgium

Media accreditation

A. General information

On Thursday, 18 June 2015, the King and Queen of the Belgians and a host of other dignitaries from across Europe will attend an official Belgian federal government ceremony to commemorate the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo at the Lion's Mound monument on the battle site.

Timetable of the day's events:

- 10.30 a.m.: The high representatives are welcomed by the King and Queen.
- 11 a.m.: Official federal ceremony: speeches, laying of wreaths, minute's silence, symbolic handshake between descendants of those who fought in the battle, artistic commemorative segment, closing music.
- 11.45 a.m.: The King and Queen and the high representatives visit the 1815 Memorial.

B. Accreditation

Media accreditation is required for the relevant parties to gain access to the various press zones which will be set up on location. **The accreditation issued by the Waterloo 1815-2015 ASBL non-profit association is not valid** for the official ceremony.

There is a limited number of places, and it is not possible to register for more than one press zone.

▪ **Photographers:** You will need to choose one of the following press zones:

- Zone 1: welcome for VVIPs at the 1815 Memorial, VVIPs leaving for the stand, and visit to the Memorial with the VVIPs (11.45 a.m.);
- Zone 2: VVIPs making their way to the stand and taking their places there, side view of the speeches and of the stand, view of some of the show;
- Zone 3: VVIPs making their way to the stand, speeches and show (side view).

▪ **Cameramen operating without other crew** (ENG) and **live TV broadcast crews** (SNG) (cameraman, soundman, reporter, etc.): Only the following press zone is available:

- Zone 3: VVIPs making their way to the stand, speeches and show (side view).

▪ **Radio journalists, printed/online press:** Only the following press zone is available:

- Zone 4: places on standing-only platform, speeches and show front-on (no pictures)

To apply for accreditation for this event, please complete the online accreditation form at www.waterloo2015.belgium.be. Applications must be submitted **by 11 June 2015 before 12.00 pm.** Applications received after that date will not be considered.

To be accredited, you will need:

- your passport number or national identity card number;
- your press card number, if applicable;
- a digital passport-style photo.

So as to ensure efficient communication, if the application is being submitted by a third party, this third party must provide **the e-mail address of the person to be accredited.**

For Belgian citizens and any other individuals resident in Belgium, a security clearance certificate (to be found at the end of the form) should also be completed, signed, scanned and attached to the application for accreditation.

From the 12 June 2015, you will receive an e-mail to inform you whether your application has been successful.

C. Collection of accreditation badges

Accreditation badges should be collected from the accreditation area on the first floor of the **Résidence Palace International Press Centre, 155 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels – 1st floor accreditation room** by those for whom they have been issued at the following times:

- **Tuesday, 16 June 2015** from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; or
- **Wednesday, 17 June 2015** from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

When picking up your accreditation badge, you will need to show a valid passport (or in the case of citizens of a European Union Member State, a valid national identity card).

You will not be able to collect your accreditation badge without proper ID.

D. Invited guests

- The King and Queen of the Belgians
- The King and Queen of the Netherlands
- The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Luxembourg
- A member of the British Royal Family
- High representatives of France and Germany
- Descendants of those who fought in the battle
- High representatives of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union
- Representatives of the various Belgian authorities

- Representatives of the local authorities

E. Practical information

- You will be sent detailed practical information about the day's events and picking up the live signal from the UER upon confirmation of your accreditation for the event.
- Parking will be provided for the press near the venue. You will be asked for your vehicle registration number when making your application for accreditation.
- No Wi-Fi connection will be available at the venue.
- Photographs taken by our official host photographer will be supplied on request.

For further information:

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