

Sixth Consular Conference  
7 - 10 May 2006

**Programme**

**Sunday 7 May, 2006**

- 18:00–19:15 Cultural Programme in Salurinn Concert Hall, Kópavogur  
Welcome addresses  
Mr Geir H. Haarde, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade  
Mr Gunnar I. Birgisson, Mayor of Kópavogur
- 19:30–22:00 Welcome Reception for the Honorary Consuls of Iceland and their spouses at the invitation of the Mayor of Kópavogur, Mr Gunnar I. Birgisson, at Gerðarsafn Museum, Kópavogur

**Monday 8 May, 2006**

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:00 Opening of the Conference  
  
Opening Address:  
Mr Geir H. Haarde, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade  
  
Moderator: Mr Gunnar Snorri Gunnarsson, Permanent Secretary of State
- 09:30 Iceland Fisheries in the Global Context  
Mr Einar Kristinn Guðfinnsson, Minister of Fisheries
- 09:50 Coffee break
- 10:20 Icelandic Investment Abroad  
Mr Þórður Friðjónsson, President and CEO of Iceland Stock Exchange  
Mr Sigurður Einarsson, Executive Chairman of Kaupthing Bank
- 10:50 Invest in Iceland  
Mr Þórður H. Hilmarsson, Managing Director of Invest in Iceland Agency
- 11:00 Trade Exhibition of Icelandic companies at Nordica hotel Intermission.  
Opening remarks by Mr Jón Ásbergsson, Managing Director of the Trade Council of Iceland  
(The trade exhibition will remain open throughout the conference during intermissions)

- 12:00 Luncheon for the Honorary Consuls of Iceland and representatives of Icelandic Firms participating in the Trade Exhibition, at the invitation of the Mayor of Reykjavík, Mrs Steinunn Valdís Óskarsdóttir and her husband, Mr Ólafur Haraldsson
- 14:00 National Museum of Iceland  
Welcome address: Ms Margrét Hallgrímsdóttir, Director
- 14:05 Icelandic Culture and Heritage  
Mrs Þorgerður Katrín Gunnarsdóttir, Minister of Culture, Education and Science
- 14:20 The Making of a Nation – Heritage and History in Iceland  
The National Museum's Permanent Exhibition
- 15:00 Travel and Tourism – New Opportunities for Iceland  
Mr Jón Karl Ólafsson, President and CEO of Icelandair and Chairman of the Icelandic Travel Industry Association
- 15:20 Coffee Break – Trade Exhibition
- 15:50 Iceland and the Honorary Consuls  
Mr Gunnar Snorri Gunnarsson, Permanent Secretary of State  
- Introduction and Discussion with a Panel of Honorary Consuls  
Q's and A's
- 16:50-17:20 Trade Exhibition
- 19:00 Gala Dinner at Perlan Restaurant for the Honorary Consuls of Iceland and their spouses and other guests by invitation, hosted by the Government of Iceland

## **Tuesday 9 May, 2006**

- 09:30 Consular Activities  
(Only open to Honorary Consuls of Iceland)  
Introductions by: Mr Hjalti Zophaniasson, Director of Civil Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Mr Jóhann Jóhannsson, Immigration Expert, Ministry of Justice, Mrs Sigríður Ásdís Snævarr, Deputy Permanent Secretary of State, Mr Pétur Ásgeirsson, Director of Department of Administration and Consular Affairs
- 10:50 Coffee Break – Trade Exhibition
- 11:20 Reykjavík Arts Festival  
Mrs Þórunn Sigurðardóttir, Artistic Director
- 11:40 East Harbour Project, the Icelandic National Concert and Conference Centre in Reykjavík  
Mrs Svanhildur Konráðsdóttir, Director of Culture and Tourism of the City of Reykjavík

- 12:00 Closing of the Conference  
Mr Geir H. Haarde, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade
- 12:30-14:00 Business luncheon for conference participants at the Nordica hotel by invitation of the Iceland Chamber of Commerce, the Trade Council of Iceland and the Confederation of Icelandic Employers.
- 17:00-21:00 Reception by the President of Iceland, H.E. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson for the Honorary Consuls of Iceland and their families.
- Evening free

## Wednesday 10 May, 2006

### Day tour - Ice and Fire –

08:15 Departure from the Nordica hotel for a whole-day excursion  
(*Consuls and their spouses who stay at other hotels are requested to gather at the Nordica hotel, which is the **only** collection point for the excursion*)

The day tour, Ice and Fire is a whole-day excursion to the *Langjökull* Glacier. Drive to the edge of the glacier and scenic ride touring the ice fields on snowmobiles.

A buffet lunch will be served on the glacier.

En route (either to or from the glacier) short visits will be made at *Thingvellir* National park, *Geysir* geothermal area and *Gullfoss*, the Golden Waterfall. Before returning to Reykjavik there will be a short stop at one of Reykjavík Energy's geothermal drill holes in the Hellisheiði area.

19:30 (approx.) Arrival at the Nordica hotel

## Thursday 11 May, 2006

Departures

## Icelandic Companies at the Trade Exhibition

12 Tónar  
66 North  
Actavis

Addison Engineering  
Afl Engineering  
Agrice  
Alpan  
Alrún Nordic Jewelry  
Arctic Images  
Blue Lagoon  
Ecoprocess  
Elding Whale Watching  
ELEA Network  
GJ Travel  
Go Pro  
Gudrun Publishing  
Iceland Review  
Iceland Spring  
Iceland Stock Exchange  
Icelandair  
Icelandic EXPORT  
Icelandic Glacial  
Infotec ehf.  
Íshestar Travel  
Línuhönnun Consulting  
Engineers  
Marel  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
Port of Hafnarfjörður  
Rafteikning Consulting  
Engineers  
Reykjavík Arts Festival.  
Seafood Bureau  
SimDex  
Sólóhúsgögn ehf.  
STG TRADING Group ehf.  
Tern Systems Inc.  
Trade Council of Iceland  
Visit Reykjavík  
Zymetech