

# Funding IRSA Representation at Events

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## DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases have these definitions in this document.

shall/may In this document, the word “shall” specifies a mandatory action or procedure, while the word “may” is permissive.

will/should In this document, the word “will” specifies an intention, and the word “should” specifies a policy.

## Current situation

The appointment of official IRSA Representatives at international events is undertaken on a case by case basis.

## Problem

Experience from IRSA approved events is not systematically gathered, considered, and disseminated. Organisers are unsure what worked and what did not at previous events. IRSA is unsure about what worked and what did not, and hence what practices are worth keeping and what practices should be changed.

While IRSA now has guidelines for the matters that an event Representative should report on, this proposal provides a transparent mechanism to allocate funds to event representation.

## Proposed solution

(1) **Funding policy.** In general, IRSA policy is that costs for event representation should be fully met by the IRSA event fee and levy paid by the event organiser. If an event does not generate sufficient revenue to meet the costs of IRSA representation, the EC shall be required to approve disbursement from such other funds as may be available.

(2) **Duration.** An IRSA Representative at an international event will have one of two roles, depending upon the class. Where the class is the M, A, or 10R, the duties and role of the Representative are extensive, usually requiring attendance from the day of registration before the start of the event, through to the closing social meeting at the end of the event. Where the class is the IOM, duties and role are less extensive, and usually require attendance from the day of registration before the start of the event to the end of the second or third day of the event. Accordingly, funding support should be 8 days for M, A, and 10R, and 4 days for IOM events.

(3) **Daily allowance.** For the purpose of setting an objective baseline, data is drawn from the Numbeo Web site for cost-of-living rankings. For the purposes of a short-term visitor to a country, the "Restaurant price index" (RPI) is used. The RPI for each country is converted into a daily allowance, using the UK RPI as a base, and using a specified amount in GBP which is considered "reasonable", currently set at £75. The resulting allowances are rounded to the nearest £5, and are illustrated for the countries of interest to IRSA in Table 1. The daily allowance covers all costs for accommodation, subsistence, local transport / car hire, etc.




(4) **Maximum travel allowance.** It is preferred that a Representative is local to the continent of the event. Accordingly, funding for travel is intended to be complete and sufficient within a continent, while it may only be partial for travel between continents. For the purpose of setting an objective baseline, the maximum travel allowance is specified to be equal to the cost of the cheapest direct return flight between London Heathrow and Tel Aviv, Israel, by British Airways economy for one adult, departing on the first Wednesday in April and returning on the second Wednesday in April for the year in question, as shown on the SkyScanner Web site. Currently, this is £600, as shown in Table 2. The maximum travel allowance is a maximum. Funding support should be for actual travel costs, up to the maximum value, including transit travel between ports of departure and arrival and the representative's home and the event location.

(5) **Intent.** The funding support illustrated in Tables 1 and 2 represents guidelines, and may be subject to variation as specific circumstances may require upon approval by the Executive Committee. It is intended that funding support for IRSA representation at events should be set at a level which ensures an appropriately comfortable, but not luxurious, experience which allows the representative to fully focus on their tasks. Representatives may supplement the funding support in any way they wish, for example to permit an accompanying spouse to share accommodation.

Table 1: Daily allowance.

Argentina	£50	Germany	£60	Portugal	£45
Australia	£75	Greece	£65	South Africa	£35
Austria	£65	Ireland	£80	Samoa	£55
Barbados	£20	Israel	£75	Slovenia	£50
Belgium	£85	Italy	£85	Spain	£60
Brazil	£40	Japan	£45	Sweden	£80
Canada	£60	Malta	£60	Switzerland	£115
Croatia	£45	Netherlands	£90	Thailand	£20
Denmark	£105	New Zealand	£70	Turkey	£30
Finland	£80	Norway	£130	United Kingdom	£75
France	£80	Poland	£35	United States of America	£55

Table 2. Travel allowance.

	Outbound ◀ Wed 1 Apr ▶	Return ◀ Wed 8 Apr ▶	Price per adult ▲
	<b>22:30 – 05:30</b> LHR TLV  Direct 5h (+1)	<b>07:35 – 11:00</b> TLV LHR  Direct 5h 25	<b>£603</b>   travelup