



## 2. On accommodation and practicalities:

The sleeping quarters will be the bedrooms of Ezersala boarding school. The rooms are spacious, 4 - 8 beds, and contain, apart from the beds, cupboards, bed-tables, toys, and other interesting design items. Each room has a unique design, like:



The bedlinen is provided. NB! Bring: an extra towel, hangers for clothes, as well as electric power extension cord if you have lots of equipment – there are only 1-2 sockets per room.

The rooms are lockable, but there are only 2 keys per room which must be shared among the inhabitants. Remember that everyone is responsible for security of their belongings themselves (valuable items can be kept in the Office for extra security). It will be single gender rooms.

The only drawback about the premises is the lack of showers (3). But with help of the bath house ('Sauna') and the lake nearby, we have always managed to keep ourselves reasonably clean ☺

Three meals a day - breakfast, lunch and dinner - will be provided at the site, with possibility to take a snack along if going away for day trips. Traditionally, we will have our own professional cook helping to make sure the food is great. NB! In case you have some very particular dietary requirements, apart from what was mentioned in your registration form, please inform the organisers.

## 3. On local transport:

A bus will be arranged to ensure that we can move between Ezersala and Ludza. It will be leaving and coming back at a fixed time, announced the previous day. We will also have a minibus for the groups to take some day trips if they plan it in advance.

NB! Bringing your own car, or bicycle, will ensure you a maximum flexibility (however, this is absolutely not a must!) Its also possible to rent several bikes in the area, for a very reasonable price.

## 4. On programme and daily activities:

The daily activities from Sunday 2.08 till Friday 7.08 will be focused around the work in your workshop and guided by your teacher. The objective is to produce **an individual photography project** with which you (and your workshop teacher) are proud and satisfied.

The **evening programme** will start every day after dinner and will feature presentations of the works of ISSP teachers and two guest presentations (detailed Programme will appear at the website in July).

On Wednesday 5.08, a **portfolio review** afternoon is scheduled - you will have an opportunity to hear the feedback on your previous works from the rest of ISSP teachers and the ISSP curator. Previous sign-up will be required. Don't forget to bring your portfolio ☺

On Saturday, 8.08, the whole day will be dedicated to setting up the **ISSP Exhibition** at Ludza Cinema Hall. The Exhibition will remain open to the public in Ludza for several weeks; a follow-up exhibition is planned at Goethe Institute in Riga in autumn. The **ISSP Gala Event**, the Opening of the Exhibition and the Party will start at 20:00.

Sunday 9.08 will feature a picnic and post-ISSP lounge situation at a fantastic Akmeņi guest house territory. The train from Ludza departs at 16:26, arriving to Riga at 20:40.

## 5. If you work digitally:

**The Digital Lab**, supported by Epson and Apple, will be equipped with two printers (Epson R2880 and R1900), a scanner (Epson V750 PRO), 7 PCs running Windows and Adobe Photoshop CS3, and three Apple iMac computers equipped with Adobe Photoshop and Apple Aperture. All PCs will have Internet connection. There will be a free wireless network nearby ISSP office.

The paper for prints will be available for purchase at a price covering cost of paper and ink. For calibrating reasons, use of your own paper will not be allowed.

With help of Epson and Dr.Kulbert we will organise a special introduction workshop on the basics of printing process.

NB! Bringing your own laptop is not a must, but will definitely make you much more flexible (do remember that you have to take care of laptop's security yourself). Don't forget your USB flash drive. CD-Rs will be available for purchase.

#### **6. If you use black and white film:**

**The BW Lab** with 4 enlargers for analog black and white process will be functioning on-site. The darkroom will be equipped with all basic tools and chemicals necessary for developing of 135(35mm) and 120/220 format B&W films. The paper will have to be purchased at a reasonable price in the lab (the cost will partially cover the cost of the chemicals).

Chemicals for prints: Ilford Multigrade developer and Ilford Rapid Fix fixer. Your own chemicals will not be allowed for prints.

Chemicals for film development: two or three different developers will be available. Its possible to use your own if you wish, but please inform our BW lab staff (and consider restrictions for carrying of liquids if coming by plane).

Paper for prints: Ilford RC Multigrade IV. You may also bring your own paper (RC only, not fiber-based!).

A basic assortment of Ilford films (35mm and 120 format) will be available for purchase.

#### **7. If you use color film:**

Please bring your films with you. Regular 35mm color films will be available for purchase in Ludza. Color film development and minilab printing (sizes up to ½ A4) can be done in regular Kodak or Fuji photo labs in Ludza or Rēzekne. Developing medium format might take up to 1 day. Cross-processing of slide films is not available. A centralized film&prints delivery can be organized once a day from ISSP office.

You can also scan the film and proceed with printing the digital images at ISSP lab.

#### **8. On What To Bring With You:**

- your photo equipment (please don't forget your camera) films,
- a portfolio of your works (printed version),
- photo-publications, magazines or books from your country - or just editions you find interesting and relevant to share with others – we will have an ISSP Library for the duration of the School;
- towel, swimwear,
- mosquito repellent,
- clothes for rainy weather,
- clothes for hot and dry weather,
- extension cord if you plan to be charging lots of equipment.

Also recommended:

- laptop computer,
- bicycle ?!,
- music CDs,
- music instruments,
- tea/coffee,
- sports equipment.

NB! There in no shops next to the boarding school, the closest one is in Ludza (~6km away).

#### **9. On guests, visitors, and pets**

The evening presentations are open for guests and visitors. NB! it is important that guests inform us in advance of their arrival. The guests are responsible the entire logistics of their stay themselves and should take care not to disturb the work of the workshops. It will be possible to stay in the Tent City (a tent is useful). Also, there is a range of guesthouses in the area - contact Ludza Tourism information centre or see <http://turisms.ludza.lv>. Sleeping overs in the school's sports hall can be arranged.

Pets are allowed indoors only with prior confirmation from the organizers ;-)

#### **10. Important – INSURANCE**

The organisers of the ISSP will not assume responsibility for your health and security, and we shall ask you to sign a waiver confirming that you are aware of that. Therefore, we strongly recommend you to have a valid health insurance for the duration of the Summer School.

#### **11. (last but not least) Your Ideas**

ISSP is for all of us to enjoy! If you have any suggestions, creative ideas for extra activities, etc, you are welcome to share those with us before or during the event.

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