



Practical Information for Participants or All You Need to Know About the ISSP 2010

Ludza, Latvia, 31 July – 8 August 2010

The International Summer School of Photography (ISSP) project:

The International Summer School of Photography takes place annually since 2006 near a small town of Ludza (Latvia's Eastern region of Latgale). The ISSP is designed for photography students, young professionals and advanced amateurs – those already having a serious relationship with photography as means of personal and creative expression, and wanting to bring it to a new level via a concentrated learning experience. Each year, the ISSP offers a range of thematic workshops led by photography professionals of international standing.

ISSP actively encourages and promotes international networking and exchange of ideas in field of photography. ISSP 2010 will host 66 participants from 22 countries. Best students are selected based on their Application forms. The working language of the ISSP is English.

The ISSP is a 100% non-commercial event. Most of organisational work is carried out by a committed team of volunteers.

The organiser:

Association 'ISSP' is a non-commercial education and networking platform for young photographers in Latvia and internationally. Since its establishment in 2006, ISSP has yearly run the International Summer School of Photography, curated a number of photo-exhibitions, produced four catalogues, initiated related photo-education projects, and, most importantly, gathered a thriving community of young photographers in Latvia and abroad. The students and teachers of ISSP come from over 20 countries.

ISSP is open to expanding its network through international contacts and cooperation projects. The project "Nordic-Baltic Photography Education Exchange" supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers will hold its networking event at ISSP 2010, hosting the project partners from Estonian Union of Photography Artists/ Tallinn Month of Photography 2011 and Turku Arts Academy.

More info: www.issp.lv

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS:

1. On international arrivals and transfers:

If you are coming to Riga by airplane, the best way to get from the airport to the city center is by taxi (~8 Ls, ~20 min) or by airport bus (0,70 Ls, ~40min). The Central Train Station is very close to the Old Town. The Bus Station is just next to it. The date of arrival to Ludza is 31 August. The train to Ludza (Riga – Zilupe) departs from Riga 10:30, travel time 4 hours.

For all public transport schedules in Latvia, check www.1188.lv → [transport](#) (the site has an English version).

2. On getting to Ludza and finding the site:

The Ezersala boarding school is located ~6 km from Ludza.

We expect most of the participants to arrive by train (Riga – Zilupe, 10:30 -14:39, 5,25 Ls). The pickup from Ludza station will be arranged - look for ISSP bus at the Station Parking. In case you are arriving to Ludza (or Rēzekne) by some other public transport, you have to warn us in advance to arrange for the pick up.

If coming from Riga by car, take road A6/E22 direction Jēkabpils. At Jēkabpils, take road A12/E22 to Rēzekne. Take the bypass road north of Rēzekne and follow the signs for Ludza. You should plan for about 4 hours drive. From the centre of Ludza, take P49 direction to Karsava and make a first right turn to Cibla. The Ezersala boarding school shall appear at your right hand side after about 4km - look behind the big park trees! If you use Google Maps for directions, type „Ezersala, Zvirgzdene, Latvija“ as the destination.

Whatever transport you are taking, plan to arrive to Ezersala by 15:30. Registration desk will be open from 13:00 till 16:30. Please be prepared to pay the remainder participation fee in cash upon registration.

The ISSP Opening event will start at 17.00.

See the map below on how to find ISSP in Ludza district:



3. On ISSP Campus and facilities

The ISSP is housed at Ezersala Boarding School, located 6 km west of Ludza in the village of Ezersala (Franapole according to some old maps), population 34. The children - constant inhabitants of the boarding school - return home during the summer. The campus includes a school building with classrooms, a dining hall for common meals, a boarding school house as students' living quarters, a washing house (soviet style sauna), a park, a football field, and an access to the lake with a swimming place about 500m away – all surrounded by wild countryside. The remoteness from civilization, tranquility and authenticity of the location and a beautiful town of Ludza to explore have been among the greatest ISSP assets.

ISSP facilities at Ezersala school include classrooms, self-installed black-and-white lab, a digital lab with equipment for scanning the films and making prints, a wireless Internet access, the big hall with presentations equipment, a student lounge and an evening relaxation space /guests kitchen (aka The Bar), and a temporary ISSP library/game room.

4. On programme and daily activities:

See **ISSP 2010 Programme** for detailed schedule.

The daily activities from Sunday 1.08 till Friday 6.08 will be focused around the work in your workshop and led by your teacher. The objective is to produce, under the guidance of your teacher, an individual photography project that will consummate your time at ISSP. All final works will be exhibited at ISSP final Exhibition in Ludza, selected works – in Riga (at the Goethe Institute exhibition hall) later in autumn.

The ISSP evening programme events will take place every evening after dinner and will feature presentations of the works of ISSP teachers and guest presentations. At least one evening will be dedicated to the show of Participants' works (digital portfolios) - this is of course voluntary.

On Thursday 5.08, a portfolio review afternoon is scheduled - you will have an opportunity to hear the feedback on your previous work from the rest of ISSP teachers and invited guests. Previous sign-up is required (during the ISSP). Don't forget to bring your portfolio ☺

The final works must be ready by Friday night. On Saturday, 7.08, the whole day will be dedicated to setting up the ISSP Exhibition at Ludza Culture House. The Exhibition will remain open to the public in Ludza until September. The Opening of the Exhibition and the ISSP Gala Event takes place on Saturday night. On Sunday 8.08 we will have 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. On labs and film supplies

The Digital Lab, supported by Epson and Apple, will be equipped with two inkjet printers (Epson R2880 or similar), two scanners (Epson V750 PRO), all connected to Apple's iMacs running Adobe Photoshop CS5. We will also have at our disposal the boarding school's PC room with 7 PCs running Windows and

Adobe Photoshop CS5. These can be used for basic manipulations where color accuracy is not involved. 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 paper and ink costs. For calibrating reasons, use of your own paper will not be allowed.

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.

The BW Lab with 4 enlargers for analog black and white process will be functioning on-site, equipped with all basic tools and chemicals necessary for developing of 135(35mm) and 120/220 format B&W films. The paper will be available for purchase in the lab (at a price covering cost of the paper and 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: we plan to provide 2 varieties of Ilford developers available as the basic choice. It is possible to use your own developer if you wish, but please inform our BW lab staff in advance (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.

If you use color film:

Bring your films with you. Regular 35mm color films will be available for purchase in Ludza. 35 mm color film development and minilab printing from 35 mm film or jpeg files (sizes up to A5) can be done in regular Kodak/Fuji photo labs in Ludza. Developing medium format is done only in Rēzekne thus takes up to 1 day. No minilab prints are available directly from medium format films. A centralized film&prints delivery can be organized once a day from ISSP office. You can also scan the film and proceed with editing and printing the images at ISSP lab.

NB! Neither normal processing, nor cross-processing of slide films is available.

6. On local transport:

A bus will be arranged to ensure that we can move between Ezersala and Ludza twice a day (mornings and afternoons). We will also have a minibus for the groups to take some day trips if they plan it in advance. Coming by your own car is absolutely not a must but it will ensure you with maximum flexibility. People also bring their bicycles (don't forget the lock!). It's also possible to rent several bikes in the area, for a very reasonable price.

7. On accommodation and meals:

The students sleeping quarters will be the bedrooms of Ezersala boarding school. The rooms are spacious, 5 - 9 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 few sockets per room.

The rooms are lockable, but there are only 2 keys per room which must be shared among the inhabitants. You can leave the keys at the key-keeping lady. 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. 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. We will have our own cook, so the food is promising to be great! In case you have some very particular dietary requirements, apart from those mentioned in your registration form, please inform the organizers.

8. On What To Bring With You:

- your photo equipment, films
- a portfolio of your works (printed version – for portfolio review and group discussions, digital version – for participants works presentation)
- photo-publications, magazines or books from your country, or any editions you find interesting and relevant to share with others – for the 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 are no shops next to the boarding school, the closest one is in Ludza (~6km away).

9. Important – INSURANCE

The organizers of the ISSP will not assume responsibility for your health and security, nor for your belongings, 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.

10. On guests, visitors, and pets

The evening presentations and the Gala Event are open for guests and visitors. NB! The guests are responsible the entire logistics of their stay themselves and should take care not to disturb the work of the workshops. The Tent City is a regular happening at ISSP (a tent is useful). Guests can use the stove/fridge at the Bar to cook their own food. There is a range of guesthouses in the area - contact Ludza Tourism information centre at +371 65707203, +371 29467925, e-mail: ligakondrate@inbox.lv or see <http://www.ludza.lv/?cat=53&lang=lv> .

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

11. (last but not least) Your ideas

ISSP is for all of us to enjoy! We are open for creative ideas for the programme and extra activities. If you have any suggestions, you are welcome to contact us before or during the event.

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