



Eighth World Zoroastrian Congress 2005

London, United Kingdom

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Friday 24th June to Friday 1st July 2005

Roj Adar to Roj Meher, Mah Bahman 1374 YZ (Shenshahi)
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Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE) takes pride in being the oldest Anjuman in the western world. After the success of the World Congress in Houston, it was logical for us to host the 8th World Congress. London has great many attractions and June-July are the best period for visitors to enjoy the flavours of our great city. Our magnificent New Centre in Harrow, the grand Zartoshty Brothers Hall and the purpose built Wembley Conference Centre will be appropriate venues for the Congress. We have organised an interesting and an exciting programme which will provide great opportunities to build friendships, foster relationships and stimulate the mind during the conference week. Enjoyment and entertainment will also

have due place and the entire weeklong programme should be a feast for the heart as well as the mind. We are taking care to ensure that the Congress has both a Persian flavour as well as a Parsee flavour. My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you to London and hope you will make it a point to participate in large numbers.

Dorab E. Mistry

President, ZTFE

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مایه بسی افتخار است که انجمن زرتشتیان اروپا مستقر در انگلستان (ZTFE) قدیمی ترین انجمن در جهان غرب می باشد و پس از موفقیت کنگره جهانی زرتشتیان در هوستون، برای ما طبیعی بود تا پذیرای هشتمین کنگره جهانی باشیم. لندن جاذبه های بسیاری دارد و ماه های ژوئن و ژوئیه برابر با خرداد و تیر، بهترین زمان برای دیدار و استفاده از زیباییهای این شهر است. مرکز جدید و باشکوه زرتشتیان واقع در هرو (Harrow)، سالن مجلل برادران زرتشتی و نیز مرکز کنفرانس ومبلی (Wembley) مراکز مناسبی جهت برگزاری همایش خواهند بود. برنامه های جالب و متنوعی در نظر گرفته شده است که فرصت طلایی خواهد بود جهت یافتن دوستان جدید، تقویت روابط و آموختن موضوعات تازه در طول هفته برگزاری کنگره. تفریح و سرگرمی نیز جای مخصوص به خود را خواهند داشت و برنامه يك هفته ای همایش، مهمانی قلبها و دلها خواهد بود. تلاش ما در این خواهد بود تا تضمین کنیم که گنکره هم فضا و عطر ایرانی داشته باشد و هم پارسی. من و همکارانم چشم انتظار هستیم تا ورود شما را به لندن خوش آمد بگوییم و امید آن داریم تا شما نیز با حضور گرم خود ما را سرافراز فرمائید.



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**ZTFE Navroze Banquet,
Criterion Restaurant,
London in 1906,
Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji in the Chair,
(Founder Member and Patron of
ZTFE 1861 and President 1863 to
1908). Also present are
Sir Muncherjee Bhowndagree
(President of ZTFE 1908 to 1933),
Madame Bhikaiji Cama and
Mahatma Gandhi.
Photo from ZTFE Archives**

opposite page (from top, left to right): Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji, Sir Muncherjee Bhowndagree, Naoroji Rustom Manek Sett, Late Mobed Faridoon Zartoshty, Mobed Meherban Zartoshty, Dorab E. Mistry meets HRH Queen Elizabeth II, Ervad Rustom Bhedwar meets Pope John Paul II, HRH Prince Edward and Sophie Countess of Wessex at Zoroastrian Centre, Karan Bilimoria CBE and Farokh Engineer

Our Past

Zoroastrians are known to have settled in the United Kingdom for the last two centuries and as such are the oldest established Zoroastrian community outside of the Indian sub-Continent and Iran. Indeed, the first recorded arrival of an Indian to the UK was a Parsee Zoroastrian from Surat named Naoroji Rustomji Sett in 1723.

It was nearly 143 years ago, way back on 31st October 1861 that our Association was founded. “Religious funds of the Zoroastrians of Europe”, as it was then called, was founded by Mr Mancherjee Hormasjee Cama, with headquarters in London. One of the other Patrons and founder members of our Association was Dr Dadabhai Naoroji, the first Ethnic Minority Member of the British Parliament and one of the outstanding figures in the political history of India.

Since those early days, our Association has continuously forged ahead with important achievements, like acquiring a burial plot in 1863 at Brookwood exclusively for Zoroastrians. From 1870 to 1925 we assisted the Zoroastrians in Iran by directly petitioning the Qajar Shahs. In 1906 Jamsheed Jamsheedian was sent to be the first Zoroastrian representative into the Iranian Majlis. From 1939 to 1945 ZTFE assisted the UK Government financially in the war effort. In 1966 Dr Sohrabji Kutar was made the first Dastur of Zoroastrians of Europe. A “Setayesh Gah” for our worship was inaugurated on 6th September 1969 and in 1997 ZTFE hosted the Second World Zoroastrian Youth Congress.

Our Present

The vision for the continuity of progress has much accelerated in recent times projecting the Association into an outward looking Organisation. European Zoroastrians are now formally represented at national and international levels. Our Presidents and officials have met Her Majesty the Queen regularly with other members of the Royal Family and also Government Ministers at official engagements. The Zoroastrian Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty at our Zoroastrian Centre was attended by HRH Prince Edward and Sophie Countess of Wessex.

Our initiative for inter-religious dialogues have resulted in our Senior Mobed invited to meet the Pope at the Vatican. Zoroastrians in the United Kingdom have become national leaders in commerce and business as well as in various professions and have been bestowed with national awards and honours. Our annual Muktaf prayers and monthly Gahambars are performed with great religious sincerity and are attended with zeal and enthusiasm in large numbers. The community are indebted to the untiring dedication of our team of Mobeds.

Thanks to the benevolence of Mobed Mehraban and Late Mobed Faridoon Zartoshty and their families, a Chair in Zoroastrian Studies has been established at SOAS; the only institution in the World to offer Degree courses in Zoroastrian studies. Recently, ZTFE have also provided the first-ever full scholarship to a student from Tehran to study Zoroastrianism at SOAS and prepare for a doctorate - the first Zoroastrian lady student in history to come from Iran and enrol at SOAS for Zoroastrian studies.

Our Future

The establishment of the Zartoshty Brothers Hall and the move of our Social, Cultural and Religious activities to the new Zoroastrian Centre at Harrow earmarks an era of past achievement and boosts confidence in our future.

The 8th World Zoroastrian Congress 2005

The Association is honoured to host the 8th World Zoroastrian Congress. We welcome you to attend, involve and participate at this Congress. Attached herewith are Registration Form and relevant Congress details. We are confident that with the meeting of people that are dispersed globally can lead to better understanding and tolerance of our diversities. We are equally confident we shall all propel ourselves forward globally, more united with faith in our future for a better world to live in harmony with each other.





Friday 24 June 2005

08:30 – 10:30	Registration in Wembley Conference Centre Foyer
10:30 – 13:00	Opening Ceremony in the Grand Hall
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch (not included)
15:00 – 17:00	Plenary panel session
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner (included in package)
21:00 – 23:00	Variety Performance (included in package) Parsi/Indian/Western entertainment, traditional Parsi dress (dugli/gara)



Saturday 25 June 2005

10:00 – 11:30	Multiple parallel sessions
11:30 – 12:00	Break
12:00 – 13:30	Multiple parallel sessions
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch (not included)
15:00 – 16:30	Session with speaker panel
16:30 – 17:00	Break
17:00 – 18:00	Session with speaker panel
20:30 – Late	Singles night (additional charge) Couples/Family night (additional charge)




Sunday 26 June 2005

11:00 – 13:00	Multiple parallel sessions
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch (not included)
14:30 – 15:45	Session with speaker panel
15:45 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	Session with speaker panel
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner (included in package)
21:00 – 23:00	Iranian Variety Performance (included in package), traditional Iranian Dress




Monday 27 June 2005

09:30 – 11:00	Multiple parallel sessions
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	Multiple parallel sessions
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch (not included)
14:30 – 15:45	Session with speaker panel
15:45 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	Session with speaker panel
17:00 – 20:00	Meet and mingle, Informal Evening (no dinner arrangements)



Tue - Thu 28 - 30 June

09:00 - 14:00	Daily tours: London & UK sightseeing, Zoroastrian Related Exhibitions
14:00 – 19:00	Seminars on Commerce, Enterprise, World Body and Global Recognition, Spicy topical issues
19:00 - 21:00	Daily Dinner (included in package)
21:00 till late	Films, Shahnameh reading, Poetry



Friday 1 July 2005

09:00 – 17:00	Tours: London & UK sightseeing, Zoroastrian Related Exhibitions
17:00 – 18:15	Jashan-e-Tirgan Jashan
18:15 – 20:00	Closing Ceremony Passing the torch
20:00 – Late	Farewell dinner & dance (included in package)

Programme topics and timings may be changed at the discretion of the organisers.

History & Heritage

- Tracing our roots back to Iran
- Kisseh-i-Sanjan; Zoroastrian refugees from Khorasaan to Sanjan
- Parsis in the Indian sub continent
- Communal riots, desecration of Parsi fire temples in Bombay
- Taking inspiration from Naoroji, Bhownagree, Saklatvala, Jeejbhoy, Tata, Godrej, Jokhi, Guiv, Zartoshty & others.
- First Indian to visit UK was a Zoroastrian
- The first Zoroastrian to visit the USA
- Zoroastrian Diaspora Communities
- ZTFE; oldest Association in the West
- Zoroastrian Cemetery in Britain, established 1863
- Achievers - From Dadabhai Naoroji to Karan Bilimoria CBE

Zoroastrians of Iran

- Their achievements in face of adversity
- From rulers of empires to a fringe minority
- Remembering Manekji Limji Hataria & others
- Persian Amelioration society
- Petit, Reporter, Jamshidian, Shahrokh & others
- ZTFE and the Zoroastrians of Iran

Rituals, Culture & Literature

- Demonstration of Rituals
- Explanation of festivals
- Religious Pilgrimages to Iran & India
- Origins of Parsi Cooking
- Iran the motherland of the Zoroastrians
- Shahnameh story telling
- Fiction by Zoroastrian Authors

Commerce & Enterprise

A confluence of chapters from all regions of the world to take the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce a step ahead and to devise mechanisms to increase the growth of the Zarathusti enterprise worldwide.

Entertainment & fun activities

- Two Variety Performances with dinners: Iranian night and Parsi night; wear traditional outfits, together we will rekindle the Zarathusti *panu* amongst us
- **Speed dating & Singles night**
- Family/Couples night
- Tours & sightseeing (see page 8)

Current Issues

Talks and discussions on issues requiring the attention of the community:

- **Formation of the World Body**
- Mixed faith marriages
- Converting out of Zoroastrianism
- Emerging Zoroastrian nations
- Female and behdin priests
- Safeguarding the Iranshah
- Racism
- Problems faced by Parsis
- Zoroastrianism in Interfaith

Youth Issues

- Religious Education
- Identity & Future Leadership
- **Finding soul mates**
- Passing on the faith
- Growing up in Islamic Iran, Secular India & the



Religious Texts

- Gathas
- Yashts/Avesta
- Vendidad
- Heptanhiti
- Bundahishn
- Arda Wiraz Namag
- Denkard
- Persian Rivayats

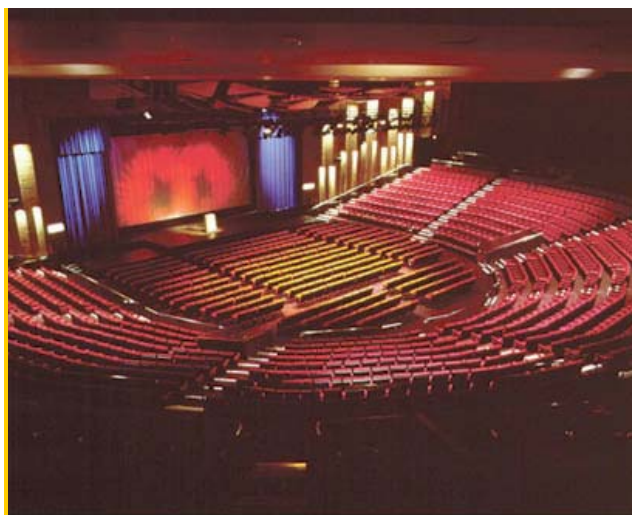
Competitions

- Submit your essay on the day of registration the topic being "Your interpretation of Zoroastrian values in everyday life"
- Elocution competition. Topics announced at registration.



above: ZTFE New Year's Day dinner at the Criterion Restaurant, London in 1936
Photo from ZTFE Archives

left: Manekji Limji Hataria in a White Beard & holding a stick with Zoroastrian school children in Yazd
Collection Khojeste Mistree, photo from "A Zoroastrian Tapestry"



24 June to 27 June 2005
Wembley Conference Centre
 Elvin House, Stadium Way, Wembley HA9 0DW
www.wembley.co.uk

Wembley Conference Centre is a purpose built conference and exhibition venue in London, with Heathrow International Airport only 30 minutes away. It has three London Underground stations and one National Railway station in close proximity. Wembley also has ample car parking spaces on site. Wembley Park is the nearest London Underground Station.

The Zartoshty Brothers Hall at Zoroastrian Centre, is only 5 stops (10 minutes) away from the Wembley Conference Centre and hotels, using the London Underground Metropolitan line.

We recommend delegates to stay in the Wembley hotels mentioned overleaf throughout the 8 day Congress.

Overseas visitors may fly into London Heathrow Airport or London Gatwick Airport.



28 June to 1 July 2005
Zartoshty Brothers Hall
Zoroastrian Centre of Europe
 440 Alexandra Avenue, Harrow HA2 9TL
www.ztfe.com



Through the munificence of Mobed Meherban & Late Mobed Faridoon Zartoshty, the ZTFE have acquired this grade 2 listed heritage property. It is located opposite Rayners Lane London Underground Station. Central London can be reached within 30 minutes on the Piccadilly and the Metropolitan lines.

Registration Package

- Cost of registration includes delegate fees for the 8 day Congress, 2 Variety Performances with dinners on 24th and 26th June & 4 dinners on 28, 29, 30 June & 1 July. Not included in the registration fees are lunches, coffees, sightseeing tours, flights and accommodation.
- Singles Night & Family Night on June 25th additional £30 per person.
- Single Day Delegate Fee £50 per person per day - excludes evening meals and Variety Performances.
- Evening Dinner and Variety Performance only - £40 per person per each evening.
- Preferred method of registration and payment is online at:
www.ztfe.com/Congress005

WZC005 Registration Package for each person

*Student/ **Family/ Group of 4	Individuals	Children Under 3 years	Children 3 to 10 years	Application & Payment Received by
£200 each	£200	Free	£75 each	31 st Dec 2004
£250 each	£275			21 st Mar 2005
£300 each	£325			21 st May 2005
£350 each	£350			After 21 st May 2005, subject to availability

*Student ID required for registration.
 **Family comprises parents/children under 18
 Rates in the family column applies to each member of the family

Hotels



Ibis Hotel ★★

5 minutes walk from the Conference Centre
 Single £41 / Double £42 (Room only)
 £5 per person extra for Continental Breakfast
 Quote Ref: "027686 for WZC005"
 Tel: +44 20 8453 5100
 Fax: +44 20 8453 5110
 H3141@accor.com
www.ibishotel.com



Rates quoted are per room per night. They have been provided by the respective hotels and cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that registered delegates are responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation. All above hotels require a credit card number to secure booking, without which request for accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Please do not send payment for accommodation to us. Accounts must be settled directly with the Hotel. Hotel's "Conditions of Booking" will apply. If you need to extend your stay, please secure your booking at the Hotel accordingly.

In addition to these hotels, we may recommend places offering budget accommodation, which are further away from the Wembley Conference Centre. If you prefer this type of accommodation, please tick appropriate box on the registration form.

Congress organisers cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the information provided.

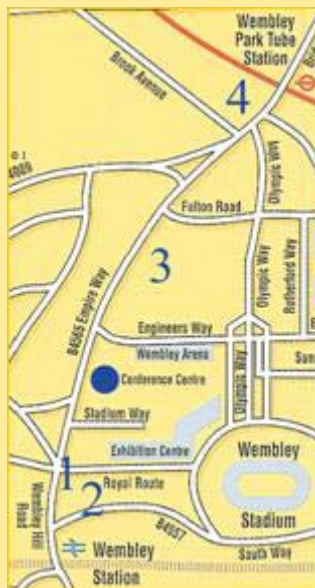


Wembley Plaza Hotel by Hilton Hotels ★★★★★

2 minutes walk from the Conference Centre.
 Single £80 / Double £80 includes English Breakfast
 Quote Ref: "WZC005"
 Tel: +44 20 8902 8839
 Fax: +44 20 8900 0073
www.wembley-plaza.co.uk



Map of the Wembley Conference Centre and surrounding hotels



- 1- Wembley Plaza Hotel
- 2- Ibis Hotel
- 3- Quality Hotel Wembley
- 4- Premier Travel Inn



Premier Travel Inn Wembley

Economy Class
 6 minutes walk from the Conference Centre
 Double £60
 Breakfast £5 / £7 extra per person
 Tel: +44 870 990 6484
 Fax: +44 870 990 6485
 london.wembley.pti@whitbread.com
www.travelinn.co.uk



Quality Hotel Wembley ★★

3 minutes walk from the Conference Centre
 Single £79 / Double £89 / Triple £109 includes continental breakfast
 Quote Ref: "Congress 2005"
 Tel: +44 20 8733 9000
 Fax: +44 20 8733 9001
 enquires@hotels-wembley.com
www.hotels-wembley.com





Tours & Sightseeing

For further information on tours, please indicate your interest on the registration form. We will email you information when arrangements have been finalised.

Within London

London City Sightseeing, Madam Tussauds wax museum, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Hampton Court Palace, British Museum (for Achaemenid and Persian Coins), British Library (for Avestan and Zoroastrian manuscripts), National and Tate Galleries, Thames River Cruise. West End theatre and an evening stroll at Leister Square and Trafalgar Square. Prices range from £10 to £20 per person per visit.

Outside London

Day trips to Windsor Castle & Eton, University towns of Cambridge and Oxford, Shakespeare's birth place at Stratford upon Avon and other historical places of

Submission for Abstracts

Papers should be novel, challenging and must reflect the past, current as well as future trends and practices in all respects of Zoroastrian Social, Cultural, Educational and Religious lives. Authors must submit initially a 101-word synopsis along with a 1001 word draft manuscript to outline their proposed paper by the stipulated date, indicating the 'subject area' they wish the paper to be considered for.

Category	Cut off Dates
Submissions of Titles & Abstracts	31 st Dec 2004
Acceptance Notification	31 st Jan 2005
Submission of Revised Manuscript	21 st Mar 2005
Review Comments to Authors	10 th Apr 2005
Submission of Final Papers	10 th May 2005

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