

World Journalism Education Congress

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Mechelen, Belgium

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Congress theme

The congress theme will be **renewing Journalism Through Education**.

Panel themes are amongst others professional ethics, investigative journalism, international reporting, media & information literacy, social media & empowerment and research on journalism education.

We kindly welcome all teachers, researchers and decision makers, currently working in the educational area, to participate in this world journalism education congress.

Information about the **programme** can be found here: <http://wjec.be/programme/>

Early Bird Registration

Save € 50 by booking early!

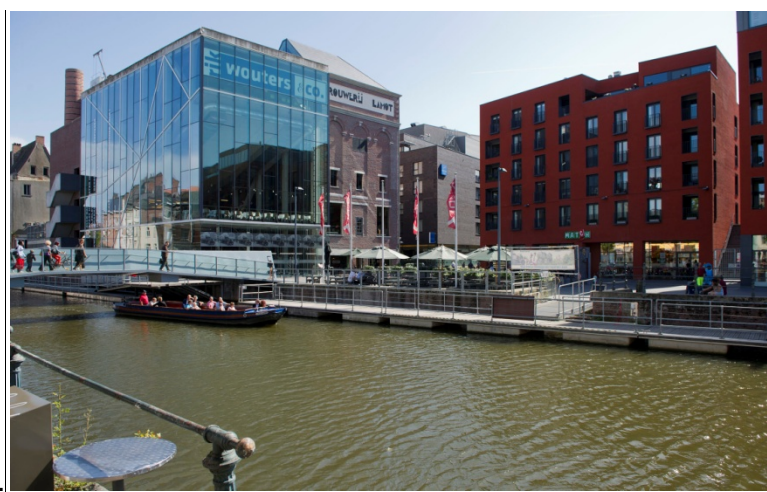
Early-bird fee until 31 March 2013: **€300**. **Register here:** <http://wjec.be/registration/>

Congress venue

Mechelen is a Dutch-speaking city and municipality in the province of Antwerp, **Belgium**, and lies on the major urban and industrial axis Brussels-Antwerp, about 25 km from each city.

Thanks to its central location, Mechelen is easy to reach by train from practically any Belgian or European city. A new, direct express train link from Brussels Airport will have you in Mechelen Central Station in just eight minutes.

The congress will be held at [Thomas More Mechelen](#) and at [Lamot Congress Centre](#)



Star Alliance – Official Airline Network for the congress

Registered participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the event can qualify for a **discount of up to 20%**.

To obtain the Star Alliance Conventions Plus discounts please visit on our **travel page** to access the Conventions Plus online booking tool: <http://wjec.be/travel/>

Accommodation

We have **reserved rooms** across Mechelen for congress participants. A list and map of the hotels can be found on <http://wjec.be/accommodation/>

You are requested to book your room **directly** with the hotel, youth hostel or B&B of your choice. We recommend to book your room as early as possible. The **booking code** is mentioned in the attached PDF file on our accommodation page.

Social programme

On Thursday evening 4 July, you can join one of the guided tours through Mechelen. You can indicate the tour of your choice when you register for the congress: <http://wjec.be/registration/>



- **Mechelen on and along the water:** Pleasant walk along the most idyllic spots on the waterfront in Mechelen, with a nice boat trip on the Inner Dyle.
- **Visit St Rumbold's Cathedral:** There is no better way to get to know Mechelen and its environs than to look out from the skywalk at the top of the St Rumbold's Tower. As you climb the tower (500 stairs!), a guide tells you everything about the history of the city.
- **Historic City Walk:** Did you know that Mechelen played an important political and economic role in the Burgundian period? Many historical buildings bear witness to this. Hold on, because the list is long: the Sint-Romboutskathedraal, the former palaces of Margaret of Austria and Margaret of York, the paleis van de Grote Raad, ... So don't hesitate and follow the guide through 16th-century Mechelen.
New! During the historic city walk, you can now take a look at the just-discovered 14th-century frescoes in the Sint-Janskerk. Not to be missed!
- **Carolus (beer) walk:** Gouden Carolus Classic selected as one of the world's best 7 beers ! Double Gold for Brewery Het Anker at the World Beer Awards 2012. City visit incl. beer tasting.
- **Mechelen city-on-the-Dyle:** Explore Mechelen along its lifeblood, the River Dyle. Walk with your group alongside a number of typical Mechelen inlets, like the Melaan, a tributary of the Dyle, and cross the plank bridges from one bank to the other. The city once owed its prosperity to water.

Dinner Wednesday 3 July

Venue: Salons Van Dijck: <http://www.huisvandijck.be/en/historical-venues/salons-van-dijck/intro>

These magnificent halls are located in the heart of Mechelen, within walking distance of the Grand Place. More than 50 years already, Salons Van Dijck is known for its beautiful scenery.

This dinner is covered by your registration fee, but you are kindly requested to confirm your participation on the registration page.