The 70th annual Bilderberg meeting will run from May 30 through June 2 in Madrid, Spain, AFP learned only a few hours after the May 13 & 20, 2024 edition went to press.

Bilderberg will be hosting its 70th meeting in 70 years, having started via CIA seed money in 1954 at the Hotel de Bilderberg in the Netherlands. Since that time, every year, the world's wealthiest elites and top officials from the West have gathered behind locked and guarded doors to discuss the most pressing topics of the day—and figure out ways to control and profit from them.

Covering the secretive confab for over 22 years, AFP has photographed billionaires, world leaders, even kings and queens at the five-star resorts that Bilderberg always rents out and closes down for their confabs in the spring or early summer.

UK reporter Tony Gosling, who worked with the late AFP sleuth Jim Tucker covering Bilderberg in the 1990s, contacted this AFP writer the night of May 9 to confirm that the ultra-exclusive, secretive elite meeting will take place on those dates at the Madrid Eurostars Suites-Mirasierra.

Gosling, after he was contacted to help AFP broaden the search, got back with AFP after about 48 hours and provided the main source of this information—the Swedish newspaper *Nya Tider*—though he was not at liberty to disclose who tipped him off on that rather obscure website's breaking article.

According to that site, certain Swedish government officials, under pressure from disclosure laws, came clean about where the elite group will be convening this year.

Since the official Bilderberg news site, as of May 23, had not yet posted where and when this year's meeting would take place, there is, as of this date, no guest or topics lists available.

This writer sent the *Nya Tider* piece to the Dutch-based Bilderberg news department to see if they will own up to the details about this year's meeting sooner than usual and release them.

As AFP goes to press on May 23, Bilderberg's official public relations had not responded.

In recent years, the advance time between when Bilderberg would officially release its meeting information and when the meeting would start had been reduced to three to four days, so as to discourage the often cash-strapped "riff-raff" public and alt-news from swarming the place.