OOPC-13

Thirteenth meeting of the GCOS-GOOS-WCRP Ocean Observations Panel for Climate

Buenos Aires, Argentina
9-12 June 2008

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Meeting Location: The meeting will be held in the Palacio San Martín, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, located at:
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1007 Buenos Aires
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Suggested hotels are located at walking distance from the Palacio San Martín

Internet Access: Wi-Fi will be available at the meeting room.

Transportation from/to Ezeiza Airport: Ezeiza International Airport is located at about 35 km from downtown Buenos Aires (Travel time: about 45 minutes).

Chauffeured cars: (maximum capacity: 4 passengers)
• There are several companies (e.g., Manuel Tienda Leon (www.tiendaleon.com.ar), Transfer Express, VIP Car. You will find all the booths as you go out from the Customs area and before crossing the door to the public hall.
  The price is about AR$ 115 (about USD 37)

Important: for your own safety, do not contract transport services from free-lance drivers.

Hotel accommodation:

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| Hotel Regente Suipacha 964 | Superior – USD 127  
Suite – USD 154  
(rates for single/double room) | 15 superior rooms and 3 suites were blocked with **code 186714** |
| Arenal 855 Tel: 54 11 4324 9400 Fax: 54 11 4324 9493 mclonghi@loisuites.com.ar | Studio Standard: USD 110 Studio Superior USD 130 | 5 standard and 5 superior rooms were blocked with **code 810** |

*All rates include taxes and breakfast.

** Deadline for hotel reservations: reservations must be made before May 20, 2008. Each guest will be asked for a credit card to guarantee the reservation.
Should you have any problems with hotel reservations, please contact Paula Richter (paulinkka@yahoo.com)
Weather: Buenos Aires has a mild warm and humid climate. In winter, days are cool and nights very cold. (Average mean temperature: 11.5 ºC; Average Low: 7.7 ºC; Average Hi: 15.7 ºC. Winters are very humid, with average humidity values of 79% in June and July. Fog and mist are very common in this season at dawn. For further information: http://www.smn.gov.ar/ and Annex 3

Exchange Rate: Dollars can be exchanged freely at an approximate exchange rate of 3.15 pesos per dollar. There is an exchange office and the Banco de la Nacion Argentina (open 24 hours) at the Ezeiza International Airport where you can buy pesos. In addition, in Buenos Aires you can change dollars in many official exchange offices and banks. For information on exchange rates, visit http://www.dolarsi.com/

Voltage: 220 volts, 50 Hertz.

Telephone Codes: Country code = 54
Buenos Aires city code = 11

Credit Cards and Automatic Tellers: Major credit and debit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Buenos Aires. Automatic tellers are numerous around the city. They may be used to obtain cash through the major credit cards such as Visa, Mastercard, American Express.

Information about Buenos Aires
www.buenosaires.gov.ar/areas/turismo/index.php
www.turismo.gov.ar
www.welcomeargentinat.com
www.todotango.com.ar
www.studentsoftheworld.info/pageinfo_pays.php3?Pays=ARG (general information on the country)

Security: Buenos Aires is, generally speaking, a safe city, however, it is still a big city. If you bear in mind the following recommendations, you will enjoy your stay without major problems:
- Keep your passport, air tickets and cash in your hotel safe
- Do not walk on lonely streets or parks at night
- Do not stop taxis after 10 pm. Call radio taxis