

USEFUL INFO TO GET AT HAND FOR THE FIRST HOURS

At the International Airport

If you are arriving from abroad you will be probably landing at Ministro Pistarini Airport (Ezeiza).

From Minister Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport to Buenos Aires City As there are no trains from Minister Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport to Buenos Aires City (30 kilometers apart), we recommend to consider taking a Manuel Tienda León Company's Bus. The Manuel Tienda León regular Bus Service is offered in 45 passengers' last generation units, fully equipped with air conditioning systems, audio, permanent connection to base and reclinable seats that provide the maximum available comfort in the market. The regular departures are every 30 minutes between Minister Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport and Buenos Aires' downtown (1299 E. Madero Av.). As a matter of fact, you will be able to choose the "delivery and pick up service" in the central area that will allow you to move from our central terminal in 1299 E. Madero Av. to your hotel inside the predetermined area. Please note that if you reserve a Bus Service round trip ("Ida y Vuelta"), asking for "delivery and pick up service" (to reach your hotel from the airport/be picked up from your hotel to the airport), the ticket is cheaper than buying the same separately. You can also take a car with driver ("remis") from the same company or others at Minister Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport (Note: We recommend NOT TAKING a car offered by ordinary people outside the Airport's main hall). These services could be arranged in the small hall surrounded with offices right after the sliding door after clearing customs (this place is only accesible for arriving passengers).

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Money

The currency is the Argentine Pesos (pesos). Approximate exchange (July 2010) rates are 1 u\$s = 3,92 AR\$; 1 euro = 5,04 AR\$.

You can exchange money at the airport (Ministro Pistarini, Ezeiza). There is place in the luggage claim area, another one at the arriving area after clearing customs (Banco Nación) and another one (Banco Piano) just in front of the airline desks in the departure area. At the city center you can exchange money at any bank or at the currency exchange offices. Sometimes you are offered to exchange money in the street and although this may not be unsafe this is not recommended. Banks and exchange offices are usually open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. Some exchange offices may have extended hours. You can also get local (as well as u\$s) notes using your credit card (VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS) at the ATMs. They are usually located in the bank building but with open 24 hs access. They are also located in shopping centers. The service is managed by two different networks named LINK and BANELCO.

Telephone

Pay phones work with cards that may be purchased in kiosks and telephone companies offices, or with legal tender coins. There are also stores with pay phones (open 24 hours a day) where you can pay in cash.

Calling to Argentina from abroad, dial the country code (54) and then the area code of the place you want to call (e.g. 11 for Buenos Aires area). For domestic calls, dial 0 before the area code and then the telephone number. For international calls, dial 00, the country code and city code.

Note that tariffs are reduced from 10.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.

Electricity

Argentina uses 220 v 50/60 hz electrical system.

Argentina has standardized on type I sockets and plugs. Type C plugs and power points are still commonly found in older buildings.

At the Venue (Panamericano hotel)

ROOMS DISTRIBUTION

ROOM	LOCATION	COMMENTS
Río Paraná	1st Basement level ("1er subsuelo")	
Río Colorado	1st Basement level ("1er subsuelo")	
Amazonas	1st Basement level ("1er subsuelo")	
Uruguay	1st Basement level ("1er subsuelo")	
Mocoretá	1st Basement level (Í 1er subsuelo")	LOC
Guaiquiraró	1st Basement level ("1er subsuelo")	
Foyer	1st Basement level ("1er subsuelo")	
Buenos Aires	Lobby level ("Planta Baja")	
Los Jardines	Half level up the lobby ("Entrepiso")	
Panamericano	Half level up the lobby ("Entrepiso")	
Foyer Panamericano	Half level up the lobby ("Entrepiso")	Registration/Staff
San Martín	1 st Floor ("1r piso")	
Sarmiento	1 st Floor ("1r piso")	

Patagonia	2 nd Floor ("2do piso")	
Los Bosques	2 nd Floor ("2do piso")	
Los Lagos	2 nd Floor ("2do piso")	
Los Andes	2nd Floor ("2do piso")	Cyber-cafe

Registration: Although we have scheduled a main registration period at the Gran Salon Panamericano from noon to 4 pm on Monday the 2nd of August, you will be able to register at any time between 8:30 am to 6:30 pm from July 30 to August 10 at a centrally located registration desk (Foyer of the Panamericano room).

Receipts will be given for registration payment.

LOC secretary will be located at Mocoetá room. In addition a permanent help-desk will be available at the Foyer of the Panamericano room.

SCAR and COMNAP secretaries will be located at the San Martin/Sarmiento rooms.

An internet café with 15 PCs and 15 cable connections for laptops will be located at Los Andes room. This service will be free of charge for SCAR + OSC and COMNAP participants. Technicians will be ready to help you onsite. Additionally, guests of the Panamericano hotel may use their own wireless access pins.

Note that from August 8th to August 13th the internet café will be moved to the Foyer of the Panamericano room.

Press information

Please contact Mrs. Fernanda Reboul (direcnacantartic@gmail.com)

Lunch and coffee breaks

Participants are responsible for their own eating arrangements (lunch and dinner).

The hotel has a very good restaurant (80 AR\$ a buffete lunch) and there are plenty of different options just around the corner or two or three blocks from the venue. A list of some restaurants and bars close to the venue will be provided as a reference.

Coffee and tea will be made available at the specified times in the program. Note that coffee will not be available in the afternoon of August the 6th after the closing ceremony.

Opening Ceremony:

The opening ceremony will take place in the Gran Salon Panamericano. It will include welcome and opening speeches from Argentine authorities, SCAR/COMNAP authorities and the chairs of the LOC.

Icebreaker:

After the opening ceremony, Argentina as the local hosts would like to invite participants to an icebreaker event in the first basement floor of the Hotel Panamericano (just downstairs from the opening ceremony room!)

Open Science Conference Banquet:

The OSC banquet will be offered at the Gran Salon Panamericano at 8:30 pm on Thursday August 5th.

Tickets at a cost of u\$s 80 can be purchased at the registration desk but we encourage you to make it as soon as possible because there are limited places.