

IAU Symposium 313

“Extragalactic Jets from every angle”

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Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)

Webpage: <http://iau313ecuador.epn.edu.ec>

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1 Registration

The registration date (July 1st, 2014) has passed. Please note that there is no late registration and no on-site registration.

We remind you that the registration is not considered complete until the fee is received. If you have not yet completed the registration and have not already informed the LOC/SOC chairs via email of your circumstance, please do so immediately. In order to complete the registration process please send the payment receipt via e-mail to the following two addresses:

observatorio.astronomico@epn.edu.ec

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Note:

According the Ecuadorian government regulations, the host institution Escuela Politecnica Nacional requires the passport number of the participants in order to receive the payment for the registration fee and issue the invoices. Sending by email directly back to LOC would be the most convenient, but if feel some hesitation in sending this information over e-mail, this could be done by phone (593 2 2570765 Ext. 0).

Registration fees:

Regular registration (before July 1st, 2014): US \$ 400

Regular registration for students (postdocs excluded) (before July 1st, 2014): US \$ 275

The registration fee includes:

- Group transportation from Baltra airport to Puerto Ayora town center on arrival dates (Sep. 13th and 14th) and departure dates (Sep. 20th and 21st).
- Participants' kits (abstract book, program and other materials).
- Welcome Reception on Sunday evening, September 14th.
- Coffee/tea breaks and refreshments.
- A copy of the IAU S313 Proceedings Book.
- **new: Social excursions on Wednesday for attendees and accompanying persons.**

2 Location and Venue

The IAU Symposium entitled “Extragalactic Jets from every angle” (Galapagos 2014), will take place in the Puerto Ayora town, Capital of Galapagos Province of Ecuador and located in the Santa Cruz island, the second largest of the Galapagos islands of Ecuador. Puerto Ayora is the most populous town in the Galapagos Islands, with more than 12,000 inhabitants. This town is the capital of Santa Cruz Island, and it has the best developed infrastructure in the archipelago. This is a safe tourist town, and offers many activities and attractions to the visitors.

The symposium venue is the auditorium of the Santa Cruz Municipality, with a capacity for 250 people, located in the very center of the town (between the Grand Lobo de Mar Hotel and the office of TAME, an Ecuadorian airline). The conference is organized with the support of the mayor of the city and his administrative collaborators.

The venue address is:

Av. Charles Darwin y 12 de Febrero
Puerto Ayora, Capital of Galapagos, Ecuador
Tel: 593-5 2526 153, Fax: 593-5 2526 505

3 Weather and Forecast

The climate in Galapagos is not tropical and the weather is very good for visiting all year round. September is the central month of the “dry season” which is known for its blue skies and mild temperatures (24 °C/75 °F daytime, 18 °C/65 °F nighttime).

Additional information about the local weather can be found in the following link:

<http://www.galapagosislands.com/galapagos-resources/galapagos-weather.html>.

4 Program Outline

The IAU Symposium, entitled “Extragalactic Jets from every angle” (Galapagos 2014), will be held in the Galapagos Islands from September 15th (Monday) to 19th (Friday), 2014. Registration and welcome will be organized on September 14th (Sunday), while the social dinner will be on September 18th (Thursday).

The preliminary program is already available on the conference website:

<http://iau313ecuador.epn.edu.ec/program.html>

The final program, along with the list of accepted contributed posters, will be posted by mid-July once all the registrations are verified.

5 Abstract submission

The Abstract submission deadline has passed (2014 March 1st for talks and July 1st for posters). If you have not received an email notifying you of your abstract's status, please notify us immediately iausymp313@gmail.com

6 Travel arrangements

VISA

A valid passport is required for travel to mainland Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. According to information provided by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, most nationalities do not require visas for Ecuador and the Islands to stay up to 90 days. Upon entry visitors are automatically given a 90-day tourist visa. Upon arrival in Ecuador or on your flight to Ecuador, you will fill out a T3 Tourist Information Card. This will be turned into immigration upon arrival and a copy of it will be returned to you along with your passport. You will be required to turn it in when you leave the country.

Only Citizens of the People's Republic of China, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan and Somalia require visas, but please verify potential updates to your home country regulations. The LOC will work with such participants to provide any necessary letter of invitation. Travelers also need to show proof of departure from Ecuador to customs and immigration as they arrive in the country; this can simply be a return or onward airline ticket.

Note however there is a 100 USD tourist fee upon arrival to the Galapagos Islands as it is a natural preserve land. This is payable only in US dollars cash. Please note that there are no ATM at the Baltra airport available at the arrival to withdraw the money necessary to pay the tourist fee. The official currency in Ecuador is the USA dollar.

AIRFARES

The main airport on the Galapagos Islands is Baltra airport (airport code: GPS). Baltra airport is served internationally by LAN Ecuador and additionally by the following Ecuadorean airlines: AeroGal and TAME. The transfer from the airport to the town of Puerto Ayora will be arranged by the LOC only from/to this airport on arrival dates (Sep.13th and Sep. 14th) and departure dates (Sep. 20th and 21st).

ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference venue is a highly touristic place visited by thousands of tourists during the year, thus the town of Puerto Ayora has well developed hotels and hostel services. The deadline to book the special rates with the main hotels arranged by the LOC has passed. Information on other available accommodation in Puerto Ayora can be found on the symposium webpage.

7 Transportation to/from the airport

At Baltra airport, there are free buses provided by the airlines companies to carry passengers from the airport to the channel that separates Baltra and Santa Cruz Islands (it lasts about 10 minutes). To cross the channel to get to Santa Cruz island, one needs to take a ferry which costs 1 US Dollar (this trip lasts 10 minutes). From here to the Santa Cruz side of the channel, group transportation to Puerto Ayora town center on arrival dates (Sep.13th and 14th) and departure dates (Sep. 20th and 21st) will be provided by the LOC free of charge. In order to use this transfer service, participants must complete the form in the corresponding part of the SOCIAL EVENTS, to reserve a place. This form will appear soon in the Symposium Homepage: <http://iau313ecuador.epn.edu.ec/form.html>

Please, verify if your hotel will assist you with this issue. Commonly, most of the hotels include this service in their rates.

If you decide on your own to get to Puerto Ayora, on the Santa Cruz channel side there are buses of public transportation for 1.80 USD. The trip lasts 1 hour. Also, there are private double cabin pickups (TAXI) up to 4 people for 18 USD each, in this case the trip lasts about 45 minutes.

8 Social Events

- Welcome Reception on Sunday evening, September 14th, at 18:30-22:00 (included in the registration fee).
The LOC is organizing an informal welcome reception at a local restaurant close to the auditorium in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island. The Symposium participants are welcome. This event is free of charge, but you must to reserve your participation and your companions, filling the relevant part of the form available on the Symposium webpage (“Social Events”).
- Group excursion on Wednesday, September 17th, at 14:00-20:00 (included in the registration fee). The LOC organized several tours for all the Symposium participants (companions are also welcome). Participants who want to take part of one of these group excursions to visit the attractions of Santa Cruz Island have to register selecting **only a single option** among those available on the Symposium webpage (“Social Events”). Please note that there is a limit of 45 persons for each excursion. The LOC is not arranging additional group excursion opportunities.
- Social Dinner on Thursday, September 18th, at 19:00-23:00 (not included in the registration fee). Social event of the Symposium to be held at the elegant Royal Palm Hotel restaurant. The price is 45 USD per person. If you are interest in taking part of this event, please make your reservation filling the relevant part of the form available on the Symposium webpage (“Social Events”). The conference dinner has a capacity of 150 people. Companions of participants are welcome and will be accommodated in order of the reservation received.

Please visit: <http://iau313ecuador.epn.edu.ec/form.html> for all details.

For those arriving early or staying late, we will provide information for additional (not included in registration fee) regarding excursion opportunities and/or activities on

Sunday, September 14th and on Saturday, September 20th (additional information will be provided later on the Symposium homepage and/or on site at the registration desk).

9 Travel tips

The Galapagos Islands are peaceful places where crimes, theft or bad incidents rarely occur. Visitors and tourists can walk around different places completely safe. The islands are one of the safest and most beautiful places on the planet where one can enjoy the wonders of nature without any concern.

1. The local people on Santa Cruz island have recommended to bring an umbrella and a light jacket. September is usually not a rainy month but sometime it could rain and the evenings could be chilly (15-18°C).
2. **Upon arrival at the Baltra airport, foreign visitors must pay 100 USD in cash to enter to Galapagos islands. Please, be sure to have this money since there are **no ATM machines in the Baltra airport** and the payment with credit cards is not accepted.**
3. In the Puerto Ayora town, ATM machines can be found close to the auditorium of the Symposium and hotels. Cirrus, Visa, Plus and other cards are accepted.
4. In the Puerto Ayora town, the major credit cards are accepted (except American Express) in restaurants and hotels.
5. The Puerto Ayora town is rather small and almost everything is within walking distance, however if you decide to take a TAXI (white double cabin pickups), the typical costs is about 1 USD for short rides.
6. Once in Ecuador, starting your trip to the Galapagos Islands, at the time of the embark in Quito or Guayaquil, a 10 USD fee must to be paid by everyone who is traveling to the Islands (domestic and foreign). The ticket that you get in this payment must be kept. It will be collected at Baltra airport at the time of your return to your country.
7. In the town there are many place where to lunch, small restaurants with a variety of offers at a reasonable prices (about 10-15 USD).
8. **The water is not potable, it is not advisable to drink directly from the pipe.** Drinking water is available in bottles.

10 Proceedings

The Symposium proceedings will be published by the IAU publisher, Cambridge University Press (CUP). The proceedings will be published both electronically and in print, and both a hardcopy and online access to the proceedings are included in the proceedings cost. This cost is included in the registration fee of the symposium. Only material presented in person at the meeting will be included in the proceedings.

Following the IAU guidelines, the proceedings must be published within six months of the symposium. Given the three months lead time required by the publishers, and the time required for editing, we request that all manuscripts be submitted by **1 November 2014**. We will not accept any delay.

The style files and sample papers necessary for authors can be found at the following link: http://www.iau.org/publications/proceedings_rules/.

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