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1 Registration and Welcome Desk

The registration date has passed. Please note that there is no late registration and no on-site registration.

The Welcome desk located in the symposium venue will be staffed by the LOC throughout the conference as needed, but primarily from:

Sunday, 14 September, 5pm-8pm

Monday, 15 September, 8am-11am

We encourage you to pick up registration fee receipts and participants' kits at these times.

The Symposium secretary and LOC members will be available throughout the whole symposium to attend to participants with any issues (tourist information/advice, receipts, tickets, excursions, etc.) as well as tickets for the social dinner.

The organization of symposium is complete and registration fee payments are no longer accepted. 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. observatorio.astronomico@epn.edu.ec
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IAU grant recipients will receive their grants from the symposium secretary on Monday morning, the 15th. The payment will be in US Dollars (USD) using the exchange rate 1 Euro = 1.31 USD. The recipients must bring identification and sign a receipt for the amount received.

2 Location and Venue

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 Final Program

The final symposium schedule is posted on the conference website:

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

There will be two poster sessions: Session A (Monday and Tuesday) and Session B (Thursday and Friday). Please check which poster session your contribution has been placed in. Presenters in Session A are kindly requested to remove their posters by Tuesday evening / Wednesday morning; they will otherwise be removed Wednesday afternoon.

5 Travel arrangements

5.1 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. Upon arrival, you will pay a one-time fee of USD 100 (cash) to the Galapagos National Park for permission to enter the national park and marine reserve, which includes everything outside of the little towns. The money is used to conserve and restore the land, water, and animal populations, and to educate the human population about conservation.

5.2 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 and **only** on arrival dates (Sep.13th and Sep. 14th) and departure dates (Sep. 20th and 21st).

5.3 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 Santa Cruz island, one needs to take a ferry by 1USD (this trip lasts 10 minutes). From here, on the channel, Santa Cruz side, group transportation to Puerto Ayora town center and **only** 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 Events Registration portion of the Symposium Homepage.

Please, verify if your hotel will assist you with this issue (transportation to and from the airport). Commonly, most of the hotels include this service in their rates.

If you decide on your own to get to Puerto Ayora from the airport, 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.

5.4 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.

6 Conference Venue Logistics

6.1 Internet access

On Santa Cruz there are lots of Internet cafes and a few WiFi zones. Your hotels will most likely have WiFi access.

Internet Access at the conference venue will be limited to only a single shared desktop computer because of the associated exorbitant cost of internet on the islands. Participants are encouraged to rather use the internet at their hotels and to print out things before arrival in the islands. That said, we hope the limited internet will translate to engaging discussions at the meeting.

The internet service on the islands is too expensive and the speed is low, so it is not a good idea to upload/download files at the time of the symposium. However, it is acceptable to bring your talks on USB drives (pdf or ppt format) or to use personal laptops. Because of the limited internet access, we have made a URL address available to upload your talk before arriving (open until September 13th Galapagos time). The URL is: <http://j.mp/W6HGHj>. Each speaker has been personally contacted with these instructions.

6.2 Electric plugs

In the auditorium, the necessary plugs for charging your laptop will be available. The islands and Puerto Ayora use the 110 volts plug as in Ecuador and the USA.

6.3 ATMs and Banks

There are several ATMs, two branches of the Banco del Pacifico and a Banco del Pinchincha, but only on the island of Santa Cruz and San Cristobal. You can withdraw 200-300 USD cash per day at the ATM on your debit card, depending on your bank's policy. If you need a large amount of cash, you can get a cash advance on your Visa or Mastercard account during bank hours (typically, 8am - 4pm, Monday - Friday, 8am - 1pm Saturday). Check with your cardholder for their charges. There is no ATM or bank at the airport before you pay the USD 100 parks fee plus USD 10 arrival fees. You need to bring cash with you.

6.4 Quality of the tap water

The tap water is very, very poor. You can buy clean bottled water on any corner or refill at the hotels. You should also use bottled water to brush your teeth. Cooked vegetables and fruit you can peel are safe. The water is not potable, it is not advisable to drink directly from the pipe. Drinking water is available in bottles at the auditorium.

7 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 Galapagos **Planet restaurant** located on the main street, Ave Charles Darwin, close to the conference venue (auditorium of the Puerto Ayora city). Those who come first to the Welcome desk at the conference venue can be redirected to the restaurant. All Symposium participants as well as their companions are welcome. This event is free of charge, but you must to reserve your participation and your companions, filling out the relevant part of the form available on the Symposium webpage ("Social Events Registration").
- The LOC organized several tours for all the Symposium participants (companions are also welcome). Social excursions organized by the LOC on Wednesday, September 17th, at 14:00-20:00 (included in the registration fee) offer three options indicated on the Symposium Webpage. The first option is completely full, so for those participants, who has not yet done the choice, we encourage making the registration for the excursion and in general for the social events until September 10th (Galapagos time). The necessary forms are available at the Symposium homepage.
- 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 (companions of the participants are welcome). If you are interested in taking part in this event, please make your reservation filling the relevant part of the form available on the Symposium webpage ("Social Events' Registration'). Please, fill out these forms until September 10th. The payment for the social dinner (45 USD for registered participants) should be done directly to Royal Palm Hotel. Sofia Ramirez, representative of the Hotel, will contact you giving the necessary directions to make the payment.

- Self-organized excursions LOC has contacted local operators and invited to offer their service during the realization of the symposium. Then, tourist information will be available at the symposium secretary and registration desk.

8 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. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. In the Puerto Ayora town, the major credit cards are accepted (except American Express) in restaurants and hotels.
6. 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.
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. We emphasize again: **The water is not potable, it is not advisable to drink directly from the pipe.** Drinking water is available in bottles.

9 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.

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