

40 Meeting of the Directing Council
Bogotá, Colombia
November 7-10, 2007

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Air tickets

Each participant is responsible for the acquisition of his (her) own air ticket. In order for the local organizing committee to properly prepare the logisticals, we will appreciate participants informing on their arrival and departure details to either of the following persons:

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Claudia ULLOA, Head Statutory Meetings, PAIGH
Tel. (52 55) 5515 1910 E-mail: secretariageneral@ipgh.org

2. Lodging

The local organizing committee is preparing the information on the recommended hotels. Shortly this information shall be placed here.

3. Venue for the Symposium

Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi, IGAC
Carrera 30 No. 48-51
Bogotá, Colombia
Tel: (57 1) 369 4087 Lilia Patricia ARIAS / Martha Ivette CHAPARRO
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4. Local transportation

The IGAC will coordinate transportation from the airport to the hotel, upon participants' arrival. To this end, it is necessary to inform the trip schedule opportunely to the persons mentioned in numeral 1.

The local organizing committee will provide transportation in the morning from the hotel to the IGAC and back to the hotel in the afternoon.

5. Lunch

Lunch will be on one's own account; it is approximately US\$ 10 and the payment must be cash in Pesos. Lunch will be offered at the IGAC.

6. Visa and medical insurance

When planning your trip, it is advisable to check with the Colombian Embassy in your country for the entry requirements. Visitors from some countries require a Visa to enter Colombia. The processing and the cost, if there be it, is the duty of each participant.

Likewise, the responsibility to have a medical insurance to cover any medical or odontological event relies on each delegate, as neither the IGAC nor the PAIGH has a collective medical insurance for the Symposium.

7. Currency

The local currency in Colombia is the Peso (\$). As of August 31, 2007, the exchange rate in money exchange offices is \$ 1,780 for US\$ 1. Credit cards are welcome in the majority of the establishments.

NOTE: Changing dollars in the street is strongly unadvised.

8. Power and Internet

Electricity in Colombia is of 110 volts AC, 60 Hz. The electrical sockets are American type, with two flan pins. For some electrical appliances, a transformer and adaptor are required.

At the Symposium's facilities in IGAC there will be wireless access to Internet.

9. More information

The weather in Bogotá in November is often rainy, with temperature between 8°C (46°F) and 18°C (64°F).

Local time:
GMT/UTC minus 5 hours.

Commercial Hours:
In general, stores are open Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Weights and measures:
Metric System

<http://www.bogotaturismo.gov.co:80/>
http://www.turiscolumbia.andes.com/visas_colombia.html