

XXVIII MEETING OF IMSO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
International Mobile Satellite Organization

4 - 6 Octubre 2010
Buenos Aires, Argentina

NEWSLETTER

A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

1. Venue

Hotel NH City

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www.nh-hotels.com

2. Nacional Coordinator

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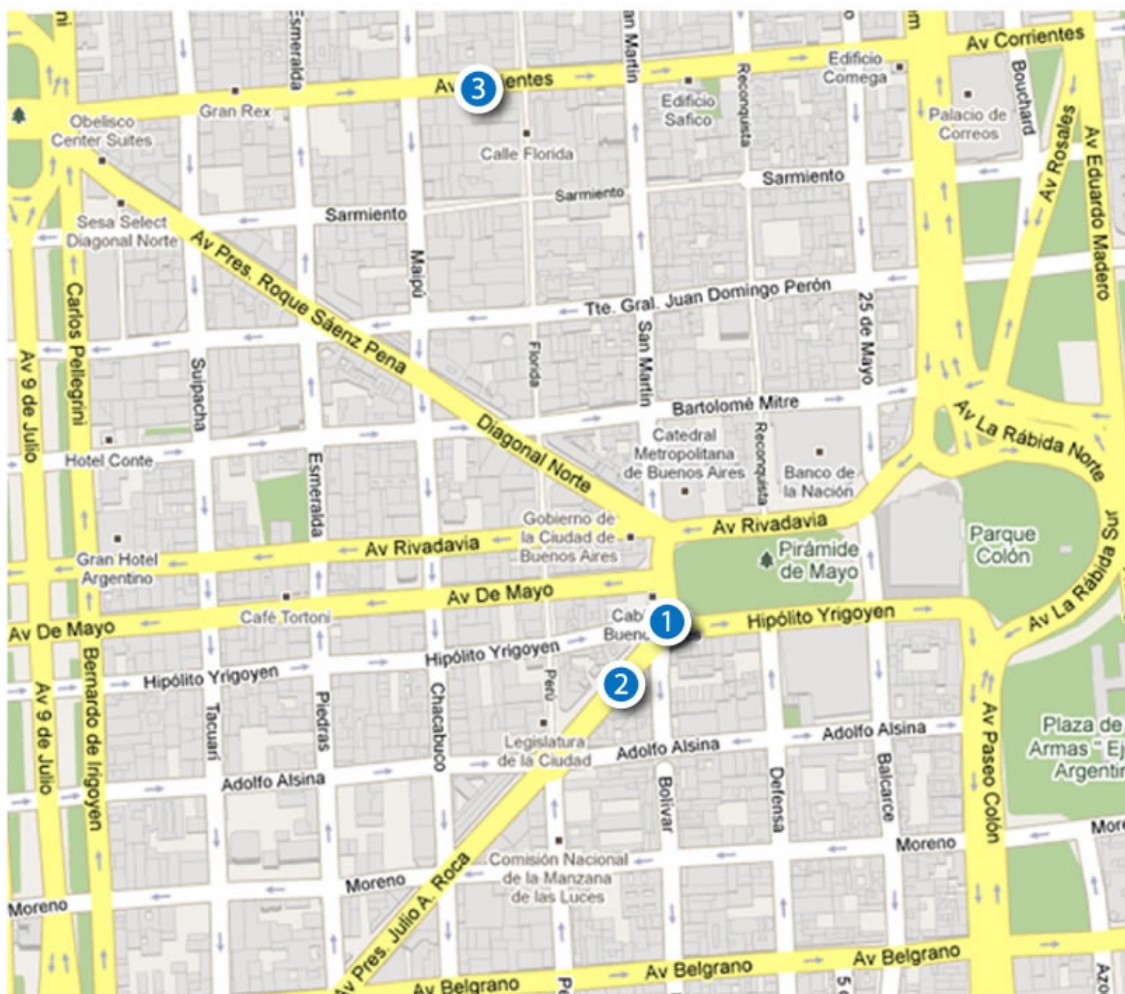
3. Accommodation and hotel reservations

The Argentine Administration has obtained special rates in different downtown hotels. Next page shows a map indicating each hotel's proximity to the meeting venue together with a chart including the corresponding hotel rates.

Attendees are kindly requested to make their reservations by sending an email to the selected hotel with the reservation forms attached to this document.

All reservations should be made as soon as possible and must include a credit card number. You shall receive a confirmation message once your reservation has been accepted by the hotel. In case of failure to attend the meeting, all reservations must be cancelled well in advance.

For further information or inquiries please contact Ms. Verónica Sabas at vsabas@cnc.gov.ar



HOTEL	CATEG	ROOM	RATE	NOTES
(1) NH City (Venue) Bolivar 120 Tel: +5411 57766464 Fax: +5411 57766450 Check-In: 3:00 PM Check-Out: 12:00 PM reservas.mercosur@nh-hotels.com www.nh-hotels.com	*****	Single or Double Standard	USD 140	Taxes and buffet breakfast included
(2) 562 Nogaró Bs. As. Av. Julio Argentino Roca 562 Tel: +5411 43310091 Fax: +5411 43316791 Check-In: 2:00 PM Check-Out: 11:00 AM reservas@562nogarohotel.com www.562nogarohotel.com	****	Single Superior Double Superior	USD 97 USD 105	Taxes and buffet breakfast included
(3) Hotel Liberty Av. Corrientes 636 Tel./Fax +5411 52790000 Check-In: 12:00 PM Check-Out: 10:00 AM reservas@liberty-hotel.com.ar www.liberty-hotel.com.ar	***	Single Double	USD 57 USD 68	Taxes and buffet breakfast included

4. Flights and transportation

Ezeiza Airport handles all international air traffic and is 40 minutes away from the city. Officials have several transfer options from the airport to their hotel in the city of Buenos Aires:

Car services and private taxis: There are many taxi and car service companies located at the arrivals' terminal exit.

Estimated cost for Ezeiza Airport – City of Buenos Aires Transfer: \$ 130.- (USD 33.-)

Official airport taxi service reservations: www.taxiezeiza.com.ar

Minibuses: Manuel Tienda León (www.tiendaleon.com.ar) is a cheaper option; buses leave from the airport every 30 minutes with a shuttle service to the main downtown hotels. The frequency decreases after midnight.

Estimated cost for Ezeiza Airport – City of Buenos Aires Transfer: \$ 45.- (USD 12.-)

For further information, please visit the following web page: **Aeropuertos Argentina 2000** - Aeropuerto de Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini (<http://www.aa2000.com.ar>)

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION:

The **Buenos Aires obelisk** is a National Historic Landmark, an Argentine icon.

Located at the “Plaza de la República” (Republic Square), at the intersection of Corrientes and 9 de julio avenues, it was built to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first founding of the city.

It is 67,5 meters (122 ft) high and 6,80 meters at the base. It has a blunt tip ending in a lightning conductor that cannot be seen due to its height, and whose wiring go around the inside. There is only one entrance door to the obelisk (on the west side) and there are four windows at the top that can only be accessed through a 206-step straight staircase with 7 landings.

The Obelisk is often used as meeting point for different demonstrations which also cover 9 de Julio & Corrientes, the avenues surrounding it; something similar happens with Plaza de Mayo (May Square).

1. The City of Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, a city European architecture is the capital city of the Argentine Republic. It has several tourist attractions to offer such as museums, exhibition halls, art galleries, cinemas and theatres. It is the country's financial, economic and stock market hub. It has a very intense business activity reflected on the various top brand shops, department stores and shopping malls. Its nightlife is extremely varied and continues up to the wee small hours of the morning. Discos, restaurants, bars and many other attractions to suit all tastes spread all over the city creating countless offers for tourists.

For those who wish to know more about the city we recommend the bus tour (www.buenosairesbus.com). Buses have a 30-minute frequency and the whole circuit is 2 hours 45 minutes long. It covers different tourist interest points with a trilingual tour guide on board. Cost \$ 70.- (USD 18).

2. Entry formalities

Most officials do not require a visa to enter Argentina. You can check all visa requirements at www.mrecic.gov.ar "temas consulares" (consular issues). However, for more certainty we recommend you consult your embassy or consulate.

Those who require a visa to enter Argentina should contact Mr. Luis Carranza at lcarranza@cnc.gov.ar in order to request a personalized letter of invitation addressed to the petitioner via e-mail. This letter shall then be delivered to the petitioning country's Argentine Embassy in order to get the visa.

Argentina does not require any vaccination certificates, except for the case of vaccination against cholera and yellow fever for passengers coming from countries in which the aforementioned diseases are endemic.

3. Language

Spanish is the official language but most of the population speaks English.

4. Power

Argentina has alternating current and the voltage is of 220 Volts. Hotels usually have 110 v adaptors for appliances.



5. Climate

Buenos Aires has a benign climate –warm and humid- throughout the year. Therefore, extreme temperatures are rare.

Usual temperatures for this time of year range between 12° and 19° Celsius (54° -66° F), with an average temperature of 16° Celsius (61° F).

6. Currency

The *peso* (\$) is Argentina's official currency. Although dollars are usually accepted, foreign exchange can be obtained in banks and authorized foreign exchange offices. The most widely accepted credit cards are American Express, VISA, Diners and Mastercard.

Exchange rates may fluctuate. As of 08/30/10 the dollar/peso rate was: USD 1 = \$ 3.96.



7. Shopping. Tax refund

At the airport, passengers can get a 21% refund of the amount paid for Value Added Tax (VAT), if they have bought national products for amounts over \$ 70 (per purchase slip) at the shops adhered to the "Global Refund" system.

For further information, please visit:

http://www.aa2000.com.ar/ip_dsv_internayregiona_partidas.aspx#P_10 "Tax-Refund"

8. Business hours

Banks and Foreign Exchange Offices: Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Business offices: Monday to Friday usually from 9 am to 12 noon and from 2 pm to 7 pm.

Shops: Monday to Friday from 9 am to 8 pm. Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm

Cafés, bars and pizza restaurants: almost open round the clock, with a break between 2 and 6 in the morning.

Restaurants: lunch is served from 12.30 noon and dinner from 8.30 pm on. Many places offer fast food options at all times.

9. Tips

It is customary to leave 10% of the bill in cafés and restaurants, and also give a tip to porters, bell boys and ushers.

10. Useful Information

For further information on the city of Buenos Aires, please visit the following web page:
<http://www.bue.gov.ar>

11. Attire

Formal attire is recommended for officials attending the Meeting of Study Group 5 throughout the event.

12. Invitation to the Opening Cocktail

The Communications Secretary of the Argentine Republic, Arch. Carlos Lisandro SALAS and the Interventor of the “Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones” (National Communications Commission), Eng. Ceferino NAMUNCURÁ, are pleased to invite the officials attending the meeting to the Opening Cocktail to be celebrated on Monday 4 October 2010 at 6.30 pm at the foyer by the plenary room of the venue



Suggested attire: Formal