

Working Group on Calibration and Validation - WGCV-30
Itapemar Hotel, Ilhabela, SP, Brazil
May 26 –29, 2009

The meeting will take place at the Itapemar Hotel in IlhaBela, from the 26th to the 29th of May 2009. **Ilhabela** (Portuguese for *Beautiful Island*) is an archipelago and city situated 4 miles off the coast of São Paulo state, Brazil. The island is 230 km from São Paulo and 350 km from Rio de Janeiro. A tour is planned during one afternoon, on Friday 29th of May.

Meeting Venue

Itapemar Hotel

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Ilhabela - São Paulo – Brasil - Zip Code: 11630-000-

North coast of São Paulo, at the "Saco da Capela" beach

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Hotel Accommodation:

Reservation must be made by each participant directly contacting the hotel. In order to take advantage of the special price deals for hotel booking during WGCV-30 meeting you **must** follow the instructions below. Otherwise you might be subject to higher prices than those negotiated for the WGCV-30 participants.

1. The reservation at Itapemar Hotel must be done by **April 1st**, directly with the hotel
2. When booking, mention that you are with WORK GROUP CALIBRATION AND VALIDATION (WGCV-30)

3. Itapemar Hotel offers a special price for the participants. See the prices in the table below

(1U\$=R\$ 2,5)

Single deluxe	R\$ 285,00 (~U\$ 114.00)	+ 10% service fee	+ R\$ 1,50 tourism city tax , per day
Double deluxe	R\$ 335,00 (~U\$ 134.00)	+ 10% service fee	+ R\$ 1,50 tourism city tax , per day

Hotel fees include:

- Breakfast
- Lunch and Dinner (beverages are not included)
- Wireless internet
- Sauna, tennis court with night illumination, squash-court
- Fitness center

For reservations with Itapemar Hotel, please contact directly the hotel by e-mail, phone or fax:

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Host City

Ilhabela (Portuguese for *Beautiful Island*) is an archipelago and city situated 4 miles off the coast of São Paulo state, Brazil. The island is 230 km from the city of São Paulo and 350 km from the city of Rio de Janeiro. The largest island, although commonly called Ilhabela, is officially named Ilha de São Sebastião (*San Sebastian Island*). Ilhabela and the other islands; (Búzios, Pescadores and Vitória) and the islets (Cabras, Castelhanos, Enchovas, Figueira, Lagoa and Serraria) make up the municipality of Ilhabela. The islands in total cover 348 km² with 41 beaches. Ilhabela is the main island. Almost all of the urbanization took place on the very narrow plains between the sea and the mountains of the main island, mainly in the west part of the island, facing the continent. The population of Ilhabela in 2006 was 26,230, but during the holiday months, up to one hundred thousand people may be on the island. To access the city on the island, one must take a boat or ferry in the city of São Sebastião, as there are no roads which reach it. The ferry takes 15 minutes to cross the channel between the two cities.

Ilhabela is very famous for being a popular Sailing point. Several Sailing championships take place in Ilhabela. It is also popular for many other water sports, including scuba and free diving. The waters around the archipelago are filled with more than 50 shipwrecks, six of them open for diving visits. There are many hiking trails with varying levels of difficulty as well as 360 waterfalls in the typical Atlantic jungle.

Most of the city has a humid subtropical climate, but the mountains have an oceanic climate, because of the high altitude. The Atlantic Forest covers the entire region and the average temperature in May is about 25°C.

Attention: there are a lot of mosquitos in Ilhabela. It is necessary to use a mosquito repellent mainly for the boat tours and for tracking. Take your medicine in case you are allergic .

Ilhabela Photos

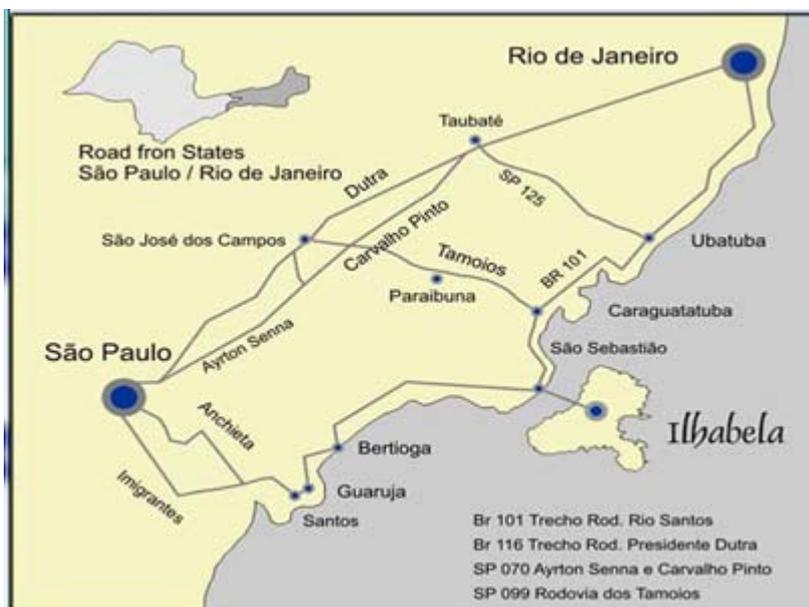
<http://www.ilhabela.sp.gov.br/portugues/fotos.php?busca=Fotos%20de%20Ilhabela>

Sites:

[http://visualwikipedia.com/en/Ilhabela, São Paulo](http://visualwikipedia.com/en/Ilhabela,_S%C3%A3o_Paulo)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilhabela>

Map of Venue



How to get there

The only way to access the island by car is via the ferry boats that cross the channel. The boats can carry up to 70 vehicles and take 15 minutes to sail across the 2,4 km that separate the two stations (São Sebastião city and Ilhabela). The ferry boat works 24 hours/Day, from 6:00 am. to 11:00 pm. every 30 minutes and from 11:00 pm. to 6:00 am. every hour.

From São Paulo Guarulhos Airport to IlhaBela

The WGCV-30 participants will be transferred from the International Guarulhos Airport in São Paulo to the Itapemar Hotel in Ilhabela.

Transfer Costs (1U\$=R\$ 2,5):

Up to 3 passengers (car) = R\$ 420,00 (~ U\$ 168.00)

Up to 10 passengers (van) = R\$ 600,00 (~ U\$ 240.00)

The transfer can be paid in Reais, Dollars or Euros, upon arrival in Brazil.

The participants must fill the TRANSFER FORM out and send it to Brazil Secretariat, wgvc30@dpi.inpe.br by e-mail by **April 1st**. **The organization will try to make some arrangements to form groups to take advantage of the best prices.**

Tour Information (official Travel Agency)

Maremar Turismo

Contact: Tatiana Liasch (English)

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Tel: +55 (12) 3896-3679 / 3896-1418

Email: ilhabela@maremar.tur.br

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Useful Information

Brazilian Currency - American dollars (US\$) can be exchanged for the Brazilian Monetary Unit, Real (R\$), at approximately 1 to 2,5 (January 20, 2008). Major international credit cards are accepted at hotels, as well as at most restaurants, shops and car rental agencies. Although one can exchange US Dollars for Reais, either in cash or traveler's checks at banks and travel agencies, we suggest doing it at the airport in order to get a better rate.

Cash – Important - We suggest you exchange money at the Sao Paulo International airport and not in Ilhabela. There is no exchange bureaus in IlhaBela. Money might be exchanged at the hotel, at lower rates though foreign currency is not accepted in Brazilian establishments. Please, be informed if it is easy to get cash from your accounts in the US or Europe at Brazilian ATMs.

Entry visa for foreigners

All foreigners who wish to stay longer in Brazil or who were born in countries that do not have an agreement with Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs should request a visa. It is advisable to consult necessary requirements beforehand, because the process may take a few days to be completed.

The request for an entry visa to Brazil can be made at any Brazilian consulate overseas. A fee must be paid, which varies according to the type of visa requested and the amount of time the tourist will remain in the country. It is important to remember that the passport must be valid for at least six more months, from the date the visa is requested. A recent 3x4 or 5x7 colour photo with white background must also be presented.

If you need a letter of invitation for the visa application process, please e-mail the specific details to WGCV-30 Secretariat (wgcv30@dpi.inpe.br)

The Visa Request form must be filled out for all of the following countries – regardless of the type of passport and the purpose of the trip, before departure from their home country. They are: Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia, Botswana, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Qatar, Kazakhstan, Chad, Cyprus, Singapore, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cook Islands, North Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Arab Emirates, Eritrea, United States, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji Islands, Gambia, Ghana, Georgia, Granada, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Yemen, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kiribati Islands, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Macau, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives Islands, Mali, Malta, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Mauritius

Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia, Moldavia, Mongolia, Myanmar/Burma, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine Authority, Papua/New Guinea, Pakistan, Kenya, Kyrgyz, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Western Samoa, St. Lucia, Saint Christopher-Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leon, Seychelles Islands, Syria, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, East Timor, Togo, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu Islands, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

It is possible to enter and remain in the country for a specific period of time without a visa so long as the visitor's passport is valid. This permission is derived from diplomatic agreements signed between Brazil and some countries, and it is classified according to the purpose of each trip.

Visitors traveling with common Passports, on tourism, can enter and remain in the country for up to 90 days if they are from: South Africa, Germany, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, South Korea, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Slovenia, Spain, Philippines, Finland, France, Great Britain/UK, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico, Monaco, Namibia, Norway, New Zealand, The S. M. Order of Malta, Netherlands/Holland, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay and the Vatican. However, tourists from: Albania, Angola, Armenia, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Cameroon, China, Ivory Coast, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Slovakia, Gabon, Guatemala, Guiana, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Mozambique, Dominican Republic, Czech Republic, Romania, Russia, St. Thomas and Prince, Senegal and Vietnam, should invariably apply for the visa in their home country. Tourists coming from Venezuela can enter and remain in the country for up to 60 days without any need for a visa.

Bearers of common Passports, but who are on business, may enter and remain in Brazil for up to 90 days without a visa, if they are from any of the following countries: South Africa, Germany, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, South Korea, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Slovenia, Spain, Philippines, Finland, France, Great Britain/UK, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Morocco, Mexico, Monaco, Norway, New Zealand, The S. M. Order of Malta, Netherlands/Holland, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay and the Vatican. However, if they are from: Albania, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Cameroon, China, Ivory Coast, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Slovakia, Gabon, Guatemala, Guiana, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mozambique, Namibia, Panama, Dominican Republic, Czech Republic, Romania, Russia, St. Thomas and Prince, Senegal, Ukraine, Venezuela and Vietnam, they shall request the visa in their home country prior to departure.

Bearers of Diplomatic passports currently do not need any type of visa or authorisation to enter Brazilian national territory if they are from the following countries: Germany, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Spain, Great Britain/UK, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the S. M. Order of Malta, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, San Marino, Senegal, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Uruguay and the Vatican. But if they are from countries, such as South Africa, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Barbados, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chile, South Korea, Ivory Coast, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, El Salvador, Slovakia, Slovenia, Finland, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iceland, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Netherlands/Holland, Panama, Poland, Dominican

Republic, Czech Republic, Romania, Russia, St. Thomas and Prince, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela and Vietnam, they have the right to temporary permission for up to 90 days to enter and remain in the country without a visa. If they come from the Philippines or Cuba, they can stay for up to 180 days; and for 30 days, if they are from Guiana or China.

Bearers of Official Passports or Work Passports can enter the country freely if they are from: Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain/UK, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, the S. M. Order of Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Senegal, Switzerland and the Vatican. And they can remain for up to 90 days without a visa if they are from: South Africa, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Barbados, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, South Korea, Ivory Coast, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, El Salvador, Ecuador, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Finland, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Netherlands/Holland, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Dominican Republic, Czech Republic, Romania, Russia, St. Thomas and Prince, Sweden, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam; for 30 days, if they are from China or Guiana; and for up to 180 days, if they are from Austria, the Philippines, Peru and Tunisia.

Some countries do not maintain diplomatic relations with Brazil, and therefore, Diplomatic, Official and Work Passports are not accepted, and the visa is only granted to tourists or business visitors, under Brazilian "laissez-passer". The countries included in this group are: Bhutan, Central African Republic and Taiwan.

Should you have any queries about obtaining a visa to enter Brazil, contact the local or nearest Brazilian consulate.
