7th Meeting of Joint CEOS/CGMS Working Group on Climate (INPE HQ, Avenida dos Astronautas 1758, São José dos Campos, SP, Brazil)

7-9 February 2017

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Meeting Venue	The meeting will take place at the National Institute for Space Research (Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais – INPE) (www.inpe.br) in São José dos Campos, São Paulo State. The full address is: Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais Avenida dos Astronautas 1758 Jardim da Granja São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brasil CEP: 12227-010 Phone: (+55)(12)(3208 6000)			
Visa and Entry Information (Vaccination Requirements)	Visas are required for travel to Brazil for citizens of many countries, and visa processing can take some weeks . We encourage you to check whether you require a visa for travel to Brazil in the following link: <u>http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/images/qgrv/QGRV-simples-ing-08-12-16.pdf</u> If a visa is required, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible . A formal invitation letter for visa purposes may be required for your visa application at any Brazilian Consulate or Embassy in your country. INPE can provide this letter upon request. Please send your complete name, passport number, and institution address to: Maria Langwinski (e-mail: maria.langwinski@inpe.br). Nationals from some countries need a certificate of Yellow Fever vaccination. Please consult the site below and also check with any Brazilian Consulate or Embassy in your country. Preliminary information can also be found at: <u>http://www.braziltravelinformation.com/brazil travelfacts immunization.htm</u>			
Hotels	We strongly encourage participants to stay at the IBIS HOTEL or at the MERCURE HOTEL Since there is a special rate, participants should contact the hotel directly, <u>preferably by e-mail</u> , to make the appropriate bookings. Please make sure you add a reference <u>"CEOS- INPE"</u> in the subject field of your email to the hotel. <u>IBIS HOTEL</u> Avenida Dr. Jorge Zarur, 81 - Torre I Telephone: (12) 3904.2400 - Fax: (12) 3904.2401 E-mail for reservation: <u>H6035-RE@accor.com.br</u> (with " <u>INPE – CEOS</u> " in the subject line) Rate for meeting attendees: R\$ 173,25 (around US\$ 51,00)			

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	mail for reservation: H5168-RE@accor.com.br (with "INPE – CEOS" in the subject line)				
	Rate for meeting attendees: R\$ 221,	55 (around US\$ 65,00)			
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Transportation	Transportation from the São Paulo International Airport (also known as Guarulhos Airport (GRU)) to the city of São José dos Campos can be done using any of the following alternatives: <u>Option 1: By taxi</u> Official taxis (Guarucoop) are parked outside the airport and are safe. Indicate to the driver that you want to go to the hotel of your choice in São José dos Campos and ask how much it will cost beforehand. The price is fixed and will normally be provided to you upon consultation to a price table. The price will be around US\$ 110 and the trip to São José dos Campos will take approximately 1 hour. Payments are preferably in Real (Brazilian currency). In the case you are paying in another currency, please check the conversion rate applied by the taxi driver before boarding.				
	Option 2: By private transferPrivate transfers can be arranged in advance with the organizers. The price will be around US\$ 80 and the trip to São José dos Campos will take approximately 1 hour. Payments are in Real (Brazilian currency) and credit/debit cards are not accepted.Option 3: By bus				
	There is a bus line that leaves the airport every hour to São José dos Campos. It leaves from Terminal 2 (most international flights arrive at Terminal 3). The price of the bus ticket is R\$ 21,70 or USD 6,60 and the travel takes approximately 1:30 hour. You should leave the bus at its final stop at the Central Bus Station in São José dos Campos. From there, it is advisable that you take a taxi to the hotel of your choice. Please be sure that you have Real (the Brazilian currency) to pay for your bus ticket and the taxi.				
	 Additional Information: The bus ticket can be acquired in Terminal 2, close to the main exiting door and near the taxi line. Look for the sign on your left hand side upon exit showing the arrow to Bus tickets (see photo below). The tickets to São José dos Campos can be bought in the second booth (see photo below). Bus stops near the place where you buy the ticket. The bus company is Passaro Marrom. Please confirm with the driver that the bus comes to São José dos Campos. 				



• The current bus schedule (available every day of the year) is the following. Be aware that this schedule can vary.

SELECIONE	PARTIDA/ CHEGADA	EMPRESA	CLASSE	VALOR	MENSAGEM
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0	09:00 - 10:30	Palesayo Mayron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	10:10 - 11:43	Palesayo Mayron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	11:30 - 13:00	Palesano Mayron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	12:30 - 14:00	Palesayo Mayron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	13:10 - 14:40	Palesano Marroa,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	14:10 - 15:40	Palesano Marron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	15:00 - 16:30	Palesano Marron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	16:30 - 18:20	Palesano Marron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	17:30 - 19:15	Palesano Marron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	18:30 - 20:00	Palesano Marron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	20:00 - 21:30	Palesayo Mayron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	22:00 - 23:33	Palesayo Mayron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
0	23:59 - 01:29	Dilçsayo Mayron,	CONVE	R\$ 21.70	
		*O horário de chega	da é previsto.		
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• While the name of the company is Passaro Marron (red and grey buses) they also use buses from another company: Litoranea (light blue buses). Please check with the driver your destination.

Local Transportation Arrangements	Transportation will be provided daily, free of charge, from the IBIS HOTEL and MERCURE HOTEL to INPE and back. This travel takes approximately 10 – 15 minutes. Buses will leave the hotels at 8:30 am sharp and return around 6 pm, unless decided otherwise. In case you are not staying at any of the two hotels indicated above, please note that you will have to make your own arrangements to get to INPE's facilities and back to the hotel of your choice. Taking a taxi is the best option, although public transportation is also available.			
Meal Arrangements	Coffee-break – will be provided every day at 10 am and 4 pm. Lunch – lunch will be served at INPE's restaurant. This is a self-service restaurant by weight (1kg ~ USD 10)			
Currency and other money related matters	Brazilian Currency: the Brazilian currency is Real. As per November 2016, the exchange rate for American dollars (US\$) is approximately 1 to 3.40 (tourism exchange rate). For updated exchange rates, please consult http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic .			
	Major international credit cards are accepted at hotels, as well as in most restaurants, shops and car rental agencies. The use of credit cards is normally safe and is accepted in most large shops and restaurants in São José dos Campos. However, it is recommended that participants use cash when purchasing from smaller shops and also to pay for taxis or small items.			
	Foreign currency is normally not accepted in restaurants and shops. Be aware about the potential difficulty to get cash from ATM machines using your foreign account.			
Other information	Tipping: Tipping (<i>gorjeta</i>) in Brazil is a normal practice in restaurants, where an additional 10% is automatically included in the bill. If you do not agree with the tipping, you can request the restaurant to exclude it from the bill. It is also a practice to tip those that help with the luggage at hotels. In this case, a tip of R\$10.00 is appreciated. Taxis are not tipped.			
	Weather: Temperatures in February vary around 18° C (min) - 32° C (max). Shower are pretty likely during the summer.			
	Water: It is not advisable to drink water from the tap.			
	Voltage: The voltage in São José dos Campos is 220v . We recommend bringing the plug necessary for your notebook.			

Host city	São José dos Campos (<u>www.sjc.sp.gov.br</u>) is an industrially developed city with a population of approximately 600,000. It has the largest aerospace park in Latin America and has the second highest exports in the country. It stands out nationally for its strong technological areas: automotive, telecommunication, aerospace and defense, chemical and pharmaceutical and petroleum. Electronic equipment, photographic material, pharmaceutical products, aircrafts and satellites are also produced here, not to mention the high quality of services provided. Companies, such as Petrobrás (Brazilian Petrol Company), General Motors, Johnson & Johnson, LG Philips and Panasonic have industrial plants in the city. The city also hosts Embraer (<u>www.embraer.com.br</u>), the fourth aircraft manufacturer in the world and one of the largest exporters in Brazil.
	São José dos Campos is also known for its academic strength. The major research institutes are located here: the Brazilian Aerospace Technical Centre – CTA, the Aeronautics Technological Institute – ITA and the National Institute for Space Research – INPE, plus private and state Universities. Sao José dos Campos is 660m above sea level and is an urbanized and clean city. It has a privileged location: 90km away from Sao Paulo, the largest city in Brazil, 310 km away from Rio de Janeiro, "the wonderful city" and post card of Brazil. In addition it is 90 km away from the mountainous region and only 100 km away from a beautiful coast and its tropical islands.