Joint CEOS Meeting

Dates: WGISS-45 April 9 to 12, 2018 WGCV-43 April 10 to 13, 2018

Venue: INPE, São José dos Campos, SP, Brazil

To see if you need a visa to enter Brazil:

http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/vistos-para-viajar-ao-brasil

If you need an invitation letter from INPE for your visa application:

Send your request including your name, title, organization, and postal address to lubia.vinhas@inpe.br, with copy to mypiepgrass@gmail.com

Brazilian currency:

BRL - Brazilian Real

Health recommendation:

There have been some cases of yellow fever this year in the southeast region of Brazil, including São Paulo state. You can see in this link the WHO latest assessment. The meeting is not in rural areas or close to forested areas with primates, however just to be on the safe side it is recommended to visitors to take the yellow fever vaccine shot before coming to WGISS/WGCV. The vaccine is valid for 10 years and should be taken 10 days prior to travel.

Nearest airport:

GRU Airport in São Paulo, Brazil (https://www.gru.com.br/).

From GRU to São José dos Campos (SJC):

- 1. Car: 255 BRL. To book, contact (lubia.vinhas@inpe.br), with the arrival date, hour and flight number.
- 2. Van: 400 BRL (up to 10 people). To book, contact (lubia.vinhas@inpe.br), with the arrival date, hour and flight number.
- 3. Taxi: ~320 BRL
- 4. Shuttle from GRU to SJC (city bus station): \sim 25 BRL The shuttle runs from 06:00 to 23:00, each hour and takes \sim 1.5 hours depending on the traffic.

Accommodations:

1) Ema Palace Hotel (http://www.hotelemapalacesjc.com.br/en/)

A small and simple hotel (a bit old), in a very good location. Special rates for 25 rooms include Wi-Fi, parking, breakfast, and taxes.

- Seven single small rooms (single bed): 140 BRL/night
- Seven superior rooms: 160 BRL/night
- Eight comfort rooms: 170 BRL/night
- Three luxury rooms: 195 BRL/night for single occupation or 225 BRL/night for double occupation

Reservations should be made by email to reservas@hotelemapalace.com.br, cc to contato@hotelemapalace.com.br mentioning the code WGISS/WGCV. Rates are maintained until March 09, 2018.

2) Golden Tulip Hotel (http://www.goldentulipsaojosedoscampos.com/)

New and business-like hotel, also in a good location. This hotel is located together with a shopping center, supermarket, a movie theater and a fitness studio. Special rates for 50 rooms include Wi-Fi, breakfast, and access to the fitness center.

- Superior room: 265 BRL/night for single occupation and 305 BRL/night for double occupation
- Luxury room: 300 BRL/night for single occupation and 340 BRL/night for double occupation.

Reservations should be made by emailing Sheila.bontia@goldentulip.com.br or robson.blesson@goldentulip.com.br, noting that the reservation is for the WGISS/WGCV meeting. hey will ask for a credit card number only to guarantee the booking. Nothing will be charged prior to your stay. Rates are maintained until March 08, 2018.

3) Mercure Colinas (https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-5168-mercure-sao-jose-dos-campos-hotel/index.shtml)

Standard Accor business hotel, opposite the Colinas shopping center and a 5-minute drive from the city center. Special rates for 25 rooms include Wi-Fi and breakfast.

• Superior room, single occupation: 230 BLR + 5% taxes.

Reservations should be made directly in the hotel website mentioning the preferential code WGISS/WGCV. Rates are maintained until March 09, 2018

In-city transport and refreshments:

Daily transportation between each hotel and INPE will be provided, as well as refreshments for two breaks.

To cover this, a fee of 48 USD per person will be charged for the week. Receipts will be available upon request.

Lunch:

Lunch is served at INPE's restaurant; it is inexpensive and reasonably good. Attendees must cover their own costs.

Non-host dinner:

A WGCV/WGISS joint, no-host dinner will be arranged for April 10th at AUÁ Gastronomia. Brazilian food and good wine selection. https://www.facebook.com/AuaGastronomia/