

THIRD CIRCULAR

33rd INTERNATIONAL COSMIC RAY CONFERENCE

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Conference Webpage: <http://www.cbpf.br/icrc2013/>

The 33rd Edition of the International Cosmic Ray Conference will shortly take place at the SulAmerica Convention Center in Rio de Janeiro, between the 2nd and 9th of July. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you of the important dates and facts concerning the event. Please read it carefully and attentively and contact the LOC should you have any further questions.

The program for the Review talks and the Highlight Talks to be presented at the conference is in annex.

1) Important Dates

The deadline for the submission of your papers is the 31st May. Abstracts whose associated papers are not submitted by then will be considered as withdrawn. The final version of the paper is to be presented by 1st of July. It is understood that replacing numbers, plots, or rephrasing an argument are acceptable changes between the 31st of May and the final version. The papers will be used by the Rapporteurs, so we expect the final version to reflect only small changes with respect to the first.

After the 1st of July eventual corrections to the papers can be submitted as Errata, before the 16th of August. This is a rule set by the C4 Commission.

2) Registration

Early registration deadline has expired. The last date for regular online registration and payment is the 24th of June, after which they will only be accepted at the registration desk in the venue of the Conference. Registration fees must be paid by all participants (even those who received financial assistance) and details for the online payment can be found at www.cbpf.br/~icrc2013/payment.html. Here you can also find information about our cancellation policy.

If you plan to pay during the conference we would like to kindly ask you to access the iCongresso: https://icongresso.itarget.com.br/useradm/usr_entrada.php?clt=icr.2&lng=I, and please fill you information at the Payment Registration Form in order to avoid delay at the desk.

3) Proceedings

All information regarding the proceedings, as well as the templates to be used in the papers, can be found at the link: <http://www.cbpf.br/~icrc2013/papers.html>.

4) Author and presenters

The following rules regarding paper authors and presenters at the conference: If you have submitted a paper but will not attend the conference, only a registered co-author of this contribution is allowed to present that paper on your behalf. If none of the co-

authors of the work will be present at the meeting, the paper will be considered as withdrawn, be it a poster or an oral talk.

5) Registration at the meeting

The registration desk at the conference venue will open on the 2nd of July, at 8 am, one hour before the start of the Conference. Avoid queues arriving early on the first day to register. Those who were granted financial help will also receive their assistance at the moment of the registration, paid in cash in Reais.

The complete book of abstracts will be available in electronic form. You can access it from your devices via wireless connection provided by the conference.

Permanence at the meeting venue requires the use of the badge given at registration. It is advisable that you keep it visible with you at all times and during all days of the Conference. Should you lose your badge, a new one can be made at the cost of BRL 20.00 (USD 10.00).

6) Oral and Poster instructions

Oral presentation should be uploaded at the INDICO system in advance at least the day before your talk. You can upload yourself by logging at the INDICO and going to My Conference --> My Accepted Contributions --> View --> Edit File --> Add Material or you will have a person dedicated for that at the Midia Center that can upload the presentation for you. All the presentations must be in PDF format. For the presentation we recommend to use font size larger than 20 pt.

The size for the poster is A0 (84.1 cm x 118.9 cm) and a panel will be available to hang or stick it. You can also upload a PDF of the poster via the INDICO system or at the Midia Center.

7) Public lecture

The Victor Hess Lecture, aimed at the general public will be given in Portuguese on the evening of Monday the 8th of July, at the Gávea Planetarium, by Prof. Angela Olinto, from the University of Chicago, with the title: *Mistérios Cósmicos: o Universo Escuro e as Partículas mais Energéticas* (Cosmic mysteries: the Dark Universe and the Most Energetic Particles). The Lecture will start at 8 pm and tickets will be available for free at the entrance desk of the Planetarium from 7 pm, on the day of the meeting.

8) Social programme

Regarding the social programme, there are three activities scheduled:

- On the Opening day, the 2nd of July, a cocktail will be served at the meeting venue, shortly after the end of the scientific sessions, at 7 pm.
- The conference dinner will be a typical "Carioca dinner" staged at Rio Scenarium, in downtown and is scheduled on Sunday night, the 7th of July.
- A free day is scheduled so that you can have the chance to visit the Wonderful City. This will be on Friday, the 5th of July.

For the accompanying people, tourist activities will be organised every day of the meeting (<http://www.cbpf.br/~icrc2013/social.html>).

Be prepared to go to the beaches. If you like walking or jogging in the morning, you will find many people here do the same by the seaside. For those who like hiking and climbing, Rio has a number of excellent options, which are just in the middle of the city, due to its exotic geography, with hills as high as 1000 m covered with rainforest in the middle of town!

9) General information

VISA: Please make sure to check if you need a VISA to enter Brazil. The Country holds a reciprocity policy concerning this, which means that if your country requires VISA from Brazilian citizens, you will need a VISA to enter Brazil. Getting a VISA can be a lengthy process, so please do not leave it to the last moment to start the process. Should you need, ask us for an invitation letter and/or an official letter addressed to your local Embassy or Consulate requesting that a VISA be granted to you for the purposes of attending the meeting.

Currency: Brazilian currency is the Real. This has been stable at roughly 2 Reais per US dollar. Foreign currencies are not accepted, in general, but there are plenty of ATM machines around town.

Arrival: The main airport in Rio is the Tom Jobim (Galeão) International Airport, which is about 27 km from the Copacabana Beach. To transfer to your hotel there are many alternatives. There is a Shuttle service, which charges about BRL 20.00 per person and which can be booked at: <http://shuttlerio.com.br/home/en/>. There are two types of taxi, the common (yellow colour) or the special. As soon as you are out of customs there are counters for the special taxi. They will offer a fix fare, which to Copacabana should cost around BRL 80.00 or USD 40.00. The yellow taxi, which you get outside the terminal, will cost, for the same trip, BRL 60.00 or USD 30.00. Getting into Rio take the special taxi, but when you leave use the common taxi. There is also the option of taking a bus, which costs BRL 12.00 (USD 6.00) and offers good, regular services (<http://www.premiumautoonibus.com.br/itinerarios>). Beware that most people in Brazil do not speak English, even in services like bars or taxis. However they will do their best to understand you, either in rusty Spanish or in hand talk.

Transportation: The meeting venue, as well as most of the hotel areas, is served by Metro (<http://www.metrorio.com.br/en/>). This is the single most advised way of transportation for the everyday use. Cost of the fare is around BRL 3.50 or USD 1.75. Rio has a very large taxi fleet (yellow colour), and the fares are not expensive. Just extend your hand and they will stop, or ask for one at the foyer of your hotel. From Copacabana to the meeting venue, the fares should be around BRL 20.00 or USD 10.00. Taxis take up to three passengers. At night, taxis are an excellent option. Buses are also a common way of transportation in Rio, and serve all parts of the city. In case you cannot take a metro and don't want to pay for a taxi, this is an alternative. You will find them somehow less practical if you don't know the city, so they will probably be your second option to the metro. Shuttle vans are not recommended.

Restaurants: With your conference bag you will receive information about the restaurants around the meeting venue. We also selected some restaurants for you, which are near the closest few metro stops to the Conference Center. This is so that you can have more options to choose during lunchtime. We scheduled relatively long

lunch breaks of 2 hours, on most days, to give you a chance to go eat out of the meeting neighbourhood and enjoy the city a little.

Climate: By Northern Hemisphere standards there is simply no such a thing as a *winter* in Rio, even if July is officially winter here. You will find temperatures ranging from 22 to 25 °C during the day and rarely less than 18 °C in the evening. You can expect thin rain if the sky clouds up, but clear blue skies are the rule in Rio all year round, with plenty of Sun. Even if temperatures are not low, you might feel a bit chilly during the night, because of the humidity and breeze from the sea. Yes, *Cariocas*, the locals, go to the beach in winter, so come prepared for it.

Security: Take all normal precautions you would take at any large city. Beware of pickpockets and robbers who tend to target foreigners for obvious reasons. A couple of advices are: Do not go around flashing your cameras or last-version of Apple gadgets. Travel with the necessary things only and the reasonable amount of money you should need for the daily use. Credit cards are accepted everywhere.

Any of you can blend with the locals; Brazilians come in all sizes and types. But there are some give away: wearing socks with sandals (whatever colour!) is not considered to be proper by the locals and the pickpockets will identify you as a "gringo"! At night, as you would in any place, avoid dark corners and use a taxi to move around. The areas near the beachside or the Lagoon are safe. If you go to touristic bohemian areas near the city center at nighttime take the same care you would when you visit Soho in London in the after-hours!

And of course, enjoy Rio! It didn't get its nickname, the "Marvelous City", for no reason.