

INFORMATION NOTE

Twenty-first session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-XXI)
Twenty-fifth meeting on the Joint Tariff Agreement (JTA-XXV)

17-26 October 2005, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Argentina is pleased to provide details on the DBCP-XXI and JTA-XXV Meetings to be held in Buenos Aires, from 17-26 October 2005. The following information is provided to assist you in planning your participation.



Meeting Logistics:

The DBCP-XXI and JTA-XXV will be held at the Regente Palace Hotel located at Suipacha 964, Buenos Aires, Telephone (+54-11) 4328-6800.

The first one and a half days of the DBCP session (17-21 October 2005) will be devoted to a scientific and technical workshop. It will be followed by the JTA-XXV meeting from 24 to 26 October 2005.

Language:

Both the session and meeting will be held in English only.

Registration:

Please complete the attached registration form (Annex) and submit as per instructions on the form. The registration form will allow organizers to complete logistical plans. It should be submitted preferably prior to **5 August 2005** but no later than **15 August 2005**.

Hotel Reservations:

The Local Organizers have blocked rooms at the:

Regente Palace Hotel
Suipacha 964
Buenos Aires
Telephone: (+54-11) 4328-6800
Telefax: (+54-11) 4328-7460
E-mail: reservas@regente.com or ventas@regente.com
Web site: www.regente.com

Corporate hotel rate: single \$ 181,50.-; double \$181,50.-; suite junior \$ 224,00.- (for 3 passengers)
(all prices are in Argentine Pesos)

Reservations must be done in all cases before 15 August 2005. After this date, the hotel does not guarantee the availability of free rooms at the corporate rate. We suggest you make your booking as early as possible as winter is the high season and hotel room availability is extremely difficult in Buenos Aires at this time of the year. *If traveling from and to the airport using the Regente Palace Hotel transfer service, the transfer service reservation should be made when booking your room (see "Means of Transportation for details and prices).*

- Reservations can be made by E-mail at: reservas@regente.com or ventas@regente.com.
- Participants should send their credit card information, including expiration date and security code along with reconfirmation of the date of arrival to and departure from the hotel in the reservation mail.
- **"Hidrografía"** must be mentioned when reserving to ensure the conference rates.

Dietary or Special Requirements

Please indicate any dietary restrictions (i.e. allergies, religious, vegetarian) or special requirements (i.e. wheelchair access) on the registration form.

Visa Formalities

Current passports are required. Entry visas may be necessary depending on your nationality.

Entry visas have to be obtained from the Argentinean Consulate in the participant's respective countries. If an participant's country does not have an Argentinean Consulate, requests for visas may be submitted to the consular office of the country that represents Argentina. Participants should be sure that their visas are in their passports before they leave. **Participants will not be able to obtain visas while in transit through other countries, nor at the arrival of the Buenos Aires Airport.** Consultations may also be done through the Argentine Foreign Office web site at www.cancilleria.gov.ar (Servicios al Viajero).

Weather

The climate in Buenos Aires in October is as follows:

PARAMETER	PERIOD	VALUE
MEAN TEMPERATURE (°C)	1961/1990	17.2
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE (°C)	1961/1990	22.1
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE (°C)	1961/1990	12.7
MEAN PRECIPITATION (mm)	1961/1990	119.0

PHENOMENA	NUMBER OF DAYS
PRECIPITATION	10
CLEAR SKY	10
OVERCASTED	8
THUNDERSTORMS	5

The City of Buenos Aires

The Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, the Federal Capital of the Argentine Republic, is one of the biggest and more sophisticated cities in the world, with a population of somewhat more than eleven millions inhabitants.

Visitors from different countries can appreciate its active cultural life, graceful ambients, the kind reception of its people, and a great variety of attractions such as parks and gardens, historical monuments, churches and convents, museums, cultural centres, large shoppings, theaters, big hotels, exquisite restaurants for the refined international or typical cuisine, and of course Tango shows. You can find plenty of information on Buenos Aires at www.bue.gov.ar. City maps can be found at: <http://usig.buenosaires.gov.ar/images/estaticos>.

Buenos Aires International Airport

All the airline companies that fly to Argentina arrive at the international airport, Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza), located 35 km from the city of Buenos Aires. Plenty of information on Argentine airports is provided at the web site www.aa2000.com.ar.

VAT refund: In the airport, non-Argentine citizens are entitled to claim 21% of the amount paid in concept of IVA (VAT - Value Aggregated Tax).

When leaving the Argentina, an airport tax of UD\$ 18.- will have to be paid.

Means of transportation - from / towards Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport:

1. **Hotel Transfer Service** - The Regente Palace Hotel offers a transfer service *from/to the airport (total fare \$ 55.-) for up to three passengers per trip*. The transfer service reservation should be made when booking your room.
2. **Transportation Company** - "Manuel Tienda León" (bus and taxi).
Downtown terminal: Av. Madero esq. San Martín, Capital Federal.
Internet web site: www.tiendaleon.com.ar
 - A one-way fare using the Tienda León Bus from / towards the Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport to downtown Buenos Aires are is \$25.-. Credit cards are accepted.
 - The Company provides daily services
 - between 06,00 a.m. and 09,00 p.m., each 30 minutes
 - after 09,00 p.m., each 45 minutes.
 - From downtown to Ezeiza Airport, this service is available each 30 minutes, between 05.00 a.m. and 08,30 p.m. Two additional services are provided at 04,00 a.m., and 09,30 p.m.
3. **Taxis/Remises(rental car with driver)/Car Rental**: - Taxis and remises are available to the airport and within Buenos Aires city. All international car rental companies operate in Argentina.

Banking hours

The Argentine official currency is the Peso. There are bills of 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Pesos; and coins of 1 Peso and 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents. Money can be exchanged in most banks, at the airport, in many hotels and also in authorized exchange agencies. The rate of change is approximately one U.S. Dollar equal to three Pesos.

Traveller's cheques can be cashed at banks in Buenos Aires. The commercial timetables for banks and exchange houses are: from Monday to Friday, 10.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. ***Those arriving during the weekend are advised to change some money at the airport.***

The credit cards more frequently accepted are American Express, VISA, Diners and Master Card.

Electricity

Electric power in Argentina is 220 volt, 50-cycle alternating current. Power outlets have 2 cylindrical holes or 2 flat holes with ground connection. It is advised to bring an adaptor to use your electric devices without problems.

Logistics Contacts

For any additional information feel free to contact:

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Please complete this form and send preferably prior to [5 August 2005](#), but no later than [15 August 2005](#) to the attention of:

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Last Name:

First Name:

Organization/Country:

Street:

City:

State/Province:

Country:

Postal/Zip Code:

Telephone:

Telefax:

Electronic Mail:

Special dietary requirements:

Other special needs:

Please provide the following information:

Arrival: Flight number: Date: Time:

Departure: Flight number: Date: Time:

Hotel Check -in Date:

Hotel Check-out Date:

Date:

Signature: