



**Regional Seminar: Non-Ionizing Radiation
Keys for Deployment of Infrastructure and Health Protection
16 – 17 December 2010
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

INFORMATION BULLETIN

A. INFORMATION ON THE MEETING

1. Venue

Castelar Hotel
Salón Dorado
Av. De Mayo 1152”
Ciudad de Buenos Aires

2. Local contact

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3. Hotel accommodation and reservations

The Administration of Argentina has obtained special rates in Castelar Hotel, venue of the event, according to the following.

| ROOM/RATE | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Single/Doble | \$ 324.00 | Equivalente en USD 82.00 | Includes VAT and breakfast |
| Triple | \$ 435.00 | Equivalente en USD 109.00 | |

Participants are requested to forward a copy of their reservations to Ms. Carolina Menardi, to by fax, to reservas@castelarhotel.com.ar, with copy to msukenik@secom.gov.ar, using the Hotel Reservation form.

It is important that you make your reservation as soon as possible. All reservation requests must include a credit card number. You will receive a confirmation message when the hotel has accepted your reservation.

Should you decide not attend the meeting; your reservation must be cancelled with 48 hours of advance notice.

4. Flights and transport

Ezeiza Airport is located 40 minutes from the city and it operates all international flights. Participants have many options for transfers from the airport to their hotel in the City of Buenos Aires.

Taxis and private hired cars: At the airport, you will find a wide variety of taxis and private car rental companies located at the exit of the passenger arrival lounge.

Minibuses: they are the most economical option, with services every half hour from the airport, including transfer to the main hotels in downtown area.

For more information we suggest you to access the following web page: <http://www.aa2000.com.ar> (**Aeropuertos Argentina 2000** - Aeropuerto de Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini)

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Formalities for entry

Most Participants do not need visas to enter the Argentine Republic. However, we recommend you consult its embassy or consulate in your country.

No vaccination certificate is required for entry, except for cholera and yellow fever in the case of passengers from countries where these diseases are endemic.

2. Language

Spanish is the official language, but most people speak basic English.

3. Electricity

Argentina uses alternating current and the voltage is 220 volts. Hotels usually have 110 volt adapters.

4. Weather

Buenos Aires mild and humid weather is usually benign throughout the year; therefore, extremely cold or hot days are very unusual. The average temperature ranges from 18.4° to 26°. During this season, the average temperature is 23°.

5. Currency

The *peso* (\$) is the official currency of Argentina, although dollars are generally accepted everywhere. Exchange into local currency can be done in banks and authorized exchange brokers. The most frequently accepted credit cards are American Express, VISA, Diners, and Master Card.

The exchange rate may fluctuate. On 05 October 2010, the exchange rate was: US\$1 = \$3.98.



6. Purchases. VAT refund

At the airport, you can be reimbursed the 21% of all amounts paid, which is the Value Added Tax, if you have purchased domestic products over \$70 (per invoice) at shops which belong to the "Global Refund" system.

7. Business hours

Trading hours in shops: Banks and exchange brokers: from Monday through Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Shops: open from 9.00 am to 08.00 pm. Saturdays, from 09.00 am to 01.00 pm. Cafes, bars and pizzerias are almost always open, with a break between two and six in the morning.

Restaurants: lunch is served as from 12.30 am and dinner as from 8.30 pm. Many places serve fast food at all hours.

8. Tips

The usual tip is 10% of the bill in cafeterias and restaurants. Porters, bellboys, and ushers are also tipped.

9. Useful information

For more information on the city of Mendoza, we suggest you visit the following website: <http://www.qcba.gov.ar/areas/turismo/home/>