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Dates:

Sunday, October 30th - Friday, November 4th, 2005

Venue:

Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel and Convention Center. Conveniently located in the heart of the city overlooking the Río de la Plata, the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center is a five- star, 750 room, luxury hotel. It is a modern conference center, professionally equipped and staffed to meet all the needs for a successful international meeting. The Center also offers four restaurants, several cafeterias, two tennis courts, a swimming pool, a health club, business center and all the usual conveniences of an international five star hotel.

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Language:

The official language of the Congress is English. The official language of Argentina is Spanish.

Certificates of Attendance and Presentation:

A certificate of attendance will be included in the congress material. Certificates of presentation will be available upon request between November 1st and 3rd, 2005 and picked up by November 4th, 2005 at the Registration Desk. Certificates will not be issued after the Congress.

Lunches:

There are plenty of sites to have lunch at the Congress Venue and surroundings. Lunch boxes, free of charge, will be available at the Posters Sessions. These boxes will not be able for taking out.

Currency:

The "Peso" (\$) is divided into 100 cents (centavos) is the unit of currency. Coins in circulation are: 5, 10, 25, 50 cents, 1 peso. Bills in circulation: 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 pesos.

Security:

As in any big city, it is advisable to leave your values at the safe box in your hotel.

Smoking Policy:

Smoking is not allowed in Lecture Halls. Smoking areas will be available.

Insurance:

The Congress Organizers will not accept any liability for personal injury or loss/damage to property, belongings of meeting participants or accompanying persons, either during or as a result of the Congress or during all tours or their stay in Buenos Aires. It is therefore, recommended that participants arrange their own personal health, accident and travel insurance.

Electric Power Supply:

Argentina runs 220 volts 50 Hz (cycles) with two/three prong plugs. Plug adaptors and small transformers are required for personal care electrical appliances, that can be provided by your hotel. For shavers, you should ask the concierge of your hotel.

Telephone:

Argentina's code number is 54. Buenos Aires area code number is 11.

Credit Cards:

All major credit cards are accepted in restaurants, hotels and shops.

Tipping:

Bills do not include service charge. For restaurants and other services 10% is the usual minimum.

Banking and shopping hours:

Banks in Buenos Aires are open Mondays through Fridays from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Shops are open Mondays through Fridays from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm and Saturdays from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. Shopping Centers/Malls from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm.

Weight and Measurements:

All units used in Argentina correspond to the metric system.

REGISTRATION**Registration Fees: On-site**

Category	On-site Registration
Member	US dollars 500
Non-Member	US dollars 600
Students (official valid certification necessary)	US dollars 200
Accompanying Persons	US dollars 150
Congress Banquet	US dollars 50

The Registration desk will be open from October 30th-November 4th, 2005 at the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel and Convention Center.