4th ANNUAL INARCH MEETING

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General information

- Please check with the Consulate of Chile in your country if you need a VISA to enter the country.
 Depending on your country of origin, you may need to pay a fee upon arrival at the Santiago Airport.
- If you want to extend your trip and enjoy our country, please visit Gochile (there is plenty of practical info there) or the Servicio Nacional de Turismo.
- INARCH will occur during late spring. Expect warm, pleasant weather for most of the time. During October, Santiago temperatures range between 7-23 °C and usually there is NO precipitation. You can check the weather forecast at the Weather Service. Portillo, on the other hand is a high elevation mountain site, with temperatures ranging between -3-10 °C. Solar radiation is very high in central Chile at this time of the year, so bring a hat and your favorite sunscreen.
- Peso (\$) is the national currency. At the time of writing this page 1 USDolar = \$ 696-- and 1 Euro = \$ 807. See daily values here.
- You can pay in US\$/Euros in hotels (recomeded to avoid being charged the local VAT of 19%) and transportation from/to the airport.
- Elsewhere (restaurants, local transportation) only Chilean Pesos (\$) are accepted. Money exchanges is available at the airport, some hotels, banks and money exchange agencies (most of them in downtown and Providencia). There is NO money exchange at the venue.

Location

The meeting will be held at the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences at the Universidad de Chile in Santiago (a.k.a. Beauchef Campus, Wednesday morning) and at the Portillo Hotel (Wednesday afternoon through Friday evening).

Universidad de Chile, Beauchef Campus

Portillo Ski Resort Information

Transportation from the airport

- Santiago Airport information
- For your own safety, it is recommended that you use the transportation service authorized by the Santiago Airport (taxi or shuttle service).
- There is a counter for official ground transportation at the baggage claims area of the airport.
- The price of a taxi airport-city is US\$ 35. There is also a very good shared Van service, Transvip, at US\$ 15.
- There is also an official bus service (CENTROPUERTO, blue buses) from the airport which connect directly with subway stations Pajaritos and Los Heroes (both at line 1). One-way ticket is \$ 2.000 (3 US\$). Buses depart every 20-30 min.

Transportation to the meeting venue

The best way to get to the Beauchef campus is using the Santiago subway ("Metro"). Nearby stations include "Republica" (Line 1) and "Toesca" (Line 2).

Transportation to Portillo will be by bus, provided by the meeting organization. The bus will leave from the Beauchef Campus after lunch. Self transportation to Portillo is possible, but not recommended. If you need special transportation arrangements, please contact the local organizer.

Where to stay while in Santiago

Santiago is a cosmopolitan metropolis with a wide variety of lodging alternatives, from student hostels to luxury hotels. If you plan to spend time in the city before or after the meeting, desirable neighborhoods to stay include the area near the <u>Bellas Artes Museum</u>, and the <u>Providencia</u> area.