

**WMO TRAINING WORKSHOP ON UPPER-AIR OBSERVATION
For RA III (South America) 8-12 May 2006
Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



This document contains additional information provided by the Meteorological Service of Argentina for those attending the above meetings to be held in Buenos Aires (Republic of Argentina) from 8 to 12 May 2006.



Legend

- 1. National Meteorological Service, 25 de Mayo 658
- 2. Concorde Hotel, 25 de Mayo 630

Climatological data for May

Parameter	Period	Value
Mean temperature (°C)	1961-2000	14,7°C
Mean max. temp. (°C)	1961-2000	19,5°C
Mean min. temp. (°C)	1961-2000	10,9°C
Mean precipitation (mm)	1961-2000	94,4 mm

Phenomenon	Frequency (days)
Precipitation	8
Clear sky	9
Overcast sky	9
Storm	3

Meeting venue

The meetings will be held in the Argentine Regional Instrument Centre Buenos Aires and Ezeiza Upper-Air Station, and will be coordinated by the National Meteorological Service of Argentina, which headquarter is located at 25 de Mayo 658 Capital Federal, Buenos Aires.

Languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the meetings into English and Spanish. The opening ceremony will take place on Monday, 8 May 2006, at 10:00 a.m

Export and re- export of equipment

The Argentina National Meteorological Service will not be responsible for the incoming or out coming of Argentina of any equipment involved in the workshop. No customs procedures will be performed in this regard by the Argentina National Meteorological Service either.

Hotel accommodation

The Local Organizing Committee has made arrangements with the Concorde Hotel for participants to be given the corporate rates, which are as follows (including breakfast and as well as tax):

Single room	35 U\$
Double room	38 U\$
Suite JR	48 U\$

Address: CONCORDE Hotel
25 de Mayo 630
Buenos Aires (C.P1002)
Tel : (+54-11) 4313-2018
Fax : (+54-11) 5128-9005
Email: reservas@concordehotel.com.ar
Web page: www.concordehotel.com.ar

Reservations must be made personally by either e-mail (reservas@concordehotel.com.ar) or fax ((+54 11) 5128-9005), for which purpose a hotel reservation form is attached for completion as appropriate. In order to obtain the agreed corporate rate, mention National Meteorological Service' must be made on the form, which should be sent in by 28 April 2006, after which the hotel cannot guarantee availability of rooms. It is recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible as rooms are in great demand in May.

Any participants not wishing to stay at the above hotel at the corporate rate may contact, inter alia, the Hotel Regente Palace (www.regente.com), or Ameriam (www.ameriam.com), which are in the immediate vicinity of the National Meteorological Service

Airports

- **Ministro Pistarini International Airport – Ezeiza, Buenos Aires**

Most international air companies flying to Argentina arrive in the Ministro Pistarini International Airport (Ezeiza), which is 35 km from the centre of Buenos Aires. More information about Argentine airports can be found on the website www.aa2000.com.ar.

An airport tax of US\$ 18 must be paid when leaving Argentina.

- **Jorge Newbery Airport – Aeroparque**

Although most international air companies flying to Argentina arrive in the Ministro Pistarini International Airport (Ezeiza), some companies may make a stopover and change aeroplanes at the Jorge Newbery Airport (Aeroparque).

Transport to and from the Ministro Pistarini International Airport, Ezeiza

1. Transport company

"Manuel Tienda León" (bus and taxi)
Down Town Terminal: Av. Madero esq. San Martín, Buenos Aires
Website: www.tiendaleon.com.ar

Travel on a Manuel Tienda León bus from the airport to the centre of Buenos Aires costs approximately Arg\$ 25 (credit cards accepted), and a transfer service exists from the Manuel Tienda León Terminal to the hotel costing Arg\$ 5. The daily scheduled service is as follows:

- From the Ezeiza International Airport every 30 minutes from 6.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m., and every 45 minutes from 9.00 p.m. onwards;
- From the centre of Buenos Aires to Ezeiza International Airport, every 30 minutes from 5.00 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., with two additional times at 4.00 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.;
- From the Jorge Newbery Airport, every hour from 9.00 a.m to 6.00 p.m., and on request as from 8.00 p.m.

3. Taxis/rented car with driver

Taxis and rented cars with drivers are available at the airport to take participants to the centre of Buenos Aires at a cost of approximately \$ 45 to \$ 50.

Visa formalities

Entry visas may be necessary for participants of certain nationalities.

An entry visa cannot be obtained in Argentina, but must be requested in the participants' respective countries. If the country does not have an Argentine consulate, the visa may be obtained through the consular office of the country representing the Argentine Republic. The Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs has a website containing information to assist travellers at www.cancilleria.gov.ar.

Special requirements

Any food restrictions, such as allergic, religious or vegetarian requirements, or other special needs such as wheelchairs, etc., should be mentioned on the hotel reservation form.

Banking

The official currency of Argentina is the peso (Arg\$), banknote denominations being issued for 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 pesos and coins for 1 peso and 50, 25, 10 and 5 centavos. Money can be exchanged in banks, at the airport, in some hotels and at authorized exchange agencies, the exchange rate being approximately US\$ 1 = Arg\$ 3. Traveller's cheques can be exchanged in banks in Buenos Aires. The most widely accepted credit cards are American Express, Visa, Diners and MasterCard.

The opening times of banks and exchange agencies are 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Participants who arrive during a weekend can exchange money at the airport.

Information about the city of Buenos Aires

The Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Federal Capital of the Argentine Republic, is one of the world's largest and most sophisticated cities, with 11 million inhabitants.

Visitors from abroad can enjoy the city's active cultural life, with a great variety of attractions such as parks and gardens, historical monuments, churches and convents, museums, cultural centres, shopping malls, theatres, big hotels, excellent restaurants with refined international or typical cuisine, and the traditional tango shows. More information about Buenos Aires can be found at www.bue.gov.ar and city maps at <http://usig.buenosaires.gov.ar/images/estaticos>.

Electricity

The power supply in Argentina is 220 V, 50 Hz, AC.

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HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and send this form to the Concorde Hotel Buenos Aires Hotel by 28 April 2006. National Meteorological Service

Surname:

First name:

Organization/Country:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Postcode:

Credit card No.:

Security code:

Tel.:

Fax:

Email:

Special requirements:

This reservation is for the meeting organized by the National Meteorological Service

Please provide the following travel information:

Arrival: Flight No.: Date: Time:

Departure: Flight No.: Date: Time:

Date of check in at hotel:

Date of check out at hotel:

Signature:

Signature:

Please give the Local Organizing Committee the above travel information by sending a copy of this form by either fax to (+5411) 5167-6711 or email to garcia@meteofa.mil.ar , hsosa@meteofa.mil.ar or susyb@meteofa.mil.ar.