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1. SUMMARY AND ASSEMBLY PLANNING

The Scientific Assembly of the International Associations of Geodesy (IAG) was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from August 31st 2009 to September 4th 2009. The 5 day conference attracted 364 delegates from 66 countries and involved some 812 presentations. The total budget involved was about U\$ 150 000 that comprised U\$ 117 000 in registrations and U\$ 33 000 in grants and sponsorships. Seven national and international exhibitors were also present. The Intercontinental Hotel was an ideal venue. In almost all aspects, feedback from delegates and members of the Executive Committee indicated that the conference was a great success.

The conference theme for the IAG Scientific Assembly IAG2009 was "Geodesy for Planet Earth", recalling the International Year for Planet Earth (2007 – 2009)

Informal meetings were held between the Local Organizing Committee and Hermann Drewes, secretary of the Assembly, by May 2008.

The first LOC meeting was held immediately before the IUGG General Assembly, where Buenos Aires was chosen venue for this IAG 2009. The first decision was made to appoint IDEAR EVENTOS as Professional Conference Organizer.

The first item decided was the composition of the LOC as well as the roles and responsibilities of their members. Besides, an invitation letter was sent to all the Argentinean scientists in connection with Geodesy aiming to cooperate with the LOC.

Executive Committee indicated that the conference was a great success.

Local Committee

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2. MARKETING

Summary:

The strategic goals of IAG2009 were agreed to attract 500 delegates by positioning the conference as the first IAG Assembly in Argentina, the second in South America and the third in the Southern Hemisphere, with a scientific program covering geosciences, and devoted to Academics, Surveyors, Oceanographers, Geoscientists, Cartographers, Students, and those involved in remote sensing and other related disciplines.

To achieve the above goals a wide range of marketing collateral was produced and distributed over an 18 months period. The distribution details are outlined below.

Logo:

IDEAR EVENTOS designed several proposals that are shown below. All of them were draft proposals to be modified, merged, colored, etc. (Notice that the name was by then a fantasy name, which was changed by the definite one "Geodesy for Planet Earth").

The LOC, together with the IAG Executive Committee, selected a combination of several proposals, which lead to the final Logo.





ADOPTED LOGO



GEODESY FOR PLANET EARTH

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First Announcement and Website

An initial flyer was prepared in December 2007 to begin proceedings.

It was e-mailed to more than 5,000 people and institutions. At the same time, the website was launched and announced to them.

The website was the most important tool in the organization of the IAG2009 as it became a portal to all relevant information. The webpage could be accessed either in English or Spanish version. Everybody was able to access program, registration and general information for the Scientific Assembly which circumvented any potential problems based on time difference.

The value of this level of information being available is highlighted by the high number of repeat visitors to the site.

The website was also used to manage the Call for Abstracts and the Registration, as well as the possibility to book hotels, transfers, etc.

In that sense, a modern, versatile and easily access website was designed, outfitted with all necessary tools to facilitate access to different options. Those who pre-registered at the site could have their own space through which manage their formalities and documentation.

Despite the management problems at the beginnings, mainly related to credit cards transactions, the procedures were eventually effective and fluid

95% of the registrations were made via website. 67% of them complete the payment through the Internet, either through bank transfer or credit card.

A total of 512 Abstracts have been received. More than 90% of them were uploaded through the website. The LOC took care of those that were sent by e-mail and uploaded them to the website. In most of these cases, the authors didn't follow the format and some information was missing (keywords, preferred session, etc.).

Links from related organizations websites:

Asociación Argentina de Geofísicos y Geodestas www.aagg.org.ar

Instituto Geográfico Militar www.igm.gov.ar

International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing www.isprs.org

Federación Internacional de Geómetras www.fig.org

International Association of Geodesy www.iag-aig.org

Federación Argentina de Agrimensores www.fada.org.ar

Portal El Agrimensor www.elagrimensor.net

International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics www.iugg.org

Portal Mundo Geo www.mundogeo.com

Portal Geoinstitutos <http://www.geoinstitutos.com/>

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia <http://www.ipgh.org>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration <http://www.nasa.gov/>

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It is both our privilege and our pleasure to invite you to the International Association of Geodesy Scientific Assembly IAG2009 that will be hosted by the IUGG National Committee together with the Argentine Association of Geophysics and Geodesy, and will take place in the exciting city of Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires, cradle of tango and gate to Argentina, is the most European city in Latin America. It is a singular, open and integrating destination that allows visitors not only to view the city but also to live an exceptional urban adventure. Immigrants from all over the world have given the city the cultural and architectural diversity that makes it so remarkable. Buenos Aires' night is a legend of its own, filled with lights, magic and mystery, with all kinds of shows and cuisine possibilities, with permanently open coffee shops and bookstores, with as many clubs, cinemas and theatres as you can find in the best capital cities in the world. As Buenos Aires combines a variety of experiences, it may suit all tastes. Buenos Aires is the leader in Latin America regarding to art, culture and tradition. You will explore Buenos Aires and its neighbourhoods, like the colourful La Boca or the aristocratic and exclusive area of Recoleta as well as Puerto Madero as reference of the new modern city. You can choose from a diversity of art exhibitions, museums and entertainment, including a typical and exciting football game.









IAG2009 will be an event that covers the whole of geodesy in an exciting social environment that extends our knowledge, improves our practice, and widens our friendship networks. Following the long outstanding tradition of these scientific assemblies, IAG2009 will be a major scientific event, bringing together geodesists from all over the world, and demonstrating the vital role that geodesy plays in our society. This will be the main geodetic meeting in 2009. We do hope that you will make it a priority to attend.











Welcome to our site and see you in Buenos Aires!

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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The conference website was designed, hosted and updated by Idear Eventos. Website content was prepared by both the Local Organizing Committee and Idear Eventos. It included the following pages:

Welcome

General Information

- Argentina (The country)
- Buenos Aires (The city)
- IAG (The Institution)
- VISA useful information

Committees

- Scientific Committee
- Local Organizing Committee

Topics

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- Session 4
- Session 5
- Session 6
- Session 7
- Session 8
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- Pre and Post Congress Programs
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Technical Exhibition

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Circulars:

Three circulars with relevant information were produced and distributed among the list of contacts. The first circular was sent as html document. Nevertheless, one of the obstacles in regards to using these files was that many of the government firewalls blocked the image so the newsletter was not as effective. Therefore, the second and third circulars were distributed through links in e-mails sent to all delegates.

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Flyers:

Three different size flyers were prepared: A4, A3 and double A3. A total of 5000 flyers were distributed among institutions and colleagues.

Some colleagues helped by displaying an important amount of flyers at International Events.



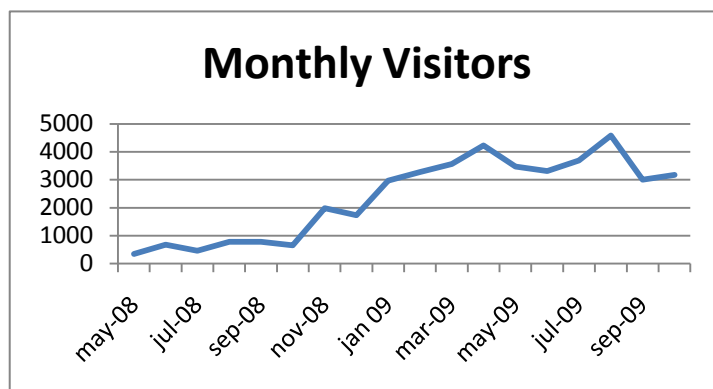
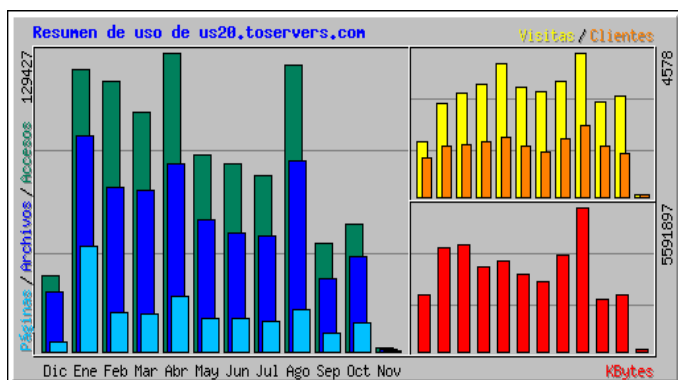
In addition, a permanent communication by e-mails was established to keep the potential participants informed about several aspects of the Assembly as well as to recall them important dates and deadlines.

Web Site Statistics

In the table and graphics it is possible to see that more than 1,000,000 visitor accessed the website since its operation. The periods of marked increase in access are in coincidence with deadlines and mainly during the month before the Assembly.

The statistical analysis demonstrated that the website was very well utilized, it is recommended that this type of electronic medium continue to be an integral part of any future conferences.

Monthly Summary										
Mes	Daily mean				Montly Totals					
	Access	Files	Sites	Visitors	Clients	KBytes	Visitors	Sites	Files	Access
May-08	234	213	132	41	92	342134	345	1783	3400	14567
Jun-08	321	234	229	23	321	928756	674	5223	4544	21222
Jul-08	345	562	342	34	112	1654789	458	2835	7658	23576
Aug-08	543	456	453	112	312	1245634	777	3424	18535	22135
Sep-08	987	543	564	56	675	1983456	785	5456	21789	31567
Oct-08	567	567	235	46	342	2432658	657	3345	34355	34254
Nov-08	934	987	345	25	456	1324567	1987	3452	23434	32616
Dec-08	1052	838	125	55	1224	2219512	1730	3876	25979	32616
Jan-09	3936	3015	1470	95	1612	4034846	2972	45595	93469	122021
Feb-09	4168	2529	596	116	1662	4158090	3274	16700	70818	116707
Mar-09	3346	2252	514	114	1750	3282130	3564	15960	69832	103732
Apr-09	4314	2704	805	141	1876	3496879	4234	24170	81136	129427
May-09	2735	1838	454	111	1595	2992088	3468	14098	56991	84805
Jun-09	2703	1719	481	110	1418	2694385	3318	14448	51581	81106
Jul-09	2465	1612	426	118	1848	3725237	3685	13217	49972	76418
Aug-09	3995	2672	579	147	2245	5591897	4578	17949	82833	123858
Sep-09	1571	1056	260	99	1635	2040133	2998	7813	31706	47153
Oct-09	1785	1329	394	102	1376	2186627	3178	12235	41201	55347
Nov-09	639	384	91	37	82	58017	75	183	769	1279
Totals						46391835	42757	211762	770002	1154406



3. REGISTRATION

Summary

A total of 364 delegates attended the conference and 424 presentations were made. The bulk of attendees came from Argentina, United States, Germany, Brazil and China.

The number of abstracts submitted overpass 500. However, about 70 of these submissions were subsequently withdrawn leading to a total of 424 presentations. The withdrawals continued right up to the conference itself resulting in additional work and cost overruns through:

- a) several rewritings of the scientific program
- b) the overbooking of both rooms and A/V equipment.

For future conferences, it would be useful to charge a small fee for the submission of every abstract, which is standard procedure for many meetings. It would make delegates to think more carefully about whether they will actually attend the conference.

Procedure

Delegates were invited to register for the IAG 2009 from one year before the Assembly. Delegates had the option to register via post or fax or using the on-line form available on the website. Delegates could also book accommodation, transportation from the airport, tickets for gala dinner and city tour.

There were three different registration fees (depending on the day of payment) and four types of delegates, according to the table below. Exhibitors should be also mentioned, despite they are not included in the table.

Registration fees

	Early bird Before March 31 st , 2009	Standard April 1 st - August 1 st 2009	Late or On site After August 1 st , 2009
Normal	U\$S 460	U\$S 540	U\$S 570
Student or Young Researcher (*)	U\$S 290	U\$S 360	U\$S 380
Accompanying Persons	U\$S 220	U\$S 250	U\$S 270
One day	U\$S 220	U\$S 250	U\$S 270

(*) Young researcher is 35 years or younger; either having pursued a PhD within the last 5 years or still PhD student. It is necessary to present a student card or equivalent.

The Registration fee includes:

	Full Delegate/ Student/ Young researcher	One day	Accompanying Persons
Admission to the Oral Sessions	X	X	
Admission to the Poster Sessions (*)	X	X	X
Admission to Technical Exhibition (*)	X	X	X
List of Participants	X	X	
Book of Abstracts	X		
Coffee Breaks	X	X	
Ice Breaker Party (*)	X	X	X

(*) if corresponds. Only for one day registration

Delegate statistics by registration fee and grants

IAG Members	94
Attendees	231
Expositors	32
Accompanying Persons	4
Others	2
Total	363

Delegate statistics by registration type

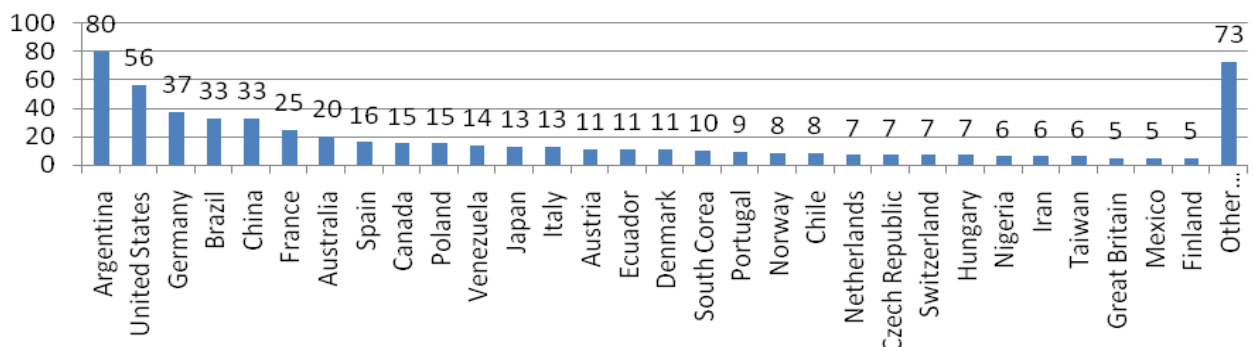
Early Bird	134
Standard	41
IAG/IPGH/IUGG Grants	17
LOC Grants	29
Onsite	58
Students	62
Day	18
Accompanying Person	4
Total	334

Delegate location

The following countries were represented:

Afganistán	Bermuda	Denmark	French Polynesia	Italy	Russia
Albany	Bosnia Herzegovina	Ecuador	Georgia	Japan	Sri Lanka
Germany	Brazil	Egypt	Greece	Mexico	Sweden
American Samoa	Brunei Darussalam	El Salvador	Netherlands	Nigeria	Switzerland
Andorra	Canada	Slovakia	Hong Kong	Norway	Taiwan
Saudi Arabia	Chile	Spain	Hungary	New Zeland	Tunez
Argelia	China	United States	India	Pakistan	Turkey
Argentina	Colombia	Estonia	Indonesia	Poland	Uruguay
Australia	South Corea	Etiopía	Great Britain	Portugal	Venezuela
Austria	Costa Rica	Fynland	Iraq	Czech Republic	
Belgium	Croacia	France	Israel	Iran	

Pre-Registration by Countries

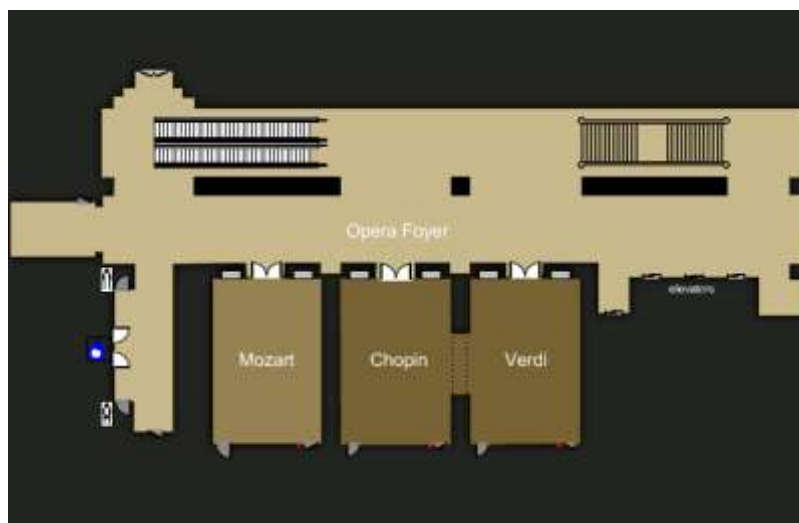


Registration Desk:

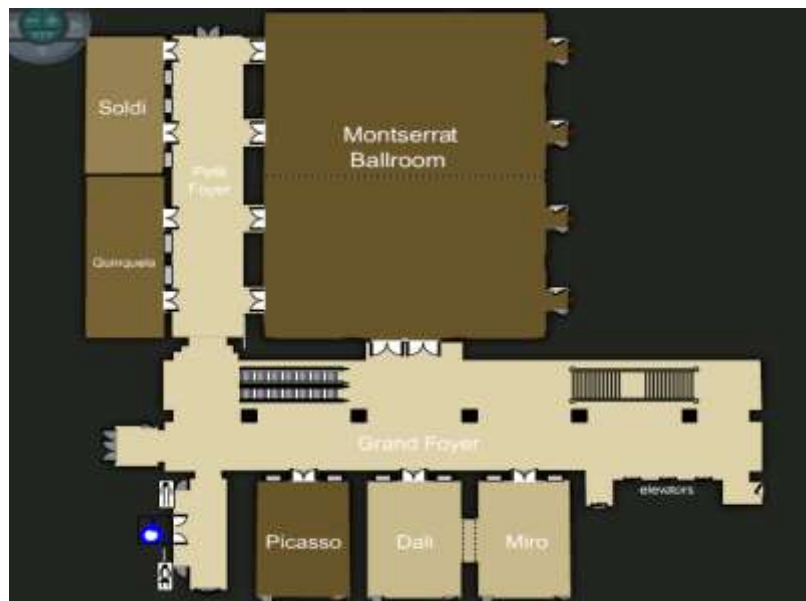
The Registration desk was located on the - 2 Level of the Intercontinental Hotel, except on Sunday 30th, that was located on the - 1 Level of the Intercontinental Hotel, near Verdi Room, in the following opening hours.

Sunday 30th	14:00 - 18:00
Monday 31st	07:30 - 17:00
Tuesday 1st	08:30 - 17:00
Wednesday 2nd	08:30 - 17:00
Thursday 3rd	08:30 - 17:00
Friday 4th	08:30 - 17:00

Level - 1



Level - 2



Grants:

IAG, IUGG and IPGH provided funding for grants to 17 delegates. In addition, the LOC allowed 14 of these delegated to register at no cost.

The LOC also allowed a no-cost registration to 4 representatives of sister associations.

Furthermore, twelve students were awarded by the LOC to fund their attendance to the conference in return for assisting with the operations on two days of the conference. The objects of these grants were to involve local students and Universities and to provide the students with contacts for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral opportunities. The awards were judged a great success.

Summarizing, 30 registration were afforded by the LOC, representing a total amount of more than \$ 10,000.

The awards were informed through the website as follows:

The participants in the list bellow have been granted.

Their registration fees have been waived and the corresponding expenses assumed by the LOC.

The Local Organizing Committee of IAG2009 was not involved with the allocation of grants.

Name	First name	Institution	City	Country	Birth date	Sess.	Sponsor
Mateo	María L.	CONICET	Mendoza	Argentina	80-08-14	3	IAG
Fellner	Johannes J.	Curtin Univ.	Perth	Australia	78-04-27	2	IAG
Pany	Andrea	Dep. Geod.	Wien	Austria	82-07-26	4	IAG
Quiñones	Susana	Univ. Santiago	Santiago	Chile	77-09-06	3	IAG
Herrera Pinzón	Iván Darío	IGAC	Bogotá	Colombia	83-08-07	5	IAG
Wu	Yunlong	Niels Bohr Inst.	Copenhagen	Denmark	81-11-01	2	IAG
Leiva	Cesar	IGM	Quito	Ecuador	78-12-29	5	IAG
Naujoks	Marco	Inst. Geosc.	Jena	Germany	78-07-03	2	IAG
Anjasmara	Ira Mutiara	Sepuluh Dept.	Surabaya	Indonesia	78-12-31	3	IAG
Abt	Tin Lian	Ohio State Univ	Columbus	USA	81-03-14	2	IAG
Mackern	Virginia	Univ Nac Cuyo	Mendoza	Argentina	69-12-22	1, 5	IUGG
Luz	Roberto	IBGE	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	67-03-11	2, 5	IUGG
Maturana	Rodrigo	IGM	Santiago	Chile	61-02-23	5	IUGG
Pampillon	José Maria	SGM	Montevideo	Uruguay	77-07-14	5	IUGG
Alves Costa	Sonia Maria	IBGE	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	62-01-30	5, 6	PAIGH
Martinez-Diaz	William	IGAC	Bogotá	Colombia	67-12-09	5	PAIGH
Figueroa	Carlos	CNR	San Salvador	El Salvador	57-04-04	5	PAIGH
IUGG delegate							IAG invited
ISPRS delegate							IAG invited
IAHS delegate							IAG invited
ION delegate							IAG invited
FIG delegate							IAG invited

Remarks:

Some unrealistic situations have been detected, such us delegates from the antipodes of Argentina paying for one day registration.

The LOC had been informed only of 10 grants that would be provided by IAG, and their registration waived by the LOC. So, only requirements for IAG grants were available at the website. It led to many inconveniences, confusion and complains. Many potential participants didn't apply because of their age (IAG required to be 35 years old or younger), and they felt very annoyed when realized that older people had been granted. Moreover, some institutions from developing countries found unfair that some establishments got more than one grant for their representatives, while others didn't get any one.

4. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

THEMES

The IAG themes were determined by the IAG Executive Committee together with the IAG2009 Scientific Committee (SC), while the conveners were determined by the IAG2009 SC.

Most oral presentations were fixed in 15 minutes (including questions) in order to have only two Sessions going together.

The themes were organized in 8 sessions as follows:

SESSION 1:

"Reference frames implementation for Geoscience's applications: From local to global scales"

SESSION 2:

"Gravity of the Planet Earth"

SUB-SESSIONS:

- 2.1: Physics and Geometry of Earth. Focus on satellite altimetry and InSAR
- 2.2: Gravity - An Earth Probing Tool. Focus on CHAMP/GRACE/GOCE missions, relative/ absolute/ superconducting gravimetry, and their applications.
- 2.3: Modern Height Datum. Focus on definition and realization of GPS-levelling and gravity-base height datum
- 2.4: Gravity and Geoid Modelling. Focus on global and regional gravity and geoid modelling

SESSION 3:

"Geodesy and Geodynamics: Global and Regional Scales"

SUB-SESSIONS:

- 3.1: Rotation of the Planet Earth
- 3.2: Sea level changes and post-glacial rebound
- 3.3: Ocean loading and global water distribution / geophysical fluids
- 3.4: Geodesy, crustal motions and geodynamic processes
- 3.5: Geodesy and the near-field solid earth response to cryospheric mass changes

SESSION 4:

"Positioning and remote sensing of land, ocean and atmosphere"

SUB-SESSIONS:

- 4.1: Technology and land applications.
- 4.2: Modelling and remote sensing of the atmosphere.
- 4.3: Multi-satellite ocean remote sensing.

SESSION 5:

"Geodesy in Latin America"

SESSION 6:

"JOINT ION/FIG/ISPRS session on Navigation and Earth Observation"

SUB-SESSIONS:

- 6.1: Navigation (FIG, ION)
- 6.2: Earth Observation (ISPRS)

SESSION 7:

"The Global Geodetic Observing System: Science and Applications"

SUB-SESSIONS:

- 7.1: Past Progress and Future Plans
- 7.2: Science and Applications

SESSION 8: The IAG International Services and their role for Earth observation"

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

The Call for Abstracts opened in October 2008. The original closing date for the submission of abstracts was January 31st. However this was later extended to March. The following instructions appeared on the website:

LANGUAGE

Abstracts should be written in English and stress the objectives, results and conclusions of the presented work in no more than 500 words.

METHODS OF SUBMISSION

Participants who wish to give an oral or poster presentation must submit an abstract following one of these methods:

- Through IAG2009 Web site <http://www.iag2009.com.ar/registration> (highly recommended). Detailed online instructions will guide you through the process.
- By e-mail to scientific@iag2009.com.ar (Only to be used if electronic submission is unavailable; please follow the layout and format described below).
- By postal mail (Only to be used if electronic submission is unavailable; please follow the layout and format described below). Send three copies, plus a file containing the abstract on two CD-ROMs to the following address:

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Cabildo 381

C1426AAD - Buenos Aires

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TEL: 54-341-4802649 (int.117)

FAX: 54-341-4802654

FORMAT FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED BY POSTAL MAIL

The required layout for inclusion in the Book of Abstracts is as shown below:

Paper size: A4

Margins: 2.5 cm all around

Font: Times Roman

Title size: 12 points, bold

Author's size: 12 points

Text size: 12 points

Justification: left

Spacing: single

Abstract title in capital letters.

Leave one blank line after the title block.

Type the initial(s) and last name of each author.

Type the author's addresses starting a new line.

Underline the name of the author who will be presenting the paper and include her/his e-mail and/or fax number.

Leave one blank line after the authors' block and type the text of the abstract (500 words maximum).

Do not leave blank lines for new paragraphs.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please submit the following information on a second page, separated by blank lines:

1. Paper Title of presentation (exactly as it appears on the paper).

2. Most appropriate Session(s) for paper.

Session Choice:

Sub-Session Choice:

3. Provide up to THREE Keywords that are appropriate for your paper:

4. List ALL Author(s), Affiliation(s), in the exact order they appear on the paper: Underline the author who will present the paper.

5. Preference for oral or poster presentation, or no preference.

6. Indicate any equipment you need for your presentation in addition to the standard equipment (1 overhead and 1 PC projectors).

7. Are you applying for a grant? YES or NO; list name of author(s) who is (are) applying for a grant. If applying for a grant, please read the instructions under Travel Award/grant application carefully.

8. Message to convener (if any).

REMARKS

Abstracts were mainly submitted through the website. No abstracts were sent by postal mail, and only 34 abstracts were sent by e-mail. In general, those who submit their abstracts by e-mail didn't observe the instructions, what lead in much consuming time for the LOC.

Program Scheme for Oral Sessions:

MONDAY, August 31st

	Auditorium MONTSERRAT B	Auditorium MONTSERRAT A	POSTERS		
09:00 - 09:30		OPENING CEREMONY			
09:30 - 11:15	S1 Reference Frames	S2.2 Gravity	S1	S6	
11:15 - 11:45	COFFEE BREAK				
11:45 - 13:15	S1 Reference Frames	S2.2 Gravity			
13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH				
14:30 - 16:15	S6.2 ION/FIG/SPRS	S1 Reference Frames			
16:15 - 16:45	COFFEE BREAK				S2,2
16:45 - 18:30	S6.1 ION/FIG/SPRS	S1 Reference Frames			
18:30 - 19:00	POSTER SESSION (S1, S2.2, S6) Dali & Miro rooms		S1	S6	S2,2

TUESDAY, September 1st

	Auditorium MONTSERRAT B	Auditorium MONTSERRAT A	POSTERS			
09:00 - 10:45	S4.3 Positioning & Remote Sensing	S3.4 Geodynamics	S3.1	S3.2	S3.3	
10:45 - 11:15	COFFEE BREAK					
11:15 - 13:00	S4.3 Positioning & Remote Sensing	S3.4 Geodynamics				
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH					
14:00 - 15:45	S4.2 Positioning & Remote Sensing	S3.4 Geodynamics				
15:45 - 16:15	COFFEE BREAK					S4
16:15 - 18:00	S4.2 Positioning & Remote Sensing	S3.4 Geodynamics				
18:00 - 19:00	POSTER SESSION (S3.1, S3.2, S3.3, S4) Dali & Miro rooms		S3.1	S3.2	S3.3	S4

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd

	Auditorium MONTSERRAT B	Auditorium MONTSERRAT A	POSTERS		
09:00 - 10:45	S2.2 Gravity	S4.1 Positioning & Remote Sensing	S2.1	S2.3	
10:45 - 11:15	COFFEE BREAK				
11:15 - 13:00	S2.2 Gravity	S4.1 Positioning & Remote Sensing			
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH				
14:00 - 15:45	S3.1 Geodynamics	S2.3 Gravity			
15:45 - 16:15	COFFEE BREAK				S3,4
16:15 - 18:00	S3.1 Geodynamics	S2.3 Gravity			
18:00 - 19:00	POSTER SESSION (S2.1, S2.3, S3.4) Dali & Miro rooms		S2.1	S2.3	S3,4

THURSDAY, September 3rd

	Auditorium MONTSERRAT B	Auditorium MONTSERRAT A	POSTERS			
09:00 - 10:45	S3.2 Geodynamics	S7.1 GGOS	S2.4			
10:45 - 11:15	COFFEE BREAK					
11:15 - 13:00	S3.5 Geodynamics	S7.1 GGOS				
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH					
14:00 - 15:45	S7.2 GGOS	S3.3 Geodynamics				
15:45 - 16:15	COFFEE BREAK				S5	S7
16:15 - 18:00	S7.2 GGOS	S2.2 / S2.4 Gravity				S8
18:00 - 19:00	POSTER SESSION (S2.4, S5, S7, S8) Dali & Miro rooms		S2.4	S5	S7	S8

FRIDAY, September 4th

	Auditorium MONTSERRAT B	Auditorium MONTSERRAT A
09:00 - 10:45	S2.4 Gravity	S8 IAG Services
10:45 - 11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15 - 13:00	S2.4 Gravity	S5 Geodesy in Latin America
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 15:45	S2.4 Gravity	S5 Geodesy in Latin America
15:45 - 16:15	COFFEE BREAK	
16:15 - 18:00	S2.1 Gravity	S5 Geodesy in Latin America
	CLOSING CEREMONY	

Special Meetings:

A meeting room was available all day and all days for Commissions, Study Groups, and Commission Projects, under request.

The main Auditoriums Montserrat A and B were also available after oral sessions time.

MEETING ROOM

	SUN, Aug. 30 th	MON, Aug. 31 st	TUE, Sep. 1 st	WED, Sep. 2 nd	THU, Sep. 3 rd
08:00 - 09:00					
09:00 - 10:00	Ex. Committee IAG				
10:00 - 11:00					
11:00 - 12:00					
12:00 - 13:00					
13:00 - 14:00				Conveners Meeting	J. of Geodesy Edit. Board
14:00 - 15:00	GGOS	Proj. Gravity and Geoid in S. America	IGS Governing Board		
15:00 - 16:00					
16:00 - 17:00			Geoid Study Group	IGFS	Comm. 4
17:00 - 18:00					
18:00 - 19:00				SIRGAS	
19:00 - 20:00					

AUDITORIUM MONTSERRAT A

	SUN, Aug. 30 th	MON, Aug. 31 st	TUE, Sep. 1 st	WED, Sep. 2 nd	THU, Sep. 3 rd
18:00 - 19:00			S.Comm 3.1		Comm 1 - SC
19:00 - 20:00					
20:00 - 21:00					

AUDITORIUM MONTSERRAT B

	SUN, Aug. 30 th	MON, Aug. 31 st	TUE, Sep. 1 st	WED, Sep. 2 nd	THU, Sep. 3 rd
18:00 - 19:00			ICP1.2 Vertical Ref. Frames		
19:00 - 20:00					
20:00 - 21:00					

Speaker Preparation

Speakers are required to report to the Speaker Preparation Room in the **Quinquela Room** (Secretariat), located on the - 2 Level of the Intercontinental Hotel, to upload their presentations, preferably the day prior to their presentation; if this is not possible, at least three hours prior to their session start time. Opening hours are as follows:

Sunday 30th	14:00 - 18:00
Monday 31st	07:30 - 17:00
Tuesday 1st	08:30 - 17:00
Wednesday 2nd	08:30 - 17:00
Thursday 3rd	08:30 - 17:00
Friday 4th	08:30 - 17:00

Only for Sunday 30th, speakers should check their presentation at the Verdi Room or Registration Desk, located on the - 1 Level of the Intercontinental Hotel.

Oral presentations

The oral presentations will be held at the **Montserrat A and Montserrat B** rooms, located on the - 2 Level of the Intercontinental Hotel.

15 minutes have been allocated for each oral presentation, including the question period. Therefore, speakers are requested to time their talks for about 12-13 minutes so that a few minutes are left in the end for questions.

Poster presentations

The scientific poster sessions will be held at the **Miró and Dalí Rooms** on the - 2 Level of the Intercontinental Hotel.

The poster dimensions can not exceed 90 cm (width) x 115 cm (height).

The Secretariat does not provide Printing Service for posters, though there are Copy Centers in the whereabouts of the Intercontinental Hotel. Be aware that opening hours for these Centers is from 09:00 to 19:00.

REMARKS:

Taking into account the recommendations made by the LOC of the previous IAG Scientific Assembly (Dynamic Planet, Cairns, 2005), it was required that at least one author should be registered two months before the event. Nevertheless, some of them informed that they would pay on-site.

Moreover, in several cases some author/s was/were registered, but the presentation was not performed anyways.

Furthermore, several authors that had informed that they would pay on-site couldn't attend the Assembly and didn't inform about their situation. Even some conveners didn't attend and didn't inform!.

All these situations lead to many last minute changes that were confusing for everybody.

The conveners didn't inform how many posters were not presented at their session, so there is no precise information regarding these presentations.

Audio Visual Provisions

Each room for oral presentations was provided with 1 Professional Console "Mackie", 1 Power Unit "QSC", 6 Acoustic Cabinet "JBL", 3 Microphones (table, stand and wire-less) "AKG", 1 Notebook Audio Interface, 1 CD player, Video Projector 3000 ANSI lumen SXGA, Structural Screen 4 x 3 m, Video Control Board with monitor, Lighting System: front, podium, stage, Lighting control console, 1 Technical Operator.

5. SOCIAL PROGRAM

ICE BREAKER RECEPTION (Included with the registration)

It took place in the exclusive “**CIRCULO MILITAR**” located in the “*Palacio Paz*”, on August, Monday 31st.

The architectural style of the building is inspired in part at the Palace of Louvre in Paris from the sixteenth century. Today is a tribute to architectural beauty. It occupies a prominent site of the town, deeply tied to its history.

Transportation from and to the venue was provided. Either the place as the food and drinks were highly appreciated by the attendees.

GALA DINNER (Optional)

The selected place was “**MADERO TANGO**”, with its exclusive location and the quality that characterizes it.

Madero Tango appears as well as an only option that ties the theater experience, of spectacles and events with the best gastronomy in Port Log, catalogued like the district more surely of the City.

Madero Tango presents the tango show with the greater production in Argentina, under the name of “BIEN ARGENTINO”. The spectacle journeys those first places of the tango that served as muse to its lyric and follows their evolution to the present time where the electronic tango, the aerial dance and the fusion of styles causes that this musical sort today is success everywhere of the world.

Transportation from the venue was provided. The dinner was very well received by all the participants and lots of nice comments were received after the event.

CITY TOUR (Optional)

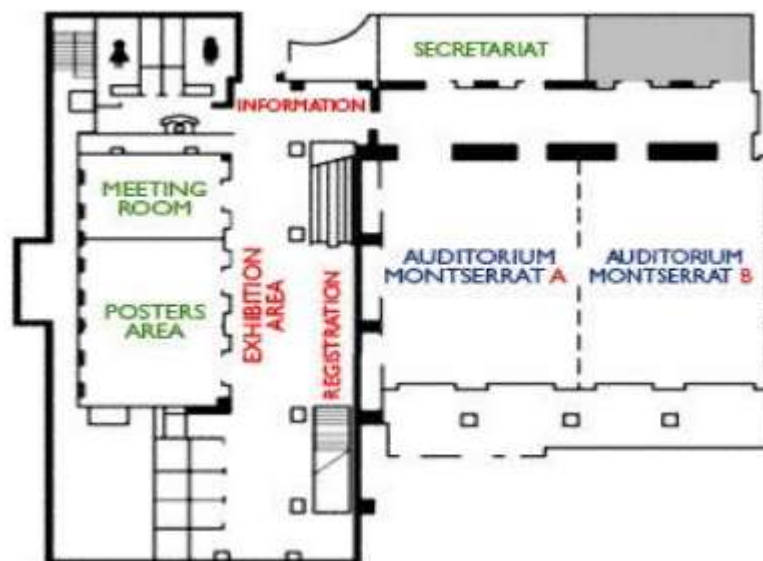
This tour covers all the corners of the city, offering the tourist the maximum comfort not to get lost at all.

The participants could visit the most attractive and emblematic places of the city (like Colon Theatre and The Obelisk, the symbol of Buenos Aires) all along the most traditional streets, like 9 de Julio Ave. The tour began in “Plaza de Mayo” where the Cathedral was visited, then the traditional quarter of “San Telmo” with his classic antiquities houses and “tanguerías” to continue towards La Boca where the imposing “Bombonera” and Caminito were visited. The tour included a stopover at the exclusive quarter of Puerto Madero, the renewed port of the city and important gastronomic area, to continue the way towards the north part of the city, going through St Martin main square to the Forest of “Palermo”, a place surrounded with trees and green places where it is possible to see the Planetarium and the Rosedal.

Finally the tour ended at the exclusive quarter of Recoleta, a neighborhood where culture and elegance live together.

6. VENUE

The Intercontinental Hotel was a very good venue for this Scientific Assembly. It has 10 comfortable and complete meeting rooms, where all the activities of the IAG2009 Scientific Assembly will take place. The meeting rooms are equipped with all necessary business services to satisfy the assistants and exhibitors.



Coffee breaks took place at the same floor where oral/poster presentations were happening. There were comfortable places to rest while having a drink, either at the conference floor as at the main lobby, in the ground floor.

An information desk was set up to assist the participants. In addition, ABAX, the official travel agency, located a booth to help the attendees in touristic issues.

The Internet Café was set up with 5 PC's and some tables and chairs that were widely used by the participants. Furthermore, the main lobby of the hotel was wireless-enabled which was highly utilized by the delegates.

The hotel has two restaurants:

Mediterráneo: where you are transported back to 1930s Buenos Aires. Subdued lighting and well-spaced tables create an intimate, classically elegant atmosphere for savoring fine Mediterranean cuisine.

Terraza del Virrey: invites you outdoors for light lunch fare, afternoon snacks or a casual dinner.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Payments

- IAG2009 accepted payment by Cash, Credit cards (Visa and Mastercard) and Bank Transfer.
- 18% of payments came in via cash, 46% via credit cards and the remainder of payments by bank transfer.

IAG2009 income came from the following sources:

- Registration fees
- Sponsorship
- Exhibitors

Additional sponsorship was sought but, several national and international circumstances, such as the economic-financial worldwide crisis and the pandemic flu decreased the expected amount.

The final list of sponsors and exhibitors is as follows

NASA	20.000
GETECH	5.000
Alesi Teodolini	5000
ANPCyT	2520
Runco S.A.	2500
Infosat S.A.	2500
AGFA	3100
Mertind S.A.	1900

The main IAG2009 expenses were:

Saloon	37.000
Coffee breaks	15.000
Grants	10.000
Audio Visual Provisions	12.500
Printings	12.700
Staffl	12.100
Planning Events	10.700
Communications	6.200
Transfers	6.000
Merchandising	15.000
Marketing	7.000
Registration System and Technical Operators	5.000
Other expenses	9.000

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