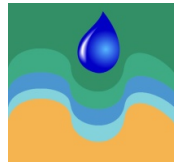




**International Conference: Arid and Semi Arid Development
Through Water Augmentation
14 to 15 december 2010.**



ASADWA
Arid and Semi-Arid
Development through
Water Augmentation

**XIV Workshop of the Chilean Committee for the UNESCO
International Hydrological Programme, IHP-NAtCOM.
December 16, 2010**

Valparaiso - Chile.



G-WADI



Programa Hidrológico Internacional
Conaphi - Chile

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Arrival in Chile

Participants are encouraged to make reservations for travel to Chile as soon as possible, either by land or air

Transportation

The city of Valparaiso is located 110 km, or 1 hour and twenty minutes by land from the airport in Santiago (Arturo Merino Benitez).

It is recommended to use public transport, very reliable and safe from the airport to Santiago and then to Valparaiso or Viña del Mar.

Travel from Santiago airport to the city, and then to the bus terminal in Valparaiso and Viña del Mar

From the airport

The quickest option is to take the regular bus company "Tur Bus" that departs every 30 minutes from the airport to the bus terminal in Santiago, and get off at the subway and buses station "Pajaritos." There you will find the bus terminal where you can take the bus to Valparaiso. (There are several bus companies, you can take Tur Bus, Pullman or any other going to the bus terminal in Valparaiso).

A second option is to go to the Tur-Bus bus terminal in the center of Santiago and take any bus going to Valparaiso.

A third option is to take a taxi at the airport directly to the hotel in Valparaiso and Viña del Mar. This option can be quite expensive for most participants. If you take a taxi, make sure to use an official taxi and pre-pay for travel, if possible in the official taxi stand at the airport. If you prefer this option, you can also contact the organization in advance (gsoto@cazalac.org / msoto@cazalac.org), in order to coordinate this service for you. Service cost: \$ 60,000 (Chilean pesos), or U.S. \$ 130 (U.S. dollars). Up to 3 persons can travel in the taxi (depending on the size of luggage.) The journey is the airport to the hotel (Valparaiso and Viña del Mar)

Taxis in the city: The use of the taximeter is compulsory in Chile, so it is recommendable to ask the taxi driver for the appropriate meter record.

Insurance accident & health

Participants to the Conference and other events associated to ASADWA, understand and agree that financial coverage in case of accidents or health problems that occurred during his stay in Chile is personal responsibility, the organization is not responsible for any obligation.

About the city of Valparaíso

The center of Valparaíso has been declared World Heritage by UNESCO. The colonial city of Valparaíso is an excellent example of urban and architectural development of the late nineteenth century in Latin America.

In its natural amphitheater stage, the city has a distinctive local urban style that adapts to the hillsides where there is a wide variety of domes of churches, in contrast to the geometric design of the flat zone. The city has well preserved the old industrial infrastructure, such as the many "elevators" on the steep slopes.

Valparaíso is an exceptional testimony of the first wave of globalization occurred in the late nineteenth century, when it became the most important commercial port for the routes of the Pacific coast of South America.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ciudaddevalparaiso.cl>

Hotel

A reservation has been made on your behalf at:

Monterilla
2 Norte 65, Viña del Mar
Tel: 2976950
www.monterilla.cl
Habit: Single \$ 51.915 US\$ 92

Financial support

At your arrival in Valparaíso the organizers will be contacting you to give you the funds corresponding to your daily subsistence to cover all your expenses during your stay in Valparaíso (hotel costs, meals, transportation, airport taxes, etc.).

Currency and business hours

Chilean currency is the "Peso" as an example, the conversion to the 25th of November, is 482 pesos/dollar. The equivalence of the peso to the dollar can be checked daily at: <http://www.sii.cl/pagina/valores/dolar/dolar2010.htm>

You can freely exchange money at banks and exchange houses not requiring any special document. The exchange houses are open from Monday to Friday from 9 to 18 hrs, while banks are open Monday to Friday from 09 to 14 hrs. Large stores, meanwhile, open from Monday to Sunday from 10 to 22 hrs.

Weather

Valparaíso City: The weather is nice during this period, no rain is forecasted, and daily temperatures range from 12 to 23 ° C (53 - 73 degrees Fahrenheit).

Interior Zone: Weather of the inland areas of the Region of Valparaíso, is a bit hotter and drier than the coast, with sunny days and daily temperatures at this

time ranging from 12 to 30 ° C (53 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit). Therefore, it is highly recommended if you want to visit other areas, to wear comfortable clothing and protection for exposure to sunlight (sunglasses, hats, sunscreen, etc.).

Local time

While the local time in Chile is GMT -4, which corresponds to the time zone No. 4, during the period between October and March, summer 9 hours, local time is GMT -3.

Electricity

The electric voltage in Chile is 220 V. and 50 Hertz, Pin / Plug Type C / L.
(See info: <http://www.otae.com/enchufes/>)

Clothing

For 14th to 16th December, formal clothes are suggested. The other days and for dinner on 15th, suggests the use of casual dress.

Focal Point for Local Information

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso.

Manuel Cerda G.

Phone: (56-32) 2273625

Email:

mcerda@ucv.cl

Centro del Agua para Zonas Áridas y Semiaridas de América Latina y el Caribe

Guido Soto A.

Phone: (56 51) 204493

Fax: (56 51) 334814

Email: (56-51)334814

gsoto@cazalac.org

msoto@cazalac.org