

ICTP-Trieste/ICTP-SAIFR School and Workshop on Observational Cosmology

December 1 – 12, 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

LOCATION: São Paulo, Brazil

Venue: IFT-UNESP – Rua Dr. Bento Teobaldo Ferraz, 271 Bloco II 4th floor – Barra Funda

REGISTRATION

ALL participants should register. The registration at the institute will be on **December 1 from 8:00am to 9:00am**. Upon registration, participants who are receiving financial assistance, please bring a copy of your ID or passport. Each participant, whose accommodation has been provided by the institute, has received information on accommodation and ground transportation instruction by email.

Arrival instruction on how to reach the institute can be found at http://www.ictp-saifr.org/?page_id=195.

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School Programme and ground transportation instructions are available at http://www.ictp-saifr.org/?page_id=6046. *Please print the PDF Version of the programme.*

ICTP-SAIFR NAME BADGE

You will receive your badge at the moment of registration.

You are kindly requested to wear the name badge while you are at ICTP-SAIFR premises.

BOARDING PASS – All participants, whose travel have been provided by the institute, should bring the boarding pass upon registration, and collect an envelope to send the return boarding pass to the institute.

Emergency telephone (ONLY FOR URGENT MATTER): (11) 9 8233-8671

TIPS

1- General Information

São Paulo is a very big city and as any other big city in the world, it is very easy to get lost or to have trouble finding nice places to go. Even though it seems like a huge mess, you will soon find yourself understanding how to manage it. Below you'll find some information for you to have a nice time here.

The building of IFT-UNESP is located close to one of the main public transport, Terminal Barra-Funda. It means that almost any place in the city can be reached easily from it, including The Universe Flat, which is close to one of the most important avenues of the city, Avenida Paulista. Its neighborhood is called Bela Vista and the other side of Paulista Avenue is called Jardins. This avenue is the very business and cultural heart of São Paulo and that's why you may find so many interesting options for eating or hanging out. Another good option is Parque do Ibirapuera which is a 30 minute walk from Avenida Paulista and it is the biggest park in the city. There is also a modern art museum called MASP on 1578 Avenida Paulista.

2- International calls

Hotel charges are certainly high for international calls, but you may buy cards in some newsstands located at Avenida Paulista or in Post Offices. Another option to call from Brazil to abroad is using a service offered by EMBRATEL (a Brazilian phone enterprise), called "Call Home Direct". With Call Home Direct, the phone calls are charged in your own country, to the destination number or to a phone card of the international operators. Just ring the Call Home Direct number via Embratel corresponding to the destination country. Access to service is free of charge through public, wireline and cellular phones. You can find the list of some country codes at http://www.embratel.com.br/Embratel02/cda/portal/0,2997,RE_P_314,00.html

- If you want to withdraw some money from your personal account abroad (via the CIRRUS network), you should go the ATMs at Citibank, there's one at 1776 Avenida Paulista (the big blue building). Any other ATM will not work. You may withdraw money with your credit card from any normal ATM if it has a small logo of Visa, Mastercard, etc. Many of them are located inside the banks and you may find a lot of them in Paulista Avenue.

3- SAFETY

The region near the hotel is relatively safe but just to minimize any risk please remember these simple safety tips:

- Be careful crossing the street.

- Do not carry along your original passport, but have some identification card or a copy of it.
- Do not take along more cash than you need, use the safety box of your hotel.
- Avoid walking alone at night, avoid dark areas.
- In case of contact with criminals NEVER fight back, just give your wallet.
- It is always better to know your precise destination, how to go and how to come back, before leaving.