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Meeting Venue and Hotels

Universidad Francisco Marroquín

Calle Manuel F. Ayau (6 Calle final), zona 10
Guatemala, Guatemala 01010
Telephone: +502 2338-7700
www.ufm.edu

The Westin Camino Real hotel

14 Calle 0-20, zona 10
Telephone: +502 2333-3000
<http://hotelcaminoreal.com.gt/>

Biltmore Hotel

15 Calle 0-31, zona 10
Telephone: +502 2333-3000
<https://www.hotelbiltmore.com.gt/>

Shuttles

Transportation will be provided continuously to and from the lobby of The Westin Camino Real hotel, taking about 10 to 15 minutes to reach UFM Campus

Registration and Information Desk

The Registration and Information Desk for MPS2021 is located in The Westin Camino Real hotel, Salón La Terraza, first floor, in front of the lobby. The desk will be open on Sunday, November 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The following days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the desk will be located on the first floor of the Cultural Center at Universidad Francisco Marroquin.

Sunday, November 14

11:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday, November 15 – 17

7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Dress Code

The dress code is business casual during the day. For cocktails and dinner, it is business and cocktail attire. Some participants may choose to wear slacks and a blazer and skirt or dress.

Wear comfortable shoes and lighter clothes for UFM's campus tour on Sunday, November 14, and for the excursions on Thursday, November 18.

Weather

In November, the climate in Guatemala is windy and a bit chilly, with an average temperature of maximum 23°C and minimum 17°C (73°F and 62°F). Sometimes a cold front enters and we have cooler temperatures, so we recommend dressing in layers. It usually gets cool in the evening, so be sure to bring a sweater and light down jacket.

Name Badges Required for Admission

All participants will receive an identification badge upon registration. Name badges are required at all times for admission to the meeting sessions, lunches, coffee breaks, receptions, and dinners. If you do not have your badge, you may be denied admission. If you lose your name badge, please approach the Registration Desk to get a replacement.

Internet

Wifi is available throughout the meeting. The network name: **Ama-gi**. No password is required.

Press Policy and Social Media

This event is private and off the record. Taping or recording of the sessions is strictly prohibited. Do not publicize this private event via social media.

Disclaimer

The Organizing and Program Committees reserve the right to change the Meeting Program at any time without prior notice. Please note that this program is correct at the time of printing. For last-minute updates, please go to our website, www.mps2021.org.

Mobile Phones

Delegates are requested to use mobile phones with discretion. Please be sure to turn them to silent mode during all meeting sessions.

Personal Property

Please take good care of your personal belongings. Do not leave them unattended. The Organizers and the Meeting Secretariat will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to your personal property.

Insurance and Liability

The Organizers and Meeting Secretariat do not accept responsibility for any individual, medical, travel, or personal insurance.

Money

The quetzal is the accepted currency. You will always need your passport to change money and have in mind that banks will charge a commission. Most hotels will also change your money but at a higher rate than the bank. We also suggest that you do not change money at the airport since exchange rates are high. Other things to keep in mind:

- ▶ Using bank ATMs is an easy way of getting quetzales.
- ▶ There is a bank at Universidad Francisco Marroquín at Student Center building.
- ▶ Current exchange rates (may fluctuate) Q7.78 / USD 1.00 and Q9.41 / EUR 1.00
- ▶ Dollars (but not Euros) are accepted in most restaurants and stores; however, you may lose heavily on the exchange rate. If you bring US dollars in cash, be sure the bills are not ripped, torn, or defaced. If they are, they may be rejected.

ATMs

You can find ATMs in malls and hotels. There is one at Universidad Francisco Marroquín, on the 4th floor of the Academic Building.

Credit Cards

Visa and Mastercard have wide acceptance at shops, hotels, restaurants, and ATMs throughout Guatemala. However, credit cards are often not accepted for amounts less than Q10.00 (US\$1.30, approximately).

Credit and debit card holders may be asked to present a valid picture ID when purchasing goods with a card, such as a driver's license or passport.

Getting Around

Ground transportation during the event from hotels to the conference center venue and back will be arranged by the organizing committee. Buses will leave from the main lobby of The Westin Camino Real hotel. The conference center is just a 10 to 15 minute drive.

Transportation from the Airport

Upon your arrival a member of our staff will be at the airport exit to meet you with a sign that says "MPS 2021." (Please go to your right and exit through Baretto Café.). The sign looks like this:



If you are staying at The Westin Camino Real and Biltmore hotels, we will have a bus from the airport available every 30 minutes.

If you are staying at any other hotels or lodging, we recommend that you use yellow taxi cabs or Uber.

We do not recommend taking public buses under any circumstances.

Safety

We recommend taking the usual precautions, such as avoiding walking alone in isolated areas, especially at night, or leaving your personal items unattended.

Breakfast and Refreshment Breaks

Breakfast is included in the special MPS2021 hotel rate.

Coffee and tea service will be available between sessions during the morning and afternoon in Liberty Plaza.

Water and Electricity

Tap water is not suitable for drinking.

The electricity voltage is 110V. Plugs are typically the 2 pronged flat type. If you have anything else, you will have to bring or buy an adapter.

Medical Assistance

In case you need a doctor please let us know as soon as possible. You can also ask for one by calling the hotel's front desk or you can go to the nearest hospitals, which are located 5 minutes away by car, taxi or Uber.

Hospital Universitario Esperanza

6 Avenida 7-49, Zona 10,
Guatemala City, Guatemala 01010

Hospital Herrera Llerandi

6 Avenida 8-71, Zona 10,
Guatemala City, Guatemala 01010

At the event venue, you can go to the information center to request medical assistance or ask any of our staff for help.

COVID-19 Testing

At your convenience, we will have a kiosk, provided by an external company, for COVID-19 testing. Only credit card payments will be accepted.

Dates

Monday, November 15

Tuesday, November 16

Wednesday, November 17

Hours (each day)

12 noon to 2 p.m.

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Accessing MPS 2021 Papers

Papers being presented at MPS 2021 are available via a private section behind the "Papers" navigation tab of the mps2021.org/papers/. Printed copies of papers are also available upon request.

Remember that Chatham House rules govern MPS proceedings, and unpublished papers from MPS 2021 are not to be discussed in public forums.

MPS 2021 Mobile Application

In order to download the application visit Google Play Store or App Store and search for MPS 2021.

Surveys

The Society plans on sending surveys via email on Friday, November 19, to all participants. Please look for an email titled, "Attention: MPS 2021 Post-Meeting Survey" so that you can give feedback and recommendations for future meetings.

We ask you to also fill a simple online survey at the end of each day.

MPS Members Meeting

The Board of Directors of Mont Pelerin Society requests that all Members attend a brief special meeting on Wednesday, November 17, after lunch. The meeting will take place in the Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. This is a members-only session.

Session Chairs and Discussion Leaders

If you are a chair or discussion leader please be at the session room at least 10 minutes before it begins.

For Information or in Case of Emergency

You may call or communicate with our staff via WhatsApp, call or email.

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