

CryoNet South America Workshop

(First Session)

Santiago de Chile, 27-28 October 2014
Salón O'Higgins, Teatinos 180, (2nd floor)
Ministry of Foreign Relations,
Constitution Plaza

Field trip, Valle Nevado (3025 m a.s.l.), 29 October 2014



Information for the Participants

1st CryoNet South America Workshop

The World Meteorological Organization's Global Cryosphere Watch (GCW) is an international mechanism for supporting all key cryospheric in-situ and remote sensing observations. To meet the needs of WMO Members and partners in delivering services to users, the media, public, decision and policy makers, *GCW provides authoritative, clear, and useable data, information, and analyses on the past and current state of the cryosphere.* GCW includes observation, monitoring, assessment, product development, prediction, and research. It provides the framework for reliable, comprehensive, sustained observing of the cryosphere through a coordinated and integrated approach on national to global scales to deliver quality-assured global and regional products and services. GCW organizes analyses and assessments of the cryosphere to support science, decision-making and environmental policy. GCW is fulfilling its objectives through a number of specific activities. Many build on existing information, observations, and programs. All are done in consultation with the community of cryospheric scientists and organizations. "CryoNet" constitutes the core network of surface observations of GCW that applies agreed practices, and which builds on existing networks.

The main objective of the 1st CryoNet South America Workshop is to identify stations/sites that could be selected for CryoNet in South America, discuss practices that should be applied and to foster the development of cryospheric activities in the region.



Meeting Venue

Salón O'Higgins

Teatinos 180, 2nd floor

Direction for the Environment and Maritime Affairs

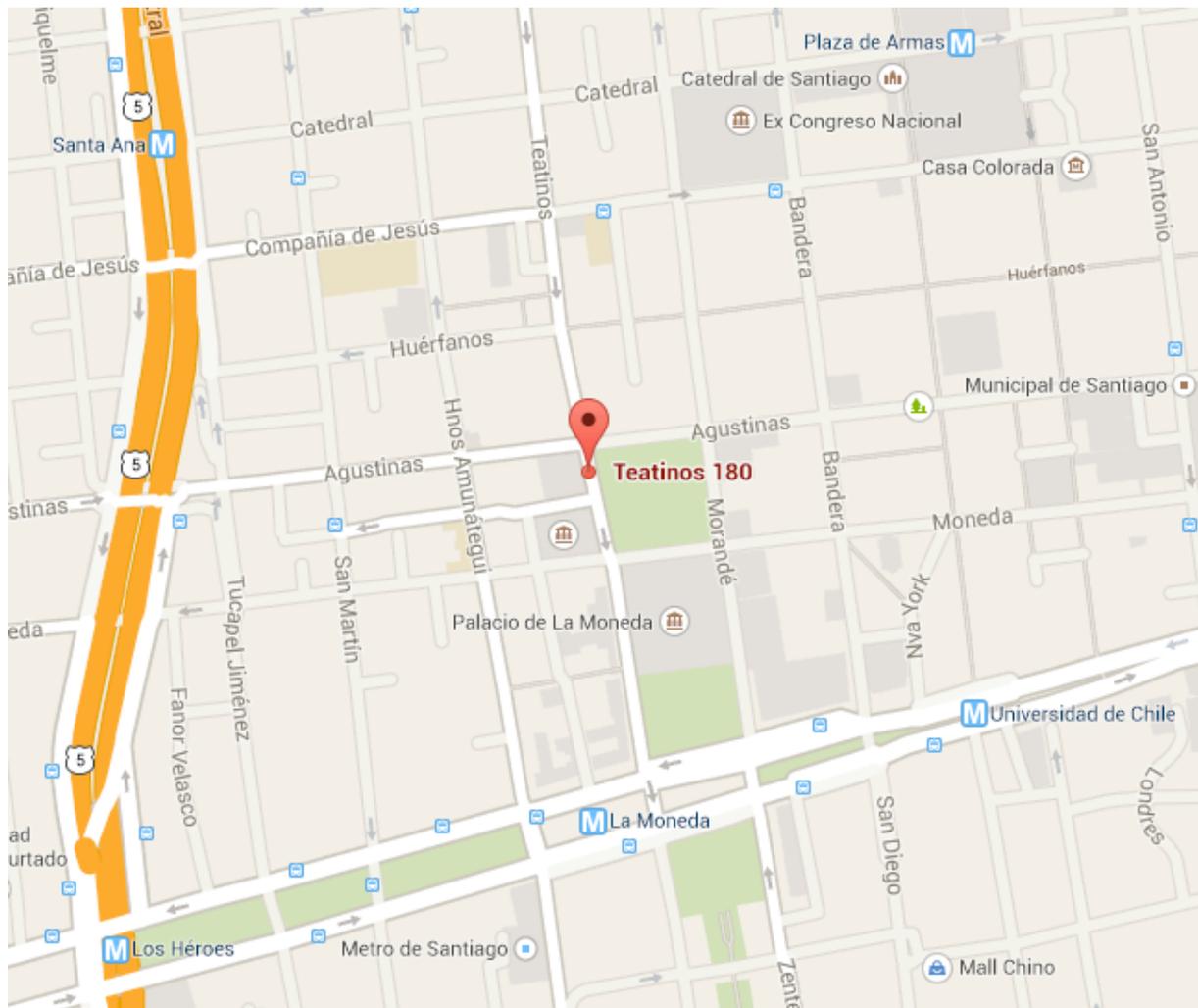
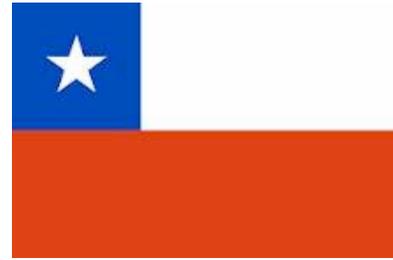
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Metro station **La Moneda (Line 1)** is the closest to the venue

Visa Formality

Tourist visa is not needed for most countries, including EU and North American (NA) countries. NA countries have to pay a reciprocity fee upon entry, except the USA thanks to a recent bilateral agreement. A detailed list can be found at: http://www.minrel.gob.cl/minrel/site/artic/20080619/asocfile/20080619154024/cv_2014__actualizada__30_ene_2014.doc.

Currency exchange

At Arturo Merino Benítez (Pudahuel) Airport:

Afex, Level 1, close to International Arrivals & Level 2, close to International Departures

Chile's currency is the Peso (CLP), 1 USD = 578 CLP as of 19 August 2014.

Several Money Exchanges a couple of blocks from Constitution Plaza, Av. Agustinas southern side, between Av. Bandera and Av. Huérfanos.

Airport

Arturo Merino Benitez (AMB) (Pudahuel) (17 km NW of Santiago)

<http://www.aeropuertosiago.cl>.

Connection from AMB Airport to Santiago by taxi & shuttle

You can purchase a taxi or shuttle ticket just after customs, at taxi booths, before the exit. Taxi fare to downtown Santiago is around CLP 18,000 (USD 31). Taxi stop is located just outside the airport at level 1, around Gate 4. Shuttles (locally called "Transfer") leave just outside the airport at level 1, close to Gate 4, the cost is around CLP 6,200 (USD 11).

Connection from AMB Airport to Santiago by bus

The bus stop is located just outside the airport at level 1, close to Gate 5. Two bus companies are available 6 am to midnight, departure every 10 min. approx., cost CLP 1,400 (USD 2.5). Suggest to get off at Metro station Pajaritos. Take the train direction Las Condes, get off at station La Moneda if your hotel is located downtown Santiago. Subway ticket is CLP 690 (USD 1.2) at rush hours.

Hotel accommodation near the venue

The participants should make their own arrangements. Prices exempt from 19% VAT, waived for non-resident foreigners. Hotel stars as advertised by each hotel. Hotels close to the venue are listed from most expensive to least expensive:

1. Hotel Plaza San Francisco, 5 star, Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 816, 7 blocks from the venue (900 m), single room USD 189, <http://www.plazasanfrancisco.cl/>
2. Hotel Gran Palace, 4 star, Av. Huérfanos 1178, 10th floor, 1 block from the venue, single room USD 106, <http://www.hotelgranpalace.cl>
3. Hotel Diego de Almagro – Santiago Centro, 4 star, Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 1485, 3 blocks from the venue, single room USD 100, <http://www.dahoteles.com/hotels.htm>
4. Hotel Mercure Santiago Centro, 4 star, Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 632, 8 blocks from the venue, single room USD 100, <http://www.mercure.com/gb/booking/rates.shtml?packId=54472777927>

5. Hotel Montecarlo, 3 star, Av. Victoria Subercaseaux 209, 11 blocks from the venue (1.5 km), single room USD 95, <http://www.hotelmontecarlo.cl/santiago>
6. Hotel Panamericano, 3 star, Av. Teatinos 320, 1 block from the venue, single room USD 80, <http://www.hotelpanamericano.cl>
7. Happy House Hostel, Av. Moneda 1829, 7 blocks from the venue, single room USD 62, <http://www.happyhousehostel.com>
8. Hotel Paris Londres, 3 star, Av. Londres 54, 7 blocks from the venue, single room USD 60, <http://www.londres.cl>
9. Hotel España, 3 star, Av. Morandé 510, 4 blocks from the venue, single room USD 48, <http://www.hotelespanasantiago.com/>
10. Hotel Paris 813, 3 star, Av. Paris 813, 7 blocks from the venue, single room USD 35, <http://www.hotelparis813.com/>

Climate data for Santiago in October

Monthly mean temperature: 14.5 °C

Monthly mean maximum temperature: 22.3 °C

Monthly mean minimum temperature: 8.2 °C

Monthly precipitation total: 13.4 mm

Language

Spanish is the official language in Chile. Generally people do not speak English.

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