

México City August 12, 2014

Dear Participants of the Fourth International Workshop and Conference on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion, on Social Responsibility in Bioethics:

Hoping that all of you are fine, I wish to send you our welcome letter. We are all looking forward to receive you in Mexico. Enclosed here is our first PRELIMINARY program of activities. But for the moment, I would like to give you some information to organize your trip:

1) Mexico City:

You will need to arrange your own flights options. Please send in your proposal to Elisa elisa_gutierrezm@yahoo.com.mx and Martha mtarasco@anahuac.mx once you know about the flights so we can approve the costs and you may go ahead to purchase the ticket. Please send in the attached form. The organizers will reimburse this expense when you come to Mexico.

The hotel that the group is staying is here. Other participants please contact the hotel directly for the arrangement of stay:

Hotel El Ejecutivo
Viena 8, Col. Juárez,
Mexico, D.F.
5566 6422
www.hotelelejecutivo.com.mx

2) Side trip to Playa del Carmen (near Cancun)

There is also an optional side trip to Playa del Carmen not covered by organizers after the workshop. We have found a very reasonable price for this excursion. Departure will be on Thursday, November 13th morning, to stay 3 nights, before returning to Mexico City on Sunday evening November 16th to take the trip back home. The cost of the trip will be \$800-900 US based on double room rates, and depending on the final number of participants. Additional trips to Chichen Itza and Xcaret are extras can be arranged in situ.

The deadline to register is on August 28, 2014, and full payment without refund is on September 8th. Please consult more details in the enclosed form.

Fees

The organizers of the workshop will pay the invited speakers the round trip airfare from home to Mexico City. We will also cover the expense of four nights (double bed) in the hotel from November 9th to 12th, as well as the meals from

dinner on Sunday night 9th to the breakfast of Thursday 13th. The transportation between the hotel and the Anahuac University and cultural visits will be provided by the Workshop. The transportation from the airport to the hotel can be done by airport taxis and will be reimbursed. Transportation expenses for those who do not follow the schedule of the workshop and programmed activities will not be covered by the organizers. The side trip to Playa del Carmen will not be covered by the organizers.

Other non-speaking participants of the workshop can arrange directly with the hotel regarding their hotel booking. There will be a fee of \$250 US to cover the cost of all the meals, transportation and cultural visits for the non-speaking participants / spouses during the workshop. Otherwise, one can individually pay \$30 US for each meal (lunch or dinner) and \$40 US for each of the cultural visits of Sunday or Tuesday.

Mexico City

Also called Distrito Federal (federal district, or DF.) is a very wide and crowded city. It has a surface of 1,495 square kilometers ((573 sq mi). It is located in the Valley of Mexico (*Valle de México*), in the high plateaus at the center of Mexico, at an altitude of 2,240 meters (7,350 ft).

<http://www.lostinmylittleworld.com/2013/11/ha-and-you-thought-we-were-riding.html>

Area Code (+52 Mexico country code) 55 (Mexico City code); Electricity is 127V, American type socket.

Weather

Mexico City's weather in November is from cold to chilly. The historical media is from 8 to 20° C (min-max). So we recommend that you bring light warm clothing.

When visiting the Teotihuacan Pyramids you should bring comfortable shoes, as we will have to walk a considerable distance in the dust and stones of the archeological place and something to protect you from the dust and wind. A sun block may also be convenient.

For the university and other places in the city, normal business wear would suffice.

Cancun however is hot as it is in the Caribbean Sea (22 to 30°C), so you will need to bring both types of clothes.

Wishing you a most pleasant summer,

Martha Tarasco

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