

PROPOSAL TO HOST IAMSLIC 2016 IN MERIDA, YUCATAN, MEXICO.

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To: IAMSLIC Site Selection Committee

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Re: Proposal for 2016 IAMSLIC Conference in Merida, Yucatán, Mexico

It is with great enthusiasm that we are submitting our proposal to host IAMSLIC in Merida, Yucatan October, 2016.

In this memorandum, we present you with some information of the place and the local host committee. Secondly, we discuss the chosen conference site and discuss why it has all the assets required to fulfill the meeting needs.

Merida the white city was founded on January 6, 1542 by Francisco de Montejo y Leon "El Mozo", Merida was built on the site of the ancient Maya ceremonial center of T'Ho. It is today the most populous city in Mexico's southeast. Merida surprises visitors by offering the conveniences of a modern metropolis while maintaining the feeling of a small-town. Its residents are noted for their friendliness and kindness, who nurture their customs and traditions with pride.

Local Host Committee:

This committee will include librarians from CINVESTAV Unidad Merida and other libraries in Merida, Yucatan.

The CINVESTAV host committee will help and advise on various organizational aspects, assist with onsite duties during the conference, and promote the event within their area.

There are a number of Speaker resources in the area:

Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan, Universidad Marista, Universidad de Oriente and Centro de Investigacion Cientifica de Yucatan.

Proposed dates:

The third week in October 2016, 17-21 October 2016 (Mon-Fri) (Alternative options: 10-14 Oct or 24-28 oct).

Conference Site:

The hotel selected for the IAMSLIC annual meeting was the Hyatt Regency Merida. It is a five star hotel, modern and elegant, which is located in the heart of the commercial and business district of Merida city, capital of Yucatan, in southeastern Mexico. Several international conferences organized by CINVESTAV Merida have been held in this hotel.

This large tourist hotel in Merida is located a few meters from Paseo Montejo, the main avenue of the city, where you can visit shopping centers, exchange offices, restaurants and just minutes from the city center.

A few blocks of the Hyatt there are several hotels with affordable prices to those who need to pay less for lodging.

Hyatt website: <http://merida.regency.hyatt.com/>

Yucatan hotels website: <http://www.hotelesyucatan.com.mx/>

Internet:

The hotel provides Internet.

Welcome reception venue:

The welcome reception will most likely be held on Sunday with Ballet Folkloric in main University of Yucatan building and Mayan Ceremony.

Banquet venue:

Conference banquet will be held in one Hacienda in Merida.

Food:

Yucatecan food has an international reputation, given its unique combination of condiments and spices such as pumpkin seed, oregano, red onion, sour orange, sweet chile, tomato, achiote, the exotic chile, chile habanero, chile max and cilantro which in combination give that special taste to the food of this region. Yucatan was once known as the "Land of the pheasant and the deer" for the popularity of these species as the main ingredients of local cuisine. There is a number of restaurants around Hyatt Hotel.

Transportation:

Merida is a destination of easy access to the World, ground, air and sea are fully exploited, for the privilege of being geographically in the right place.

The city has as International Airport Manuel Crescencio Rejon, the second largest in terms of passengers for ASUR, where currently operate seven airlines.

You can also reach Merida via Cancun on Highway 180.

Transportation options from the airport to the city of Merida are hiring a taxi, the travel agency's Hyatt offers transportation service at low cost and / or a rental car.

Optional offsite field trips.

Cradle of Maya civilization in Yucatan are historic sites, stately cities, caves, cenotes, beaches, Mayan communities and archaeological sites (Uxmal and Chichen Itza, one of the seven wonders of the modern world). The State also has natural reserves (Celestun's

flamingos retreat). Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the Golf Club Yucatan Country Club located at the Port of Progreso.

Archaeological sites <http://yucatan.travel/inicio/#!/zonas-arqueologicas>:

- Chichen Itza
- Uxmal
- Ek Balam
- Dzibilchaltun

Magic people <http://yucatan.travel/inicio/#!/pueblos-magicos>:

- Izamal
- Valladolid

Cenotes (Magic Waters) <http://yucatan.travel/inicio/#!/aguas-magicas>:

- Cuzama
- Sotuta de Peon

Beaches <http://yucatan.travel/inicio/#!/playas>:

- Progreso
- Dzilam de Bravo

Flamingos <http://yucatan.travel/inicio/#!/flamingo>:

- Celestun

Ecotourism

- Rappel
- Bridwatching
- Sport fishing
- Zip line

Tourist information website :
http://www.merida.gob.mx/turismo/contenido/informacion/info_turistica.htm

Other activities:

Meeting with Grupo Regional Latinoamericano and CYAMUS