

Travel Information

Venue:

The meeting will be held at the Polytechnique School of the University of São Paulo (USP), hosted by prof. Henara Costa (FURG, mobile +55 (53)999922424) and Prof. Roberto Souza (USP). Prof. Costa will be in São Paulo from 29/09, do not hesitate to contact if you have any problem. Before that, please contact Prof. Roberto Souza, phone +55 (11) 3091-9855.

Address:

*Departamento de Engenharia Mecânica
Escola Politécnica da USP
Av. Prof. Mello Moraes, 2231
05508-030 São Paulo, SP*

The university campus (Cidade Universitária) is very large. Attached you will find a map of the Naval and Mechanical Engineering Building.

Getting Here

For travellers from abroad, São Paulo is easily accessible via **Guarulhos Airport** (São Paulo International Airport, <https://www.gru.com.br/en>). Internal connections and regional flights usually land in **Congonhas Airport** (<http://www.aeroportocongonhas.net/en/>).

From the airports to the hotel, taxis are convenient, affordable and easy way to travel through the city (with mobile apps that speed up the process, (<http://www.99taxis.com/en/how-it-works-passenger/>)). Uber is also available in São Paulo and the cars are allowed to pick you up or leave you at airport entrance or exit.

São Paulo is one of the largest cities in the world. Nonetheless, most of the central part of the city is well served by a network of buses, trains and subway (metro). The University of São Paulo (USP) is relatively close (30-minute walk) to the subway line 4 (yellow), Butantã station, from where it may be reached by two connecting bus lines called "Circular 1" (8012) and "Circular 2" (8022). There are also plenty of bus lines that go to USP, in case you stay in an area with no easy access to the subway (please check the venue page). It is possible to buy a 'pay as you go' public transport card (Bilhete Único, for Metro/Bus) on most subway stations. For more information regarding São Paulo public transport network visit sptrans.com.br/. Also, and as an alternative to figure out routes to and from the venues, SPTRANS (São Paulo's public transport management company) is well connected with most used web mapping services (Google Maps, Bing Maps, etc).

Accommodation

A convenient area to stay in São Paulo is the region around the Paulista and Consolação Avenues, which is served by subway lines with the same names. There you will have museums, bookstores, restaurants, cinemas and shopping malls at walking distance, and also easy access to the conference venue (about 10k away) and anywhere else in São Paulo through public transport. We are trying to negotiate a better rate with the following hotel and can manage your booking if you wish, just send us your name, passport number and arriving/leaving dates:

*Fortune Residence Hotel
Rua Haddock Lobo, 804 - Cerqueira César
São Paulo - SP, 01414-000
Phone: +55 (11) 3894-4040*

The meeting will have dedicated transport each morning from Fortune Residence Hotel to the University of São Paulo, and going back each afternoon after the last session/dinner. Participants staying in the region around Paulista and Consolação Avenues are welcome to use this bus to come to the meeting.

Tourist Information

The following website has several interesting and freely available pdf guides. Some of them might be of special interest: a guide to cultural activities that take place this month, a city guide, a list of tourist information places and a map of Paulista Avenue and adjacencies.

<http://imprensa.spturis.com.br/teste-eng>

Visa

Brazil follows a reciprocal visa policy. Please read carefully the document below to check if you are from a country where nationals are exempt from applying for a Tourist Visa (for stays up to 90 days). If your country is not on this list, you will be required to apply for a VITUR (Tourist Visa) at the nearest Brazilian Consulate.

<http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/images/ggrv/QGRV-simples-ing-29.06.17.pdf>

Currency

The Brazilian currency is the real (R\$) — in plural, reais. The current USD-Real is 1:3. Although international credit cards are widely accepted in general, it might be convenient to have some cash (in reais) for small expenses. If you are coming directly to the meeting, **it is strongly recommended that currency is exchanged at the airport**, since there might be no other place to do so in the proximities of the hotel.

Health and weather

No special health precautions are needed, unless you intend to travel to Amazonia. If you plan a trip to northern or western Brazil, please check about recommended vaccinations.

Temperatures should be between 22 and 25°C, but at this time of the year there is always the possibility of some rain.