



Guatemala, November 2016

This is the second bulletin of the XI Latin American Symposium on High Energy Physics (SILFAE), to be held in the city of Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala, in November 14-18th 2016. You can find more information and at our web site: <http://ecfm.usac.edu/~silafae>

Venue

The symposium will take place in the Hotel Camino Real Antigua, located in the city center.

- 7a calle Poniente 33B, La Antigua Guatemala, Zip Code 0300.
<http://www.caminorealantigua.com.gt>

Before traveling

Guatemalan's immigration procedure is not so hard, but it is required an address and sometimes an invitation letter for entrance, so please have in hand your hotel location as well as the invitation letter to attend SILFAE. Moreover, Guatemala requires visa for some countries, please check the governmental site http://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor_Pagina.aspx?PaginaID=21 for a list of citizenship that requires visa to enter Guatemala.

Registration

The registration fee is:

All	USD 150
Students	USD 50

The payment can be done only by cash the first day on the event during the registration time.

Early registration was not possible, as originally advertised in the website. We apologize.

The fee will cover coffee breaks and the opening dinner.

Talks and Posters

If you are giving a talk, please send us the file of your talk at least one day before your presentation. In this way we will have time to upload the files to the event computers.

If you are presenting a poster, the position of your poster will be indicated during the registration time.

Printable PDF version of the schedule, all abstracts and the list of posters will be sent to you soon.

We highly appreciate that any cancellation will be informed through silafae@ecfm.usac.edu.gt.

Opening reception

The opening reception will be held on Monday 14 at 19h, followed by the opening dinner at 20h.

IMPORTANT: If you have any food requirement please send an email to silafae@ecfm.usac.edu.gt

Instructions to go to Antigua Guatemala

The city of Antigua Guatemala (also called Antigua) is located 45km to the west of

Guatemala City. To get to Antigua Guatemala from Guatemala's international airport "La Aurora" there are several ways, the most used is to go by a shuttle bus or mini van (<http://www.transportguatemala.com/book-transportation.php>), they have a cost of $\sim 10 - 15$ USD but they have limited schedules. You can also book a shuttle by contacting Barbara García, from Hotel Camino Real Antigua (see contact information below).

Another way is to go by taxi, this is a good option if you come in groups of 3-4 persons, they have a cost of $\sim 30 - 40$ USD, we strongly recommend to use the company of taxis Amarillo Express (<http://www.amarilloexpress.com/m.html>).

You can also rent a car at the airport $\sim 50 - 80$ USD per day, but we strongly don't suggest this option for some reasons, like parking in Antigua Guatemala where can be difficult to find a public parking, you need to buy one parking pass every day if you leave it on the street. Furthermore, you are at walking distances to almost all places of interest in Antigua. If you do rent a car, remember to pay the insurance.

Finally we strongly suggest not taking the public transport option, it is really complicated to go to Antigua from the airport and it is not the safest way.

Hotels

The list of recommended hotels:

1. Camino Real
Address: 7a calle Poniente 33B, La Antigua Guatemala, Zip Code 03001
Contact person: Barbara García
banquetes_antigua@caminorealantigua.com.gt
Phone number: +502 7873 7000
Website: <http://www.caminorealantigua.com.gt>
2. Good Hotel Antigua
Address: Callejón del Hermano Pedro No.12, La Antigua Guatemala
Contacto person: Perla Reyes
Phone number: +502 5511 8475
Website: <http://www.goodhotelantigua.com>

Free afternoon

On Wednesday 16th there will be a free afternoon for visiting the city of Antigua Guatemala. Antigua Guatemala was designated National Monument in 1944, and a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979. Antigua Guatemala is one of the most important touristic centers of Guatemala, not just for its cultural heritage, but also for the work of its artisans, the extensive sample of baroque architecture and the natural attractions. For more information visit: <http://visitguatemala.com/en/descubre/guatemala>

Weather and food

Antigua has a nice warm weather almost every week of the year, typical temperatures go from 22°C at night up to 30°C at day. The UV levels are low and rain is not expected by the dates SILAFAE will take place.

Guatemalan cuisine is mainly made with corn, chilies and beans, but since Antigua Guatemala is a touristic place you can find international cuisine as well. Please, note that in Guatemala the tap water cannot be used to drink due to bacterial contamination. You must buy some bottled water to drink. Moreover, you should pay attention to the place where you ask for fruits or juices.

Currency exchange

Guatemala's official currency is Quetzal (1USD ~ 7.70 Q). In Antigua some places do receive USD, but several don't. We recommend to exchange currency at the airport or in banks. In order to exchange money in banks you will need to take your passport and you have a daily limit of 200 USD to exchange.

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