

# Proposal for Hosting an ISSLR Conference

The ISSLR Board requires that a standard form be used by persons proposing to host an ISSLR conference at their institution. Proposers MUST provide in writing, sufficient detail as to arrangements and costs that the board and membership can evaluate the acceptability of such proposals. This also allows competing proposals to be evaluated against each other on the basis of comparable information.

Serious proposals will reflect considerable thought and preparation on the part of the proposing scientists and institution. Informal discussion with ISSLR board members may be helpful. Cost estimates, institutional contributions, commitments to seek outside funding to subsidize costs (e.g. from government agencies, corporations, etc.), and arrangements for use of particular facilities should be fairly firm. They should not be mere guesses or wishful thinking.

**Please fill out the form below and submit it as a pdf or other electronic file to the ISSLR Secretary/Treasurer.**

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**Proposed Site for Conference** (city or town; convention center, hotel, retreat, etc.)

- **Miramar, Cordoba, Argentina (S 30° 55' W 62° 41')**

**Proposed Dates for Conference and Post-Conference Field Trip** (if any):

- **2011, May 8 to 16**

**Proposed Itinerary and Cost for Post-Conference Field Trip** (if any):

This is a preliminary tour proposal that includes the high elevation salt lakes of northwest Argentina. The detailed itinerary may be improved and expanded with the help of Stuart Hurlbert, who knows the area in great detail.

**Detailed proposed Itinerary: see attached document**

**Estimated total length: 3100 Km**

**Estimated time: 7 days**

**Estimated All-Inclusive Cost: US\$ 750** (this is the cost for a group of 20 people)

**Estimated Registration Fee** (in U.S. dollars, weak as they are): **US\$ 750**

**Lodging:** Location(s) available

Proposal lodging in Miramar resort includes 3 star hotel and cabins

Cost: **Included in the Registration Fee**

**Meals:**

Cost: **Included in the Registration Fee**

**Proposed Arrangement for Publication of Conference Proceedings (if any):**

- **Alternative 1:** *Boletín de la Academia Nacional de Ciencias de Argentina en Córdoba*. The Academy has already agreed to publish a special number of the bulletin (The Academy has already published a book on Mar Chiquita we showed at the Salt Lake Conference).
- **Other alternatives have not yet been explored, pending on approval of our proposal.**

**Sources from which supplemental funding WILL be sought to subsidize costs to all, provide special support to students, scientists from developing countries, etc.:**

- **Argentine Research Council (CONICET)**
- **Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable de la Nación**
- **Secretaría de Turismo de la Nación**
- **Secretaría de Ambiente de la Provincia de Córdoba**
- **Secretaría de Turismo de la Provincia de Córdoba**
- **Ramsar Secretariat (Small Grant Programs)**

**Special Attractions or Advantages of This Proposed Conference Site:**

- **Advantage in money exchange (US\$ 1 = AR\$ 3.50)**
- **Easy access to Mar Chiquita from Córdoba International Airport (3 hours)**
- **From Córdoba City (in the center of the country) is possible to flight to other important tourist destinations in South America and specially in Argentina (Iguazu Falls, Perito Moreno Glacier, Buenos Aires City, etc)**
- **Possibility of visiting other important wetlands in Argentina like andean lakes**
- **Possibility of visiting World Cultural Patrimony monuments in Córdoba city**