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Introduction



Welcome to Chile

Chile is a long, narrow country that extends from the Andes Mountains to the Pacific Ocean on the southwest side of South America and it's sandwiched between two great forces of nature: the Pacific Ocean to the west and the high peaks of the Andes to the east. The country is located in the southwestern part of South America and borders Peru to the north, Bolivia to the northeast and Argentina to the east. Chile is the seventh largest South American country, with a surface area of 756,096 square kilometers.



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Due to the shape of its territory, Chile possesses 4,000 kilometers of coastline, laden with extensive beaches and towering cliffs hanging over the sea. To the east, and



parallel to the Pacific, you'll find the Andes, which feature some of the highest peaks of the entire mountain mass, including *Ojos del Salado* Volcano (6,893 meters), *Llullaillaco* Volcano (6,739 meters), *Tres Cruces* (6,749 meters) and *Tupungato* Hill (6,635 meters).

Due to its extensive length, Chile features a variety of climates. This is explained by Chile's geographical position with respect to high-pressure zones, the presence of the polar front and the influence of the sea. In other words, Chile's climate is shaped by factors of latitude, altitude and relief.

The official language of Chile is Spanish.

Getting together with family and friends to celebrate any occasion is a fundamental Chilean pastime, for that reason all Chileans are proud of the country's natural wonders and geography. As a country of warm people, we recognize and appreciate a collective fighting spirit that involves facing the difficulties presented by nature, topography (living between the mountains and the Pacific Ocean) with optimism and solidarity.

The currency in Chile is peso, with coins of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 pesos and bills of 1,000, 2,000, 50,000, 10,000 and 20,000 pesos. The exchange rate for the U.S. dollar is roughly 500 pesos, while Euro is approximately 670 pesos.



OC's Message

Dear IFMSA members,

With the greatest joy, spirit and energy, we invite you to join us in this beautiful instance that will be the next General Assembly, our August Meeting 2013 in Chile.

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Since a long time, as organizing committee we have been working hard to develop a GA according to the needs of IFMSA and to offer you the best experience of our country and our NMO.

Chile, in its long and narrow extension, contains all kinds of climates, landscapes and cultures, this makes it a country that offers its visitors a varied, entertaining and multicultural experience. If you travel few kilometers can enjoy the wonderful Chilean coast, the majesty of the mountains and the charm and tradition of our heritage cities, mixed with the modernity of our capital.

To this assembly we chose the theme "i-health, technology based medicine". In recent years, information and communication technologies have contributed significantly to the health system, which has allowed revolutionize health management, medical education and efficiency in diagnostic and therapeutic methods. These advances have generated new experiences and learning, providing multiple opportunities to improve quality and access to health. That is why we invite you to be part of this opportunity for knowledge and conversation about how these methods can help in our professional work.

Our venue is Santiago, the capital of our country, stands out as a clean and quiet city, as well as being one of the favorite destinations for visitors, highlighting as the political, economic and cultural center of Chile.

The accommodation is located in the center of Santiago, a comfortable place, with all the advantages of the capital, and close to shopping, cultural and governmental centers. The hotels we have chosen, counts with a excellent quality and are prepared to deliver the best service and convenience for your stay in the country.

We have everything ready for your visit, we expect you like Chile and enjoy all the surprises we have prepared for you, so we invite you to be part of this adventure that will be the August Meeting 2013 and we give you a warm welcome to Chile.

See you in August!

Best Regards

Javiera Torres
Chair

Pablo Vega
Chair Advisor



Delegation Quota, Substitution, Dates, Cancellation

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Registration is schedule to open by **Friday, April 5th** and will be accessible via the official AM 2013 webpage (www.am2013chile.com)

Delegation quota for the GA

All NMO delegations can only have a maximum quota of **3 delegates** for early registration and **3** for late registration. The delegation, including the early and late registration delegates need to be confirmed and approved by the NMO president. When confirming delegates during early and late registration, the president can confirm delegates as “early” or “late”, respectively.

Any delegate whose registration is not completed by the closing of early registration will have to register as a late delegate and, consequently, pay the late registration fee to attend the AM2013. Additional NMO delegates above the total of **6** (3 as early and 3 as late) are allowed as Alumni, Externals, Observers, IFMSA Officials, and other “out of quota” participants as defined by the IFMSA bylaws in point 4.6.2. According to the contract signed for this AM13, IFMSA Transnational, Endorsed and Initiative Projects representatives are not included as out of quota members.

Substitution

The deadline for substitutions of delegates for the preGA and the GA is *July 18th*. In order for a substitution to be accepted, the full registration fee must have been paid, and the NMO President must provide a letter stating the details of both students.

<i>Early registration Fees</i>	<i>Late registration Fees</i>
Open: April 5 th 2013	Open: May 15 th 2013
Deadline: May 15 th 2013	Deadline: June 15 th 2013

Observers and externals will be subject to the late registration fee corresponding with their country of origin.

Cancellation

The deadline for cancelling your participation at the preGA and GA is *June 28th* for full refund.

Payment Details, Fees

Payment details

The payment must be sent within 72 hours after closure of the respective registration periods. This means that payment for delegates registered in the early and late registration periods must be sent before 23:59 GMT on **May 18th** and **June 18th** respectively. The payment deadline for externals, observers and alumni are the same as late delegates.

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The registration fees can be paid by Bank wire transfer. To help the registration process and avoid unnecessary bank transfer fees, we recommend to the NMO Presidents only make two payments, one covering the early delegates and other payment covering late delegates from your NMO.

Payment must include the total value of fees, plus expenses involving bank transfer and taxes. If we do not receive full payment, our Treasurer will contact your NMO to solve this before arrival. Delegates will not be able to check in if full payment has not been confirmed.

Once the transfer has been made, you must send an email to our treasurer with a copy of the transfer receipt; the name of your NMO; and a list of the participants the transfer covers.

<i>PreGA registration Fee</i>	<i>Early registration Fees</i>	<i>Late registration Fees</i>
Four working days	A+B Countries €125	A+B Countries €250
A-F Countries €250	C+D Countries €225 + €10 (TAF)	C+D Countries €450 + €10 (TAF)
	D+F Countries €290 + €25 (TAF)	E+F Countries €580 + €25 (TAF)

All information for transactions is included in the attached document named *Bank Account Details*

If you need further details, contact our treasurer, and he will provide you these details.

Visa

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For the purposes of visa acquisition, all countries with IFMSA membership have been grouped into three categories.

Category A – Don't Need VISA

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela.

All nationals of the countries named in this category do not need visa to enter Chile. Delegates from these countries shall be issued invitation letters from the OC, anyway.

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Category B – Need to apply for VISA before arrival

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Zambia.

Chile has diplomatic missions in all this countries. Nationals of these countries should apply for VISA in the Chilean Consulates in their home countries in order to enter Chile for AM 2013.

Requirements

- A passport or identification document that is valid for the length of the stay.
- Letter of invitation from OC
- Hotel reservations
- Proof of economic solvency that allows the applicant to travel and finance his or her stay.

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Category C – Need to apply for VISA on arrival

Burundi, Sierra Leone, Taiwan.

Chile has not diplomatic missions in these countries; delegates from these countries shall be granted visas on arrival in the international airport Arturo Merino Benitez, in the Department of Immigration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Requirements

- A passport or identification document that is valid for the length of the stay.
- Letter of invitation from OC
- Hotel reservations
- Proof of economic solvency that allows the applicant to travel and finance his or her stay.
- VISA Fee.
 - Burundi US\$90
 - Sierra Leone US\$50
 - Taiwan US\$0

Please Note.

- Invitation Letter from OC will indicate that your accommodation and feeding shall be taken care of by the OC
- Providing the information requested above does not necessarily result in the granting of a visa.
- Additional information may be requested throughout the application process.

Should you require further assistance pertaining to visa matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Logistics and Info



Travelling, Transportation

All delegates must travel into Santiago International Airport "Arturo Merino Benitez". Transportation to/from AM 2013 venue will be provided from/to this airport by the OC for the delegates. After landing, national routes' passengers enter the arrival area, where luggage conveyor belts are located at the terminal's first floor. The Airport provides luggage carrier carts at no cost.

Inside this area, there are the taxis, public transportation buses and official minibuses counters. All these means are available for the passengers.

When arriving at the airport, there will be OC members guiding you all the way from the arrival area to the hotel. We will be by your side all the way, so you will not get lost.

Tax Amount per Country

Australia	US\$ 95
Canada	US\$ 132
United States	US\$ 160
México	US\$ 23

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International arrival documentation: Reciprocity Tax

All passengers with passports from Australia, Canada, United States and Mexico must pay a reciprocity tax before entering Interpol control.

Any inquiry can be made at Cashier Boxes once the Entry Reciprocity Fee receipt is attached to your passport; you have to proceed to immigration control.

International Police

To enter Chile, all passengers must check first at the International Police control and show their identity documents (identity card or passport) and the stamped visa (depending on the country of origin).

Immediately afterwards and once (Continuously and once) finished the migratory control, the passengers will accede by means of the Shop of free sale of taxes, up to the Room of retirement (withdrawal) of luggage, to continue with the controls of Customs and SAG.

At the moment of entering the country it is necessary to declare the entry of the following products

Milk, butter, cream and cheese	Wood or barks
Fresh fruits and vegetables	Insects, snails and others. Bacteria and molds for scientific research. Bees, honey and beeswax
Meats of any kind, cold cuts, and sausages	
Seeds, grains, nuts, dried or dehydrated fruits	Animal semen, biological products and veterinarian medicines
Fruit plants, ornamental plants, forest plants or part of them: branches, cuttings, bulbs and others	Small animals and pets (dogs, cats, other). Birds
Flowers, dried flowers and garden plants. Soil	Alive species, products or sub products from them, or elaborated from wild fauna

Venue and Accommodation

Accommodation

The accommodation will be in 4 hotels, because this offers to you many possibilities in terms of comfort and relaxation areas between sessions and other activities scheduled on the agenda of the assembly. This allows us, like organizing committee; serve you like delegates, in a better way. All are in a really close range, at walking distance between them and also deliver multiple services, including breakfast in each hotel for delegates.

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Nippon Hotel

Nippon Hotel offers rooms with Wi-Fi and plasma TVs, only a 10-minute walk from the center of the city. *Baquedano*, subway station. Air conditioned rooms, comfortable beds; all rooms have minibars and large windows, which make them very bright. A buffet breakfast is served daily. There is a Japanese restaurant offering meals in traditional tatamis. Fine drinks can be ordered at the bar. Guests can enjoy themselves reading a book from the library in the lounge, which features a Japanese-style screen. Free parking is available. The 24-hour front desk can make arrangements for shuttles to *Comodoro Arturo Merino Benitez* airport and hire tourism and other services.



Principado Hotel

Located in the heart of Santiago de Chile, next to Baquedano subway station and a few minutes from the historical and business center of the city. The Hotel has a team of professionals that together with the complete facilities available at our hotel make our hotel a reference for travelers who visit Santiago. Thanks to the situation of the hotel, the guests have the opportunity to access in a short time to places of tourist interest such as the financial district and the entertainment area with restaurants, bars, coffee s, theaters, cinemas, etc. Hotel Principado has rooms equipped with private bathroom, heating, television, internet access, minibar, etc.



Gen Suite Hotel

Situated in a privileged neighborhood near to commercial and touristic places. Gen Hotel, have all modern amenities to make of your stay a pleasant experience. Also, this Hotel, assumes a necessary commitment with the nature and environment, because the Go Green concept is the DNA of their organization and it's evidenced in the sustainable architecture of the

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Hotel, making measurements of the carbon footprints and in the activities that the hotel performed daily. The hotel has a new executive tower, with larger rooms and the usual comforts.

They count with rooms, focused in corporative activities, in different presentations and with capacity up to 200 people. Their bedrooms are "full design" acclimatized with the last technology, optic fiber, Wi-Fi and IP Telephony. You can fall in love with Santiago from the panoramic pool on the 25 floor, with the best view of the capital, full equipped gym, and outdoor terrace. Buffet breakfast, business center, Gourmet frigobar, front desk and 24 hours room service.

Fundador Hotel

With the best location in downtown Santiago, in the financial heart of the city. This hotel is located in the "Barrio Paris London", declared a National Monument to preserve its traditional European style of the twentieth year in a beautiful neoclassical styles communion with major national architects. It is just 20 steps from a Metro station and from, are accessed with ease of pedestrian to emblematic places in the city gives us the center of Santiago, such as the Palace of Fine Arts, The San Francisco Colonial Museum, Centro Cultural La Moneda Palace, National Library and Santa Lucia Hill, recognized as the oldest and best preserved urban park in the city. On trips is finding one with bars and restaurants that retain the atmosphere of the neighborhood so special. Spacious and gracious bedrooms invite to have a wonderful rest. Peruvian white cotton sheets, fluffy pillows bright spaces and a spacious bathroom are some of the features that make our spaces so comfortable. All the bedrooms have air conditioning and heating, telephone, WI-FI at no additional charge, minibar, safety box and hairdryer. Near to the hotel we can found bars and restaurants that retain the atmosphere of the neighborhood and maintain the old aesthetic.

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Venue

Catholic University Extension Center (Convention Center)

Extension Center is located in the building near the headquarters of the Catholic University. It counts with a neoclassic style and a total surface of 5.400 m², and it is one of the most loved and remembered milestones of our city, furthermore to being an example of good conservation and harmoniously combine tradition and functionality. The extension center has the necessary spaces and equipment to bring the best service in the realization of fairs, conferences, seminars, meetings, etc. to all his users.

It offers big spaces (up to 800 people) and medium capacity rooms, with a total capacity for a range about 40 to 150 people



Theme Event

“e-health: technology-based medicine. Bringing future into present.”

The information and communication technologies are transforming health systems and services, leading to solutions that would be unthinkable decades ago.

Different applications of technology have allowed revolutionize health management, continuing medical education and the quality and efficiency in diagnostic and therapeutic methods.

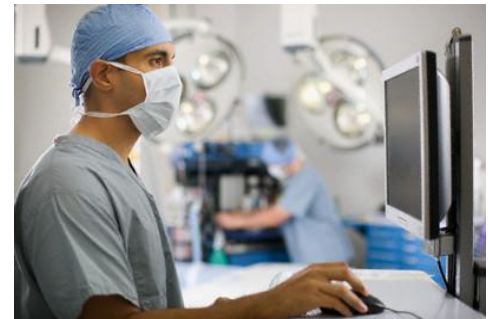


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Among the technologies used in healthcare, mobile technology is one of the most challenging and opportunities to generate an increase in health at the global level, especially for developing countries.

The technological breakthrough allows our society experience generating multiple opportunities to improve the quality and accessibility of health on our planet, especially in the poorest and most isolated. It is a fact that in all developing countries, in quantitative terms, there are over 2,200 million mobile phones and 350 million personal computers, but only 11 million hospital beds. This is an opportunity to leverage this technology to cover and promote health in various fields, from collecting and recording information about patients to the formation of rural practitioners, through the customization of how patients receive medical treatment. This is the new challenge facing us all. Therefore, we must be leaders and active participants in the dissemination and implementation of the solutions offered by technology.

This is why we believe we can offer you the opportunity to acquire knowledge and develop skills on this theme, surround ourselves with the wonderful beauty that offers Chile, this time in the capital of Chile, Santiago.



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Pre GA

Santiago of Chile has a fast way of living. Its people are constantly moving around the city, which does not prevent them from enjoying their rich architecture and culture. It's a hub for business tourism, with five-star hotels, world-class centers for events and conferences, and luxury dining areas.

Moreover, in the period in which our assembly will be developed, you can enjoy winter activities, some of the greatest ski resorts in the world are located in less than an hour from the city. The ski centers offer equipment rental, ski schools, patrol service and excellent conditions on runs for all skill levels. For this and many reasons is that we have chosen our city to host the venue and accommodation for the PreGA.

The workshops will take place at the Faculty of Medicine of the Finis Terrae University, they can be performed in parallel sessions, as required for this instance



Accommodation will be the same as chosen for the GA, so it will not require the relocation of the assistants to a new place. This has all the amenities to allow adequate rest and food, along with various activities prepared for you.

Pre GA: July 28th – August 1st

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Social Program

As long as the preGA will be held in Santiago (the capital of Chile and the capital of parties) we will be part of its great nightlife.

Very close to the Venue we have "Bellavista" and "Suecia" neighborhoods, very well known by their bars, restaurants, clubs, museums, theaters, art galleries, and handicrafts and souvenir shops.

The downtown area is also home to the neighborhoods of Bellas Artes and Lastarria, which feature fashionable bars and nightspots, some with live bands playing "cueca chora," a rock-style variation on the national dance.

During preGA, the social program will be organized in both neighborhoods in order to show you a bit of our best areas of night entertainment.

The clubs start in Chile about 10-11 pm and close at 5 am (by law). So fun will be guaranteed all night long during this preGA. So please reserve energy and be prepared to party hard in Chile!



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Discovering Santiago

The place of performance will be Santiago, the capital of the country. Santiago has become a destination of choice for international travelers, developing a reputation as a calm and clean city with a good quality of life.

The accommodation is placed in Santiago center. Most government activities take place in Santiago's downtown area, which is home to La Moneda (the presidential palace), Plaza de Armas and the Judicial and Executive Branches. This area also boasts numerous museums and pedestrian malls.

In spite of big cities, that doesn't have many green spaces, Santiago brings a lot of possibilities in that area, because is home of various imposing parks in the middle of city.

Also you have the opportunity to visit the best Chilean vineyards and the most beautiful national parks, where you can enjoy nature, sample local food, pick up some souvenirs and find a place to spend a few nights near the rivers and Andean foothills.



Other of the advantages, consists in Santiago located near many attractions an historic places, like the beach house of poet Pablo Neruda, Isla Negra, ski resorts, the port of Valparaíso, and Viña del Mar. Options for enjoying the mountains and sea are always right at your fingertips in Santiago.



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Our NMO

IFMSA Chile made part of the International Federation of Medical Students' Association at 2003. Since that date it counts with the participation of more than 500 medical students, from 24 medical school of all over the country, and is the biggest student association in Chile.

Actually, IFMSA Chile is an organization that contributes to improving medical education in all levels, working in hand with the most important Chilean health institutions like Health Minister, Our Children Foundation, Friends of Roberto del Rio Corporation, Transplant Corporation, Blood Donor Banks from all over Chile, and others.

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Why IFMSA? Why Chile?

We meet as a federation twice a year to develop new projects, discuss new ideas and federative issues under the mission "To form and integrate Chilean medical students, around social service and international work". We are committed to generate life-changing experiences from medical students to population in general, developing activities that improve health's condition of the country at small or large scale.

Are you ready?

As a non-governmental organization it needs resources, of course, but the biggest strength is the members. When a new medical school – student knows about IFMSA Chile and becoming part of it, a new spirit enriches the soul of the federation and it starts to work in many of our projects from carrying health to people with geographical problems, to living an unique experience in other country or working in the executive board, leading the team.

So, we are a solid organization, with a lot of members that works every day to reach our most important goal: to give health to people



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Contact Us

As Organizing Committee will be very pleased to receive all your comments and suggestions. So, do not hesitate to contact us if you need it to the email directions listed below

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