

# 2018 Seismology of the Americas Meeting Announcement

Latin American and Caribbean Seismological Commission  
Seismological Society of America  
23–26 April  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

IMPORTANT DATES	
Work or Deadline	Due Date
Special Session Proposal Deadline	2 October 2017
Travel Grant Submission Deadline	30 November 2017
Abstract Submission Deadline	16 January 2018
Program and Abstracts Online	22 February 2018
Exhibitor Registration Closes	5 March 2018
Preregistration Deadline	16 March 2018
Hotel Reservation Cutoff	31 March 2018
Online Registration Cutoff	13 April 2018

## SEISMOLOGY OF THE AMERICAS

The Latin American and Caribbean Seismological Commission (LACSC) and the Seismological Society of America (SSA) have agreed to a joint international conference to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 23–26 April 2018.

The conference is the first joint meeting of LACSC and SSA, which is one of four Regional Commissions of the International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth Interior (IASPEI).

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

This year's Technical Program Committee consists of co-chairs Carol Prentice (U.S. Geological Survey) and Elizabeth Vanacore (University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez); Sergio Barrientos (University of Chile); Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration); Xyoli Peres-Campos (National Autonomous University of Mexico); and Mario Ruiz (Instituto Geofísico Escuela Politécnica Nacional, Ecuador). The field trip organizers are Wilson Ramirez, Hernan Santos, and Stephen Hughes (all University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez).

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### Call for Special Sessions

LACSC and SSA are now accepting session proposals for the 2018 Seismology of the Americas meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The deadline for submissions is 2 October 2017.

### Session Content

LACSC and SSA welcome the submission of proposals from across the fields of geotechnical and earthquake engineering, earthquake science, and seismology. Topics of interest may include, but are not limited to: recent major earthquakes; earthquake early warning systems; seismotectonics; paleoseismology; citizen seismology; urban earthquake hazards; physics of seismic sources; CTBT and nuclear monitoring issues; tsunamis;

induced seismology; paleoseismology studies; geoacoustics; earthquake risk and advances in array seismology.

The Program Committee encourages all members of the seismological community to help make this joint meeting impactful by creating sessions related to the above topics or their own cutting-edge research, methodology, and technology developments. To see examples of sessions from last year's SSA meeting, visit the 2017 meeting website at <http://meetings.seismosoc.org/special-sessions>.

### Submission Process

**The deadline for session proposals is 2 October 2017.** Please submit all proposals online through the form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/WVD8vx6hPQoJ6D9e2>.

You will be asked to provide a session name, a 1–2 paragraph description of the session topic, and the name, affiliation, and contact information of at least one convener, preferably two, for each session. Each convener must have agreed to participate at the meeting. Please do not extend invitations to authors before receiving approval for your session. The Program Committee will reach out to session proposal submitters to let them know if their session has been approved, and all approved sessions will be published on the meeting website, <http://seismology2018.org/>, by 1 November 2017.

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The abstract submission deadline is Tuesday, 16 January 2018 and the online submission process will open 1 December 2017. Abstracts may be submitted to an approved session or to the general session. More detailed information on abstract submissions will appear in future announcements.

### MEETING INFORMATION

#### Registration

Online registration for the meeting will begin 1 January 2018.

#### Preliminary Schedule

Events will be held at the Puerto Rico Convention Center and the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

#### *Monday, 23 April*

SSA Board of Directors Meeting (7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)  
LACSC Board Meeting (TBD)  
Pre-meeting Workshops (TBD)  
Registration (3:00–7:30 p.m.)  
Opening Ceremony (4:00–5:15 p.m.)  
Welcome Reception (5:30–7:30 p.m.)

#### *Tuesday, 24 April*

Technical Sessions (8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)  
Luncheon (Noon–1:15 p.m.)

Joyner Lecture (1:30–2:45 p.m.)

Pint and Poster (5:00–5:45 p.m.)

Ignite Talks (5:30–6:45 p.m.)

Early Career and Student Reception (7:00–8:30 p.m.)

#### *Wednesday, 25 April*

Career Breakfast (7:00–8:15 a.m.)

Technical Sessions (8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.)

Public Policy Luncheon (Noon–2:00 p.m.)

Pint and Poster (3:00–4:15 p.m.)

SSA Award Ceremony and Business Meeting (5:30–6:15 p.m.)

LACSC Open Business Meeting (5:30–6:15 p.m.)

LACSC/SSA Reception (6:30–8:00 p.m.)

#### *Thursday, 26 April*

Technical Sessions (8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.)

Luncheon (Noon–1:15 p.m.)

Pint and Poster (2:45–4:00 p.m.)

Celebration Event (TBD)

### Hotel Information

The conference will be held at the Puerto Rico Convention Center and the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino. There will be some rooms reserved at the government per diem rate. Please note that the cutoff date for reservations at these rates is 31 March 2018.

### Information for Exhibitors

Information for organizations wishing to register as exhibitors for the meeting is available on the meeting website <http://seismology2018.org/exhibitors>.

### SSA TRAVEL GRANTS

Modest travel grants are available to international SSA members, student SSA members, and persons traveling from European Seismological Commission member-states who wish to attend the 2018 Seismology of the Americas Meeting. All grant recipients must submit a first-authored meeting-abstract and must present their work in either an oral or poster session at the meeting.

Applications will be accepted starting 1 November and are due by 30 November. All applicants must be SSA members. Travel grants cover the costs of the meeting registration and abstract submissions plus a modest cash reward.

More information will be available at: <http://seismology2018.org/travel-grants>.

### LACSC TRAVEL GRANTS

LACSC provides travel grants to students. Please check the travel grant page of the 2018 website, <http://seismology2018.org/travel-grants/>, in the fall for more information. ✉