

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	
Deadline	Due Date
Special Session Proposal Deadline	2 October 2017
SSA 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

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

The conference is the first joint meeting of SSA and LACSC; the latter 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 includes Co-Chairs Carol Prentice (U.S. Geological Survey) and Elizabeth Vanacore (University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez); 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 from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez).

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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

MEETING INFORMATION

Registration

Online registration for the meeting will begin on 2 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 p.m.–7:30 p.m.)
Opening Ceremony (4:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.)
Welcome Reception (5:30 p.m.–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 p.m.–2:45 p.m.)
Pint and Poster (5:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m.)
Lightning Talks (5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m.)
Early Career and Student Reception
(7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, 25 April

Career Breakfast (7:00 a.m.–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 p.m.–4:15 p.m.)
SSA Award Ceremony and Business Meeting
(5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m.)
LACSC Open Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m.)
LACSC/SSA Reception (6:30 p.m.–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 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)
Celebration Event (TBD)

Friday, 27 April

Field Trips (TBD)

This schedule is subject to change.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the Puerto Rico Convention Center and the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino. The hotel is conveniently located directly across the street from the Puerto Rico Convention Center, where the technical program and many of the meeting's events will take place. SSA and LACSC have a room block at the Sheraton Hotel, with a room rate at the prevailing government per diem rate.

To book your room today, please reserve a room through the following link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/SSA18>. Please note that the cut-off date for reservations at the group rate 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 2017 and are due by 30 November 2017. All applicants must be SSA members. Travel grants cover the costs of the meeting registration and abstract submissions, in addition to a modest cash reward.

More information will be available at the following link: <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/>); it will be available in the fall. ☒