

# **General Information**



## 1) Host

Banco Central do Brasil (BCB)

## 2) Venue

Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel Avenida Atlântica, 1.500 – Copacabana

Rio de Janeiro, RJ Tel.: (55 21) 2546-8000 Fax: (55 21) 2542-5443

http://www.portobay.com

# 3) Coordination Banco Central do Brasil

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#### 4) Weather

www.weather.com/weather/5-day/Rio+de+Janeiro+Brasil+BRXX0201

# 5) Time

www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=213 Rio de Janeiro standard time zone is GMT -3 hours.

## 6) Currency and Exchange

- The Brazilian currency is the Real (R\$).
- Brazil has a flexible exchange rate.
- The current\* exchange rate is available at: <u>www4.bcb.gov.br/pec/taxas/ingl/ptaxnpesq.asp?id=quo</u> tations&id=quotations.
- \* Please note that this rate is for reference only. The rate is flexible and may differ according to the financial institution or broker/hotel you are dealing with.
- Money exchange is available at the airport, at some hotels and at banks branches (opened from 10am to 4pm).
- Other currencies, rather than R\$, are not accepted at day-to-day transactions.
- Most credit cards are accepted at stores, hotels and restaurants.

## 7) Lodging

Guests are fully responsible for their accommodation and must book their own hotel rooms. Reservation depends on availability. Please check rates, taxes and whether breakfast is included.

We recommend the following hotels:

## I. Copacabana (in front of the beach)

## **Porto Bay Rio Internacional**

www.portobay.com

Avenida atlântica, 1500

Tel.:+55 (21) 2546-8000

Fax: +55 (21) 2542-5443

e-mail: <a href="mailto:reservas@portobay.com.br">reservas@portobay.com.br</a>

Block Bookings (breakfast included):

- Superior rooms

SGL R\$ 415,00 + taxes (around 15%)

DBL R\$ 465,00 + taxes (around 15%)

- Deluxe rooms

SGL R\$ 585,00 + taxes (around 15%)

DBL R\$ 635,00 + taxes (around 15%)

Mention you are coming to the Third BIS CCA Research Conference in order to obtain special rates.

#### II. Copacabana (not in front of the beach)

#### **Royal Rio Palace**

www.royalrio.com

Rua Duvivier, 82 – Copacabana

Tel.: +55 (21) 2122-9292 Fax: +55 (21) 2122-9293

e-mail: reservas@royalrio.com

# **Mirasol Copacabana Hotel**

www.mirasolhotel.com.br

Rua Rodolfo Dantas, 86 – Copacabana

Tel.: +55 (21) 3873-8585 / +55 (21) 2542-8787

Fax: +55 (21) 2542-8161

E-mail: reservas@mirasolhotel.com.br

**Visa** information can be obtained at: www.portalconsular.mre.gov.br

Mercosur's citizens are allowed to use national ID cards to enter Brazil.



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Sanitary requirements: There is no requirement of proofing vaccination against yellow fever to enter Brazil. However, vaccination is recommended in some regions of the country. If the traveler wishes to leave Rio de Janeiro, please check:

http://www.who.int/ith/chapters/ith2011countrylist.pdf

# 8) Transportation

During the event, there will be no transfers from other hotels to Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel;

## **Airport-hotel**

- Participants are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements from the airport to the hotel. It is recommended that participants take the special cabs that are run by authorized companies (Cootramo, Transcopass or Coopertramo). Vouchers are bought in small shops of those companies inside the airport and employees will instruct on how to get the taxi which will be parked right outside the arrival gate area. There is no need to tip the driver. One-way ride between the international airport and Copacabana Beach is around R\$99.00;

An executive bus route departs from GIG airport terminals 1 & 2 to Copacabana and costs R\$9,00 per person (Route 2018 - Aeroporto Internacional do RJ/Alvorada (Via Orla da Zona Sul)). For more information visit:

http://www.realautoonibus.com.br/Site/NossasLinhas-Premium-00,,REAL86588020110819132502-41.html

#### **Hotel-Restaurant**

Hotel-Restaurant (dinner) transportation will be provided by BCB. The meeting point will be set at Rua Duvivier (near Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel);

The timetable will be sent with the agenda.

## **Taxi companies**

Taxi fares vary according to the distance traveled and the amount due is registered on the meters.

JB Taxi

+ 55 (21) 2178-4000

**Rio Taxi Coop** 

. +55 (21) 3514-7733

# 9) Additional Information

- Rio de Janeiro electricity supply is 110 V. We suggest that you bring with you any adapters that you may need for your cell phones or laptops;
- Please confirm your return flight before the trip;
- BIS will offer a welcome dinner on April 26th, at 8:00 pm.
- During the conference, lunches and coffee breaks will be provided, compliments of BCB;
- The dress code is business casual for the conference and the welcome dinner.