40th Actuarial Research Conference

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August 11-13 2005 Mexico City, México

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ARC 2005 Web Site - http://www.arc2005.itam.mx/

About the Conference

The annual Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) provides an opportunity for academics and practitioners to meet and discuss actuarial problems and their solutions.

The 40th ARC will be held at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City. The conference sessions will take place in the Auditorium of ITAM Santa Teresa Campus.

On site registration begins Thursday at 8:30 a.m.. Conference sessions are scheduled to begin Thursday morning, August 11, at 9:00 a.m., and will conclude at noon Saturday, August 13. The exact schedule will be posted on the conference Web site.

Planned Events

Reception on Thursday, August 11. Gala dinner on Friday August 12. Please see the ARC 2005 Web site for organized visits for spouses and guests.

Submission of Papers

We encourage everyone who has a paper on an actuarial topic to submit it. Titles and abstracts must be submitted to the ARC 2005 organizing committee by June 17, 2005. This will allow for the posting of the abstracts on the Web site, and will facilitate the publication of the program and the scheduling of speakers.

Abstracts must be submitted by fax or e-mail (preferably) to ARC 2005 organizing committee, Fax +52-55 56-28-40-86, Email: arc2005@itam.mx

Papers presented at the conference will be published electronically in the 2006.1 issue of the Actuarial Research Clearing House. Submissions are preferred in Adobe Acrobat portable document formal (pdf). Submissions using Microsoft Office Suite are also acceptable (MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint). Presenters planning to submit papers in alternate formats should contact SOA staff at sbaker@soa.org for assistance.

Important Dates

- June 17: Deadline for submitting paper titles and abstracts
- June 17: Deadline for registration with reduced fee
- July 8 : Deadline for making reservations of dorm type residences and hotels
- July 8 : Deadline for cancellation of registration

Conference Host

The Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) is a private university founded in 1946 by a group of Mexican businessmen. It is a small institution of higher education, specializing in the management and social sciences and related disciplines.

In Mexico, actuarial qualification is obtained solely through the university education system. Formal training in Actuarial Science began in Mexico in 1946, at the

National Autonomous University (UNAM). There are now twelve universities that offer undergraduate programs in Actuarial Science. Our Actuarial Science program was the third to be established in 1982. At present we have a total enrollment of approximately 500 students.

Registration Fees (in Mexican Pesos MXN)

The registration fees cover the official conference activities, including 3 lunches, 5 coffee breaks, the Thursday night reception, and the Friday night banquet. These fees are MXN\$1465 for registrations received by June 17, 2005 and MXN\$1750 for registrations received after June 17, 2005.

Cancellations will be accepted before July 8, 2005. Your conference fees, minus MXN\$282 for processing and fixed costs, will be returned. No refunds will be made after July 8, 2005. To give notice of cancellation contact ARC 2005 Organizing Committee by e-mail arc2005@itam.mx or by fax +52 55 56284086. Registrants unable to attend the conference may send a substitute.

Additional tickets for Thursday reception and Friday gala dinner are available for MXN\$282 and MXN\$507, respectively.

Transportation

Some airline discounts are available through the SOA. Please see the following link for information:

http://www.soa.org/ccm/content/ce-meetings-seminars/registration-travelpolicy/airline-discounts05

From the Mexico City International Airport you may use the official taxi site "SITIO 300". The tickets can be bought in a booth either inside the customs area or after customs just on the left side of international arrivals. The city is divided into zones and tax fares are classified accordingly. Most of the accommodations for the conference are in zone 9. The costs to 'Zona 9' are MXN\$225.00 (car), MXN\$347.00 (van) and MXN\$420 (executive car), about US\$20, US\$31 and US\$37 respectively. For additional information: <u>http://www.taxisdelaeropuerto.com.mx</u>

Weather

August in Mexico City is the rainy season. Mornings can be sunny and it often rains in the afternoon. Daytime highs are typically 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit (21 to 27 $^{\circ}$ C).

Attractions

We hope you will extend your visit and enjoy the attractions of our country. For more information you can visit: <u>www.visitmexico.com/wb2</u> or <u>www.mexico-travel.com</u>. Please see the ARC 2005 Web site for additional links

Accommodations

Dormitory-like accommodations, must be booked for 4 nights, Wednesday to Saturday (even if you stay less than 4 nights).

<u>CIESS</u>

Social Security Conference Center (CIESS). Calle San Ramón s/n. San Jerónimo Lídice. Each room with private bath and pre-paid breakfast. MXN\$320 per night (US\$29 approx.)

ROOMS IN STUDENT HOUSES

Coatzintla # 9, San Jerónimo Aculco. With shared facilities (bathroom, kitchen, living-room, washing machine). MXN\$250 per night (US\$23 approx.)

There are a limited number of dormitory-like rooms that will be available on a firstcome, first-served basis and, in any event, must be reserved by July 8. At that time any unreserved rooms will be released.

The conference hotels are:

<u>Royal Pedregal</u> Room rate	MXN\$1030 plus tax per night (single or double) (US\$93.60 approx.).
Physical address	Periférico Sur # 4363, Col. Jardines en la Montaña
Website	www.hotelesroyal.com.mx/english/pedregal_eng.htm
Reservations	+ 52-55-56457964 (fax)
e-mail:	pedregal@hotelesroyal.com.mx
<u>Pedregal Plaza</u>	MXN\$800 plus tax per night (single or double) (US\$73
Room rate	approx.)
Physical address	Periférico Sur # 3487, Col. San Jerónimo Lídice
Website	<u>www.pedregalpalace.com.mx</u>
Reservations	+ 52-55-56811290 +52 55 55954394 (fax)
e-mail:	<u>reservaciones@pedregalpalace.com.mx</u>

Please specify the **Actuarial Research Conference** and **Tercy Tours** (the conference travel agency) when reserving your room. To get the special rates, rooms must be reserved no later than July 8, 2005.

Please note that the conference hotels and the dormitory-like accommodations are not within walking distance from ITAM. Shuttle bus service has been arranged between the accommodations and the site for conference activities at the beginning and end of each day, and some prescheduled times during the day.

For more information

For additional information concerning the conference you may get in touch with: **ARC 2005 Committee**

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REGISTRATION FORM 40th Actuarial Research Conference ITAM, Mexico City, Mexico August 11-13, 2005

IDENTIFICATION

Full name:				
Name for Badge:				
Employer:				
Address:				
City:				
State/Province:	Counti	ry:	Postal Code:	
Day phone (incl. area c	;ode):		Fax:	
E-mail address:				
Any health or				
dietary requirements:				

REGISTRATION FEES (All prices are in Mexican pesos (MXN), prices include taxes). Exchange rates as of March 2, 2005 are as follows : 1MXN = 0.0901USD = 0.1117CAD. For daily rates and other currencies, see for example www.xe.com.

	Number of people	Price(MXN)	Cost
Early Registration (before 17/06/05)		\$1,465	
Late Registration (after 17/06/05)		\$1,750	
Additional tickets for reception on Thursday		\$282	
Additional tickets for banquet on Friday		\$507	
		Subtotal A:	

If you are paying for more than one participant, state for each participant:

Full name:	
Name for Badge:	
Any health or	
dietary requirements:	
Full name:	
Name for Badge:	
Any health or	
dietary requirements:	

DORMITORY-LIKE ACCOMODATIONS

must be booked for 4 nights (Wed-Sat)

Arriva	date:

10/08/2005

Departure date: 14/08/2005

	Number of people	Total 4 nights (MXN)	Cost
CIESS		\$1,280	
ROOMS		\$1,000	
		Subtotal B:	

Total (A+B):

Payment Information

Fees are in Mexican Pesos (MXN). The charge to the credit card will be made in Mexican Pesos. The exact amount in US dollars will vary slightly depending on the exchange rate at the moment the charge is made. After completing this form, please print and mail it to: Enrique de Alba, Department of Actuarial Science and Insurance, ITAM, Río Hondo No. 1, Tizapán San Angel, Mexico City 01000, MEXICO, or fax it to: +52-55 56-28-41-15.

Credit Card:	Visa O	Master Card $ \bigcirc $	American Express $ \bigcirc $
Credit card number:			
Security Code* (AmEx only)			
Expiration date:	Month:		Year:
Name of cardholder:			
Amount Charged	MXN \$		
Signature of cardholder:			

* The security code are the four numbers printed on the card above the engraved number.

Special Requirements

Please specify any special religious or physical needs:

Information on Paper Presentation

If you wish to present a paper, the deadline for submitting paper titles and abstracts is June 17.

I wish to present a paper O Yes O No

Title of paper:

Abstract:

Special Audio-Visual Needs (An overhead projector and a power-point projector will be available):