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## **IPHC MEETING / CONFERENCE Punta Arenas, Chile - April 2010**

### **Pre-conference update**

Thanks to the President of ICOMOS Chile, Jose de Nordenflycht and our Chilean member Ruben Stehberg, everything now appears to be in place for the conference.

ICOMOS Chile have arranged for the President of ICOMOS International, Gustavo Araoz, to attend the conference. This, in addition to representatives from other organisations who are supporting the conference (see programme) reflects well on both ICOMOS Chile and the IPHC and we are privileged to be able to welcome them.

#### Venue

As you know the conference is to be based at Universidad de Magallanes. Specific information about the venue can be found at - <http://www.umag.cl/cambioclimatico/lugar.html> .

We will have access to all normal conference media and equipment.

The majority of the conference sessions will be open to the public and it is expected that a number of students from the University will also attend. The University plans to make video recordings of the presentations for later replay on an internet TV channel.

#### Programme

There have been some minor changes to the programme.

A copy of the revised programme accompanies this message.

A revised agenda for the formal IPHC meeting also accompanies this update.

#### Flight to Base Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva

Following the tragic earthquakes in Chile, the Chilean Air Force has had a massive workload with support operations. This is likely to affect the chances of us being able to make the flight to King George Island. This possibility however is not completely ruled out so please prepare with suitable clothing and footwear for polar conditions.

#### Punta Arenas

Punta Arenas lies at about 53° South. Although temperatures there are moderated by the proximity of the sea, winter is approaching, so suitable clothing will be needed there too.

To our knowledge most people will be staying at the Hotel los Navegantes. This is about 3 kilometres from the venue. We are told that taxis there are cheap, but sharing transport between these places may be a good idea. A Google map showing the two locations is attached.

The airport at Punta Arenas is about 18kms to the north of the centre of Punta Arenas. We believe that buses, mini-buses and taxis are available for transport to the city. Taxis in Punta Arenas are said to be relatively cheap but it would pay to check prices.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

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