



**8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the  
Frontiers of Plasma Physics and Technology (FPPT-8)**  
**Website: <https://www.fpptseries.org>**

**3-7 April 2017, Viña del Mar, Valparaíso, Chile**

**Hosted by Comisión Chilena de Energía Nuclear, Casilla 188-D, Santiago, Chile**

**Conference Venue: Gala Hotel y Centro de Eventos, Viña del Mar, Chile**

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Delegates,

Additional general information is provided in this announcement to plan your visit to Chile.

**Banking and Business:** Chile's national currency is the Chilean Peso (\$) consists of notes and coins. The money exchange can be done in banks and exchange offices. Exchange counters can be found inside the airport.

**ATM:** Most ATMs have instructions in Spanish and English and use the Visa or Master Card systems and will accept most debit cards, especially those with the "Maestro" logo. Before starting the transaction, pick up an option titled 'Foreign card' (Tarjeta extranjera).

Visa and Master Card are both used in Chile. In rural areas, one can plan to pay with cash. Stores accepting credit cards display a Red Compra sign either at the entrance or at the cash counter.

**Caution:** Some businesses may charge up to 6% extra to pay for the transaction.

**Tipping:** In Chile, 10% on top of the restaurant bill is a good tip although people often round up the fare. Occasionally a restaurant will add a service charge. This is always voluntary and you can ask it to be removed and tip what you like.

You should tip porters in hotels but taxi drivers are usually not tipped.

**Electricity:** Chile's electricity standard is **220 volts/50Hz**. Mostly electrical sockets have two openings for tubular pins (used also in central Europe, but in Chile they come without grounding) and sometimes they come with 3 openings/pins (known from Italy, Argentina etc...).

In case of any doubt adaptors are recommended and easily available!

Electrical Plugs/Outlets are shown below:



**Insurance:** All conference attendees are advised to arrange travel insurance.

**Smoking:** Chile has banned smoking since 2013 in all the enclosed public places; includes restaurants, bars, casinos, stadiums etc.

**Telecommunications:** A Chile prepaid SIM card with a GSM international cell phone is the most convenient and economical solution for staying in touch elsewhere from Chile and within Chile. These SIM Cards will require a SIM-unlocked **GSM 1900** compatible international cell phone. All incoming calls, within Chile are FREE regardless of originator. There are several network providers ( ENTEL, CLARO, MOVISTAR, WOM....) .

**Arriving in Viña del Mar from Santiago:**

Distance between the Santiago International airport “Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport” and Viña del Mar is around 115 Kms and well connected by public and private transport. Travel time is about 2 hrs.

**Public transport:**

**Bus:** Two major bus companies, Turbus and Pullman bus link frequently from the airport to Pajaritos Bus Terminal (journey time: 30 minutes; fare: CLP1,700 which is about US\$3).

**Shuttle:** Two major companies TransVip and TransCity offer door-to-door service to destinations throughout Santiago. Tickets can be purchased from the representatives in the arrivals areas and price is approximately 4,500 CLP.

From Pajaritos Bus Terminal you can get a bus to Viña del Mar costing less than US\$15. Kindly note you need to pay in CLP for bus travel.

Coaches arrive in Viña del Mar at Rodoviario Bus Terminal, Calle Valparaíso 1055, situated downtown Viña del Mar, less than 800 metres from GALA HOTEL ( our conference venue ).

**Taxi:** Official Taxis are marked with 'taxioficial' identification and run to destinations such as Viña del Mar and cost about US\$ 150. Taxis can be picked up at several desks in the terminal at pre-payment scheme counters.

**Chile Time zone:** CEST ( Central European Summer Time ) is 5 hours ahead of Chile in April.

**Visa to Chile:** For Visa requirement / not-requirement procedure; visit or contact your nearest Chilean diplomatic mission.

A list of all Chilean Consulates worldwide is available on internet:

- <https://chile.visahq.com/> (issued by an international provider, multilingual)
- <http://chile.gob.cl/files/2017/01/RED-CONSULAR-ENERO-2017.pdf> (issued by Chilean government in Spanish).

Delegates and accompanying persons requiring visa to Chile are requested to contact Prof. L. Soto, [lsoto@cchen.cl](mailto:lsoto@cchen.cl) for necessary invitation letter if not requested so far.

The Organising Committee of FPPT-8 reserves the right to amend and alter the conference programme during the conference and events with least inconvenience to the delegates.

Scientific programme will follow soon.

Kindly visit the conference website <https://www.fpptseries.org> for further updates until the commencement of the conference.

Please feel free to contact the conference secretary if further information is required [office@fpptseries.org](mailto:office@fpptseries.org)

**FPPT-8 TEAM  
WELCOMES YOU WITH PLEASURE TO VIÑA DEL MAR, CHILE**

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