

The Second International Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Space Geodynamics (APSG) Program

Tahiti, French Polynesia
12 - 16 May 1998

Third Circular Final Travel and Cost Information

IMPORTANT: By now, we have received very few final registrations for the APSG meeting. Since we can not guarantee room prices and availability for the Sofitel hotel beyond March 31th, we urge people not yet registered to fill in the joined final registration form as soon as possible.

Airfares

* From Europe, USA and Japan (China and Korea):

Discount airfares (about half price) have been arranged through Air France as follows:

| Date | Flight | Time | Trip | Price (r/t) |
|------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| May 10 May 11 | AF070 | 19h30 4h35 | Paris Papeete | 90000 XFP (\$US 818) |
| May 17 May 18 | AF071 | 8h50 17h00 | Papeete Paris | |
| May 10 May 11 | AF070 | 23h35 4h35 | Los Angeles Papeete | 50000 XFP (\$US 454) |
| May 17 May 17 | AF071 | 8h50 19h50 | Papeete Los Angeles | |
| May 11 May 11 | AF282 | 15h55 7h50 | Tokyo Papeete | 90000 XFP (\$US 818) |
| May 18 May 19 | AF281 | 13h45 20h05 | Papeete Tokyo | |

At the moment, 15 seats have been reserved on each of these flights. Arrangements for these discounted fares and slight changes dates, must be made through the meeting Secretariat.

*** From New Caledonia and Fidji:**

Other special airfares are offered by Air Caledonia International.

| Date | Flight | Time | Trip | Price (r/t) |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| May 11 | SB510 | 19h10 | Noumea | 78 000 XFP |
| May 11 | | 6h00 | Papeete | |
| May 18 | SB501 | 7h20 | Papeete | |
| May 19 | | 12h35 | Noumea | |
| May 8 | SB500 | 23h05 | Nandi | 750 Fidjian \$ |
| May 8 | | 5h35 | Papeete | |
| May 18 | SB501 | 7h20 | Papeete | |
| May 19 | | 10h25 | Nandi | |

Very few seats are available on these flights. Arrangements for these discounted fares must be made through the meeting Secretariat.

*** From Australia, India and Indonesia:**

Special airfares are offered by QANTAS Airways.

| Date | Flight | Time | Trip | Price (r/t) |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| May 11 | QF43 | 10h45 | Sydney | 65200 XFP (\$US 593) |
| May 10 | | 23h45 | Papeete | |
| May 18 | QF103 | 1h00 | Papeete | |
| May 19 | | 8h10 | Sydney | |
| May 09 | QF124 | 23h55 | Bombay | 197200 XFP (\$US 1793) |
| May 10 | | 19h30 | Sydney | |
| May 11 | QF43 | 10h45 | Sydney | <i>connection</i> <i>(transit visa required)</i> |
| May 10 | | 23h45 | Papeete | |
| May 18 | QF103 | 1h00 | Papeete | <i>connection</i> |
| May 19 | | 8h10 | Sydney | |
| May 19 | QF123 | 12h30 | Sydney | |
| May 20 | | 22h30 | Bombay | |
| May 10 | QF30 | 23h30 | Denpassar | 116000 XFP (\$US 1055) |
| May 11 | | 6h25 | Sydney | |
| May 11 | QF43 | 10h45 | Sydney | <i>connection</i> |
| May 10 | | 23h45 | Papeete | |
| May 18 | QF103 | 1h00 | Papeete | <i>connection</i> |
| May 19 | | 8h10 | Sydney | |
| May 20 | QF29 | 16h55 | Sydney | <i>(transit visa required)</i> |

May 20

21h30

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These special Airfares can be obtained through whatever Qantas Airways agent by asking them to contact the QANTAS agent in Papeete, Tahiti (just tell "rates for 2nd International Meeting of Asia-Pacific Space Geodynamics (APSG) Program").

Passports and Visas

No visas are required for visitors coming from the European Community, USA and Japan for a stay of up to 3 months and for visitors coming from New Zealand and South Korea for a stay of up to 1 month. Visitors from all other countries including Australia, China, Russia, North Korea, and Indonesia will need a visa (see a French Consulate near you). Your passport must be valid at least 6 months after the date of entry in French Polynesia. A return travel document and ticket is required. Due to the time required to process visa applications by the French authorities, we urge you to start the process right away. If you need a letter of invitation please contact the Secretariat.

Hotels and Meals:

The meeting will be held at the Sofitel Maeva Beach Hotel along with accommodations for the meeting participants. All rooms are air-conditioned, have bathroom facilities and colour TV. The hotel is located on the lagoon at a walking distance of the University campus and the Tahiti Geodetic Observatory and is 10 min by car from Papeete. The hotel has 224 rooms, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, a large swimming pool, two lighted tennis courts and a white sand beach.

Prices for rooms including full Buffet Breakfast and all taxes are:

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|------------------------|--|
| Single room (1 person) | 13380 XFP (\$US122) |
| Double room (2 people) | 14880 XFP (\$US135 or \$US68 per person) |

Lunches at the hotel during the meeting will add 2700 XFP (\$US 24.50) per day.

These are special rates for the conference participants which apply only if reservations are made through the conference organizers.

Registration Fee

A registration fee of 7500 XFP (\$US68) will be charged to each participant to defray some of the cost for refreshments and support services required for the meeting.

Transportation

Arrangements will be made to transport arriving participants to the hotel.

Excursions

Many tours can be suggested and arranged by the excursion desk located in the hotel main lobby.

Additional Information

For additional information and a registration form for the APSG meeting go to the web address:

<http://cddisa.gsfc.nasa.gov/apsg/apsg98.html>.

or contact the meeting secretariat by E-mail at **escande@ufp.pf** or by fax at **689 80 38 42**.