



EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HIGH MOUNTAIN REMOTE SENSING CARTOGRAPHY

THIRD CIRCULAR

Objective

The *Eighth International Symposium on High Mountain Remote Sensing Cartography*, to be held in La Paz, Bolivia for March of this year, will be a forum to interchange experiences and to present an overview of the wide application of the remote sensing techniques and of the recent improvements of these for the investigation of the high mountain regions.

Registration

Everyone who have sent an abstract and/or wants to participate in this symposium is kindly invited to fill the **registration form** available in the website:
http://www.kfunigraz.ac.at/geowww/hmrsc/hmrsc_8.htm

Place and date

The HMRSC VIII will be held in the **auditorium of the Academia Nacional de Ciencias** located in the **Paseo del Prado**, downtown of La Paz city. Two days of scientific conferences and three excursions are planned between March 21 and 27.

Conference Program

The conference program of HMRSC VIII will include both oral and poster sessions. It is previewed that 22 talks and at least 8 posters will be presented in two days, between March 21 and 22. Technical instructions for both kind of sessions are also available in the same website: http://www.kfunigraz.ac.at/geowww/hmrsc/hmrsc_8.htm (see *Author Instructions*)

A complete program will be send to all the participants by the end of February.

Field trips

Three field trips were proposed by the organizers as a part of the program of the HMRSC VIII. Two of these trips (Yungas and Salar de Uyuni) will have a team of 2 or 3 leaders. The travel to Titikaka lake will be on charge of a tourism company.

Trip to Yungas region (2 days trip): This travel will depart from La Paz (3,600 m.a.s.l.) to arrive to Coroico, a little town sited at 1,600 m.a.s.l. with several stop points to observe the landscape, the complex geology, and the change in the vegetation cover along the descent from the high iced picks to the first expressions of the Amazonian region. A night accommodation in a 3 stars hotel in Coroico is arranged.

Price per person: \$us 70 including transportation, a night accommodation in a single room, and meals.

Trip to Titikaka lake (1 day trip): A visit to this lake is now arranged with a tourism company. This visit will able us to know one of the nicest region of the Altiplano and its historical significance. Titikaka is the highest lake in the world and for the native cultures played a role like the Mediterranean sea played for the European occidental culture. This travel has three stages:

1st: La Paz – Huatajata port (transportation by bus)

2nd: Huatajata – Isla de la Luna (Moon Island) – Isla del Sol (Sun Island) - Copacabana town. This stage is a travel across the lake in a high speed boat.

3rd: Copacabana – La Paz. Return to the city by bus.

Price per person: \$us 128 including transportation and meals.

Trip to Salar de Uyuni region (2 days trip): This long trip (some 500 km) will move us along the Altiplano to arrive to Uyuni, a town located at the SE of the extend salt flat in the arid region of Lipez. Although most of the road is at good conditions, part of this is unpaved. The Oruro city and several typical little towns are in the road, as well as some abandoned mines. The exciting travel across the Salar and the view of the volcanic landscape are important parts of this excursion. It should be remembered that the Lipez region was compared to some regions of the Mars by some specialists. A night accommodation in a 3 stars hotel in Uyuni is arranged.

Price per person: \$us 150 including transportation, a night accommodation in a single room and meals.

For both the Yungas and Salar de Uyuni trips we will have a bus, then a maximum enrollment is 20 and the minimum is 10.

Conference language

Both oral and poster sessions can be done in English or Spanish. We will have facilities for simultaneous translation.

Payment and registration fees

Regular registration fee is \$us 50 and \$us 20 for students. The payment should be done in cash at the conference, at the moment when you pick up a folder with additional information about both the symposium and La Paz city. **No credit card** will be accepted.

Conference dinner

A conference dinner of native folkloric type (“peña folclórica”) is planned for March 22 at the night. The cost will be \$us 20. If you want to attend, please mark yes in the option offered in the registration form. The payment can be done in cash at the conference.

Transport to and from La Paz

The El Alto airport (the principal airport of La Paz city) is directly connected to main South American capitals and to Miami. Many companies fly from Europe to Lima, Buenos Aires or Sao Paulo with connections to La Paz. From the airport, taxi is the better way to arrive to the city (the fee is between \$us 5 and 6).

The organizers are arranging to meet the foreigner participants in the airport to move them to their hotels. For this purpose, you should make us to know the air company, the flight number, and the time of your arriving as soon as possible.

Conference proceedings

A publication of the full paper conference proceedings is expected to do after the symposium. See details in *Author Instructions* in the website:
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Dates to be taken into account

The following deadlines must be remembered:

February 18: the last day to fill the registration form.

March 20 (late in the afternoon) **and March 21:** Payment of the fee of the symposium in the secretary of the Academia Nacional de Ciencias (Paseo del Prado).

June 30: last day to receive the full papers to be published in the conference proceedings.

Other recommendations

La Paz is a city located at 3,600 meters above sea level. In March – April the temperatures range between 15 and 20°C during the day. At the night these can fall below 10°C. Some people can be affected by the high altitude and need a period of adaptation. It is recommendable to take previsions and arrive one or two days before the symposium.