

The conference site is the **Fiesta Americana Condesa**, located in the Hotel Zone 10 miles or ~ 25 minutes from the Cancun airport.

### **Transportation**

Transportation from Cancun airport to the hotel has been pre-arranged for those arriving on May 14<sup>th</sup> or May 15<sup>th</sup>, based on the flight information you have provided. Upon arrival, and once you've cleared immigration and customs, walk straight through the airport past people who may approach or solicit a fare from you. Once outside the Arrival Gate, a CTA representative will be waiting for you holding a sign with both the conference logo and a smaller CTA logo. **Do not accept transportation from anyone that approaches or solicits a fare from you.**

If you are arriving on days other than May 14<sup>th</sup> or May 15<sup>th</sup> **you must arrange your own ground transportation to the hotel.** Note that regular taxis are not allowed to pick up passengers at the airport. It is also against the law for anyone to approach or solicit a fare from you. Only authorized transportation companies are allowed to provide ground services at the airport. It is advised that you pre-arrange your transportation to the hotel (see <http://www.cancun-airport.com/transportation.htm>) to ensure an economical and safe transfer.

Transportation from the hotel to Cancun airport has also been pre-arranged for those departing on May 21<sup>st</sup> or May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Attire for Water Activities**

Each afternoon the conference schedule includes a 2 to 3 hour break for lunch and to provide sufficient time to enjoy the beach, swimming pools and or numerous water activities offered by private companies on site. Some items to bring with you include a swim suit, suntan lotion, hat, sandals and sunglasses. Towels are provided at the hotel. The excursion to Xcaret also includes numerous water activities, such as snorkelling (see <http://www.xcaret.com/attractions>). You will need to bring a bathing suit and change of clothes on the excursion. There are lockers at Xcaret to store your personal belongings.

### **Dress Code for Hotel Restaurants**

In the evening the restaurants at the hotel have a dress code (i.e. casual or smart casual). No beach shorts are allowed, and some of the restaurants forbid open-toe footwear (such as sandals), do not allow shorts of any kind, and require men to wear a collared shirt.

### **Meeting Space**

The meeting room (Condesa III) and the Condesa foyer where the poster sessions and coffee breaks will take place are air conditioned. Please do not wear beach shorts or bathing suits in the meeting space.

There is complimentary wireless internet service in the meeting space, but we ask that you respect those speaking and use the internet sparingly during oral sessions.

### **Currency and Tipping**

Both Mexican pesos and the U.S. dollar are widely used in Cancun, although if you pay in dollars you will often get change in pesos, and sometimes at very unfavourable rates. We advise you to bring some Mexican pesos with you.

Tipping is customary and expected for almost every service in Cancun. However, tipping at the hotel is not required, as gratuities are included in the room charges you pay at the time of check out. Gratuities have also been paid in advance for both the Xcaret and Chichen Itza excursions. If you are elsewhere, a tip of ~ 15 % is appropriate for restaurants, but first check that the tip hasn't already been included in the bill.

### **Weather**

In May the high and low temperatures in Cancun are 90 F (32 °C) and 75 F (24 °C), respectively. Expect hot sunny weather!