

# PIARC International Seminar

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## Risk Management for Highway Infrastructure

October 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Mérida, Yucatán – México

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First Announcement/Call for Papers



## **Introduction**

The International Seminar “Risk Management for Highway Infrastructure”, is organized by the World Road Association-PIARC and the Mexican Association of Road Engineering (Asociación Mexicana de Ingeniería en Vías Terrestres-AMIVTAC), in coordination with the government of Yucatán.

This Seminar is part of the PIARC Program of International Seminars.

Highways are key to the economy of a country. Highway infrastructure is continuously exposed to various natural disasters and phenomena including climate change, as well as man made disasters.

In order to contribute to facing this important challenge, the PIARC Technical Committee TC 1.5 “Risk Management” and the Mexican Association of Road Engineering AMIVTAC, have decided to organize the international seminar “Risk Management for Highway Infrastructure”, to share the risk management techniques used around the world to solve this problem.

The call for papers seeks submissions that address one or more of the following seminar session topics:

1. Role of risk management in policy development and decision-making.
2. Methodologies and tool for risk assessment and management applied to road operations.
3. Management of emergency situations.
4. Risk and emergency management for combined and large hazards.

## **Objective**

The main goal of this seminar is to provide a platform for experts to share their experience and discuss topics and challenges related to highway infrastructure risk management.

The Seminar is open to international road community members interested in obtaining and sharing knowledge about the best world wide practices in Risk Management for Highway Infrastructure.

## **Methodology**

The seminar will consist of plenary sessions with presentations by leading experts, panel discussion, conclusions and resolutions.

Plenary sessions will include presentations from experts of PIARC Technical Committee TC 1.5 as well as local, regional and international leading experts.

## **Language**

The official language will be English, with simultaneous translation to French and Spanish.

## **Preliminary Program**

### Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Opening ceremony

Session I: Role of risk management in policy development and decision-making.

Session II: Methodologies and tools for risk assessment and management applied to road operations.

### Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Session III: Management of emergency situations.

Session IV: Risk and emergency management for combined and large hazards.

Closing ceremony

### Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Visit to Chichén Itzá

## **Call for Papers**

Papers are welcome for presentation or publishing.

Deadlines are as follows:

- Abstracts, 150-200 words, may be submitted in English, French or Spanish. End of June.
- Review and notification to authors. End of July.
- Submission of Seminar presentation and papers, maximum 3,000 words. First week of September.

Abstracts should be sent to Seminar Contact.

## **Pre-registration**

Please send the following information to Seminar Contact:  
Name, Title, Organization, Address, Phone, Fax, e-mail address.

## **Registration**

### a. Fees

Participants from upper middle income and high income countries: € 300

Participants from lower-middle income and low income countries: € 100

PIARC members: 25% discount for the above fees

Participants from Mexico: € 250

Registration fee includes participation kit, seminar literature and proceedings, local transport (airport – hotel – airport), lunch and tea/coffee during technical sessions and field visit.

b. Registration due date: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

c. The registration form will be issued separately.

## **Seminar Venue**

The Seminar will take place in Hotel Presidente Intercontinental Villa Mercedes in the city of Mérida, Yucatán – México.

### ***Hotel Presidente Intercontinental Villa Mercedes Mérida***

Avenida Colón #550 entre 60 y 60 Centro

Mérida, Yucatán

Phone number: +52 999 9429000

[http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/merida/midha/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=GoogleMaps\\_-\\_ic\\_-\\_MXEN\\_-\\_midha](http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/merida/midha/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_ic_-_MXEN_-_midha)

Mérida is the capital city of the state of Yucatán. It is located in the northwest part of the state, 18 miles from the western Yucatán gulf coast and the beach resort Progreso and 200 miles west of Cancún.

Known as “The White City” because of the widespread use of white limestone and white paint, this traditional city depicts much of the splendor of Colonial Mexico.

Maybe because of its geographical isolation during colonial times and its strong Mayan influence, contemporary Mérida has a unique charming personality. Mérida’s location makes it the perfect departure point for amazing nearby excursions, from restored Haciendas, to hundreds of significant Mayan archaeological sites.

The cities of Chichén Itza, Uxmal, Sayil, Kabah, Labna, and Edzna are within a 96 miles radius of Mérida.

## **Accommodation**

There are several hotels located near the venue, visitors may choose where they want to stay depending on their preferences. The Organizing Committee recommends the following hotels:

***Hotel Presidente Intercontinental \*\*\*\*\****

ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATE PER NIGHT
Simple luxury (1 person)	US \$120
Double luxury (2 people)	US \$120

Avenida Colón #550 entre 60 y 60 Centro

Mérida, Yucatán

Phone number: +52 999 9429000

Web:

<http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/us/es/merida/midha/hoteldetail?fhqs=view/photosView/locations/CAN+MEX+USA>

Mérida, Yucatán

***Hotel El Marqués \*\*\****

ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATE PER NIGHT
Simple luxury (1 person)	US \$65
Double luxury (2 people)	US \$65

Calle 54 No. 373 entre 33-A y 35

Centro

Phone number: +52 999 927-7252

Web: <http://hotelmarques.com.mx>

***Hotel Hyatt Regency \*\*\*\*\****

ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATE PER NIGHT
Simple luxury (1 person)	US \$100
Double luxury (2 people)	US \$100

Avenida Colón esquina con 60

Centro

Phone number: +52 999 942 1234

Web: <http://merida.regency.hyatt.com>

## **Transportation**

Transport from the airport to the venue and from the venue to the airport, as well as transport for the field visit will be the responsibility of the Organizing Committee.

## **Accompanying Persons Program**

Guided tours through Mérida and its surroundings.

## **PIARC Special Fund**

The PIARC Special Fund can cover up to 100% of travel expenses or up to 100% of the accommodation costs of participants from developing countries (lower middle income and low income countries). It can cover the cost of one participant per PIARC member subject to the agreement of the First Delegate. Requests for Special Fund assistance should be made by the First Delegate to the PIARC General Secretariat e-mail: [info@piarc.org](mailto:info@piarc.org).

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