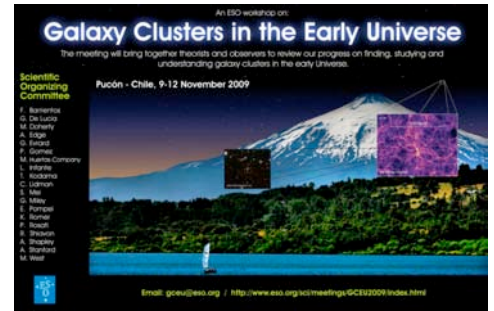


# Information for *Galaxy Clusters in the Early Universe* conference participants



## Travel to Chile

Please make your travel arrangements as soon as possible if you haven't already! There are several flights each day from Santiago to Valdivia. If you'd like us to reserve a hotel room for you at the Santiago airport or in downtown Santiago we'll be happy to do this, just let us know.

**Arrival in Santiago:** When you arrive at the Santiago airport from overseas you must pass through Chilean immigration. Usually there are two separate queues, one for Chilean citizens and one for everybody else.

**Immigration:** You will be given an official immigration document (usually on the plane before you arrive) that requests standard information (passport number, address in Chile, etc.). The immigration officer will keep one copy of this form and he/she will put a duplicate copy in your passport. **Don't lose this copy of your immigration form.** Travelers must pass through Chilean immigration when leaving the country too and the duplicate copy of your immigration form will be collected then.

**Reciprocity fee:** **Citizens of the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico, and Albania are required to pay a 'reciprocity fee' at the airport when they first arrive in Chile.** Citizens of other countries do not have to pay this fee and can go directly to the immigration area.

**The reciprocity fee must be paid BEFORE you get in the queue for Chilean immigration.** Otherwise the immigration officer will make you go back to pay it and then wait in the immigration line again. There is a special window where the reciprocity fee is paid. You'll pass it before you arrive at the immigration queue, it has an obvious sign and there's usually a line of people waiting to pay.

The reciprocity fee is rather expensive for Americans and Canadians, \$131 USD (the same amount that the U.S. government charges Chileans for a visa to enter the United States). For Australians the fee is \$61 USD, for Mexicans it is \$23 USD. The reciprocity fee can be paid with credit card or cash in US dollars. After you pay the fee a stamp will be put in your passport (for Americans and Canadians this stamp remains valid for the lifetime of the passport, i.e., you can return to Chile in the future using the same passport without having to pay the reciprocity fee again). Again, **citizens of most countries are not required to pay a fee to enter Chile.**

**Customs:** After immigration you will go to the baggage claim area. Collect your luggage and then proceed to Chilean customs. You'll give the customs officer your completed customs form and put your bags through a scanning machine; you might be asked to open your bags for inspection if anything looks suspicious.

Chile has a strict policy that prohibits fruits, vegetables and many other organic products from being brought into the country. **Do not bring fruits, vegetables, plants, nuts, raisins, seeds, cheese, meat, fish, honey or similar products.** Anyone bringing such items into the country without declaring them risks a substantial fine.

If you are unsure, the safest thing to do is to answer 'yes' on your customs form where it asks if you are bringing any animal or vegetable products into Chile. The customs officer will ask you what the item is, and if it is something allowable then it's no problem. If it's something that is not allowed into the country then they will confiscate it but you won't be fined because you declared it. It's when you don't declare something and then it is discovered that you could be fined. *So if in doubt, declare.*

**Connecting flights to Valdivia:** Santiago's airport isn't large, however national flights within Chile depart from gates located in a different area of the airport terminal than international flights. Just follow the signs.

**Arrival in Valdivia:** For people arriving immediately before the conference (7 and 8 November) and departing immediately after (12 and 13 November) we will provide free ground transportation between the Valdivia airport and Pucon. For travel on other days, we can arrange ground transportation for you at a reasonable cost.

**As soon as possible, please send an e-mail to inform [mgomez@eso.org](mailto:mgomez@eso.org) about**

- **the date and time of your arrival flight to Valdivia**
- **the date and time of your departing flight from Valdivia**

**and the names of any guests accompanying you.** It's important that we receive this information to arrange enough transportation for everyone to/from Pucon.

After collecting your luggage at the airport in Valdivia, go to the exit. Van drivers will be waiting with a blue ESO sign or a sign for the Enjoy Hotel, and the vans will also have a sign for the Galaxy Clusters in the Early Universe conference. The drive from Valdivia to Pucon takes about two hours.

## Conference details

**Conference venue:** The conference will take place at the Enjoy Pucon – Gran Hotel Pucon. The address is Clemente Holzapfel 190.

**Registration:** If you have not paid the conference registration fee already, you can pay it when you arrive in Pucon. **The registration fee is 250 EUR.** This fee is waived for students and for invited speakers. Unfortunately, we can't process credit cards at the conference, so if you wish to pay the registration fee in Pucon only cash payment in euros, dollars or pesos will be accepted. If you would prefer to pay the registration fee by credit card, then please send your card information to Maria Eugenia Gomez by e-mail ([mgomez@eso.org](mailto:mgomez@eso.org)) or fax the attached form before the meeting.

**Welcoming cocktail party:** We'll have a cocktail party to welcome conference participants on Sunday evening November 8<sup>th</sup> from 20:00 to 22:00 in the Gran Hotel Pucon. The registration desk will be open at that time.

**Talks:** Invited talks will be **30 minutes** plus 10 minutes for questions and discussion after. Contributed talks will be **15 minutes** plus 5 minutes for questions. There are many talks, so we'll need to stay on schedule. **All speakers are requested to bring your talk on a USB stick and transfer it to our laptop computer before the start of the session at which you're speaking.** Talks will take place in the **Salon Araucania**.

**Posters:** Posters will be displayed in the **Salon Lonquimay**. Coffee breaks will take place in the same room.

**Conference dinner:** A conference dinner is planned for Wednesday evening 11 November. The cost of the dinner is included in your registration fee. Students can attend the dinner for free. Guests are welcomed to join us for the dinner at a cost of **17000 Chilean pesos** (about \$31 USD). There are three different dinner options. Please go to the conference web page <http://www.eso.org/sci/meetings/GCEU2009/dinner.html> to see the choices and **send e-mail to [mgomez@eso.org](mailto:mgomez@eso.org) with your choice before 22 October if possible.** Also, if you have special meal requirements (e.g., vegetarian) please let us know.

**Conference proceedings:** The proceedings of the *Galaxy Clusters in the Early Universe* conference will be published in an open-access, electronic format, edited by Michael West and Chris Lidman. More information will be given soon.

## Tourism in Pucon

Pucon is located in one of Chile's most beautiful regions, with Villarica volcano, lakes, parks, spas and many other tourist attractions nearby. Tourism information will be provided in your folder when you arrive and there are many tour companies in Pucon that can help you plan an exciting trip for a few hours or a few days. If you wish to stay extra days in Pucon before or after the conference, the Enjoy Pucon – Gran Hotel Pucon has agreed to honor the special conference room rate for additional days.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Family name:** ..... **First name:** .....  
**Institute:** .....  
**Address:** .....  
**Zip code/City:** ..... **Country:** .....  
**Phone:** ..... **Fax:** .....  
**E-mail address:** .....

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**Registration fee:**

**Workshop:**      € 250                     

(For those paying in US\$, the amount will be transformed to Euros)

**REGISTRATION FEE IS WAIVED FOR STUDENTS**

**November is a holiday season in Chile  
We recommend you book your flight soon**

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**Registration fee payment:**



**Card No. :** ..... **Exp. Date:** .....

**Name as printed on card:** .....

**Signature:** .....

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