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**AJCU-CITM Reunión 2003
ITESO**

Guadalajara, Jalisco, México

March 2-5, 2003

Welcome to the web site for the 2003 AJCU-CITM annual meeting to be held at Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO), in Guadalajara, México.

We will be getting together with some of our colleagues in Information technology from the Jesuit colleges and universities in México, Central America and Latin America, as represented through the *Asociación de Universidades Confiadas a la Compañía de Jesús en América Latina* (AUSJAL).

Since 1990, there has been at least one representative from an AUSJAL school attending the annual AJCU-CITM meetings -- with Juan Lanzagorta from ITESO being a frequent participant since 1995. In 1995, we met with our colleagues from AUSJAL schools *Universidad Iberoamericana* in México City.

Working with the model at our annual meeting at Loyola Marymount University in 2001, our meeting will be followed by a joint meeting of the JesuitNET Steering Board and the AJCU Deans of Adult and Continuing Education (DACE), along with colleagues from AUSJAL. This JesuitNET-DACE-AUSJAL meeting will take place from the afternoon of March 5th through March 7th.

Our meeting will begin with a reception on the evening of Sunday, March 2nd and conclude with lunch on Wednesday, March 5th. Upon the conclusion of the AJCU-CITM meeting, several of us will be staying on to attend the JesuitNET-DACE-AUSJAL meeting.

We will hold all our meetings at ITESO, one of six Jesuit institutions of higher education in México.

Our host, Juan Lanzagorta, from ITESO, has been working on setting up the logistics for both meetings.

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Agenda

The **Reunión 2003** planning committee met during EDUCAUSE 2002 and will be continuing its work to come up with a good program.

There will be one major change in format. As an outcome of the October 2nd educational technology meeting at EDUCAUSE we are planning to have two session tracks: one on information technology administration and a new one for those with various instructional technology responsibilities. This latter track could most likely extend through the JesuitNET-DACE-AUSJAL meeting which follow the AJCU-CITM meeting. We will hold plenary and separate track sessions.

We will hold our campus updates session (with some preliminary distribution of information before the meeting) and a session on the COSTS Project as it pertains to the AJCU schools.

More on the agenda later . . . if you have ideas for agenda topics that seem to be more timely now please send them to the *Reunión 2003* planning committee at ajcu-quad@canisius.edu

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What will most likely be the case is that we will accept and process the registration and payments (through checks and wire transfers) and then send funds to ITESO to cover the conference expenses.

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Hotel Accommodations

Juan has made arrangements with the [Crowne Plaza Guadalajara](#) to have set aside a block of rooms for attendees for both meetings. Room rates will be around 1,143 pesos for a single (1,251 pesos for a double) which includes 15% for IVA (value-added tax). Room rate covers daily breakfast buffet.

You can begin to make reservations with the Holiday Inn reservation system by telephone, or online through the hotel web site. For more detailed information please click on [Hotel accommodations](#).

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Extra-conference Activities

We are looking at two opportunities:

- Saturday, March 1, 2003: a trip to [Tequila](#), Jalisco, México, about one hour's ride from Guadalajara.
- Sunday, March 2, 2003: tour of Guadalajara

For those attending the JesuitNET-DACE-AUSJAL conference, we are planning to repeat the two tours, on Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th, if there is sufficient interest for these tours. More on this later.

Juan reports that there are five locations in Guadalajara to play golf, running from \$60 to \$120 USD. Please keep in mind that Wednesday is the day that many Guadalajara golfers go to play so we would need to make advanced reservations.

For a good comprehensive view of what Guadalajara has to offer please check out the *[iVive Guadalajara!](#)* website at <http://vive.guadalajara.gob.mx>. Yes, it is bilingual.

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Money Issues

Presently, the currency exchange rate for the Mexican peso is that one US dollar can buy about ten Mexican pesos. The Mexican peso fluctuates daily (but it rarely fluctuates no more than 10 Mexican for one US dollar) so it is good idea to watch the foreign money exchange rates, from time to time. We should be able to exchange currency at the hotel and local banks. However, you will get better rates of exchange at the airport when you arrive in Guadalajara.

Mexican paper currency comes in several denominations and colors. Denominations for paper currency are 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 centavos, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 pesos.

Be prepared for IVA! IVA is the value-added tax similar to our sales tax. The IVA rate is a hefty 15%.

In Guadalajara, hotels, restaurants, many stores, and travel agencies will accept credit cards. You may want to keep on hand US one-dollar bills. They will come in handy for tipping.

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Getting to Guadalajara

Guadalajara, the third largest city in México, is easy to get to by airplane. Airlines that fly to Aeropuerto Internacional "Miguel Hidalgo" (GDL), Guadalajara's airport, include American, ATA, Continental, Delta, Mexicana and United. There are direct non-stop flights from Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles and Miami. For more information about the airport, check out Judy King's article, *[Arrival at Guadalajara Airport](#)*. Don't worry, we are not going to Chapala or Ajijic.

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México's Entry Requirements

As a US citizen, to enter México you need to obtain (provided by your airline) a *Tourist Card* (FMT). To get your Tourist Card you will need to prove citizenship, a passport is best for this purpose.

Other forms of accepted proof of citizenship include. certified birth

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certificate, voter's registration card, naturalization papers or a notarized affidavit of citizenship. A photo ID is a must, a passport can serve as proof of citizenship and photo ID. Airlines will furnish the Tourist Card. Be sure to save the copy that is returned to you, upon entry, as you must present this copy when leaving México.

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JESUITNET-DACE-AUSJAL SPRING 2003 CONFERENCE

Guadalajara, México
March 5-7, 2003
(Revised Nov. 20, 2002)

The JesuitNET and Deans of Adult and Continuing Education (DACE) representatives approved respective motions to hold the proposed spring 2003 JesuitNET-DACE-AUSJAL Conference at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO) in Guadalajara, México on March 5-7, 2003 immediately following the AJCU Conference for Information Technologies Management (CITM) meeting being held at ITESO on March 2-5.

The basic purpose of the conference will be to

1. familiarize AJCU and AUSJAL participants with what their schools are doing in distance learning and adult education, and
2. to identify some new AJCU and AUSJAL projects that have good inter-campus collaboration potential. For example, AUSJAL has proposed two new projects within its own membership--a Virtual Library and a distance education training course for faculty in technology and education.

A conference planning committee consisting of Claudia Villagran (AUSJAL), Jack Corliss (CITM), Dave Robinson (DACE), and Dick Vigilante (JesuitNET) was formed to work on logistics, participation and program.

The committee will keep the JesuitNET/DACE/CITM/AUSJAL communities updated on conference progress, program requests and travel info over the next few months.

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Conference Agenda

For planning purposes, the following 2.5-day agenda and schedule is proposed:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- Noon-1pm Lunch
- 1-4pm Opening Plenary Session
- 6-9pm Opening Reception and Dinner

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- 8-9am Breakfast
- 9am-Noon Two distance learning sessions describing current AJCU and AUSJAL programs and issues
- Noon-1pm Lunch
- 1-4pm Two distance learning sessions on new projects having collaborative AJCU-AUSJAL possibilities
- 6-9pm Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

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- Noon-1pm Lunch
- 1-4pm Two adult education sessions on new projects having collaborative AJCU-AUSJAL possibilities
- 4-5pm Closing Plenary Session :
- 6-9pm Closing Reception and Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 8:

- Optional Sightseeing in Guadalajara

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Conference Budget

JesuitNET will pay for all of the meeting room, equipment, translation, and AJCU-AUSJAL attendee meal costs associated with the Noon Wednesday through 4pm Thursday portion of the conference. DACE has recently charged its typical spring meeting attendees \$250 USD per person. The costs for the Thursday night dinner and all-day Friday segment would probably be about \$250 USD, and that every AJCU and AUSJAL attendee would have to pay that amount. Each attendee would be responsible for paying for their travel and hotel costs (remembering that the meeting would provide all meals from Wednesday lunch through Friday Dinner).

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Conference Hotel

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Now for the details:

- Use the Holiday Inn Reservation System calling 1-800-Holiday (1-800-465-4329)
- Group code is **ACJ**
- The cost is \$125 USD for single or double occupancy, one king bed. Rate includes buffet breakfast and taxes (IVA 15%). **Please ask for single or double occupancy at the time you make the reservation.** In the Holiday Inn Reservation System, this rate is listed for "one king-size bed." The reservation system cannot handle requests for two beds in the room but not to worry. This can be arranged later.
- Rates will be guaranteed through January 31, 2003.
- Dates available for checking in are from February 28, 2003 through March 7, 2003. If someone is planning to arrive earlier then we will work with the hotel to make this accommodation.

Now, for the details about the Holiday Inn Reservation System -- because of a technical limitation on the reservation system if you ask for reservations for Crowne Plaza Guadalajara you will get only one option: **\$125 USD, single or double occupancy in a room with one king bed.**

But you will be charged the actual rate of 1,143 Mexican pesos per night (about \$110.00 USD depending upon the currency exchange rate) for single occupancy and 1,251 Mexican Pesos for double occupancy.

Single occupancy includes one full buffet breakfast while double occupancy rates includes two full buffet breakfasts.

If you do need two beds in the room then please specify that on the conference registration form and we will make the arrangements with the hotel for you to have two beds.

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Note from Jack, 12/17/02:

I did try to see if I could register online at the hotel's website which is www.crowneqdl.com.mx I was able to enter dates, and the code **ACJ**, and the reservation came up with a non-smoking room with one king bed at \$125.00 USD. This is a better deal than what I would have come up with using my AARP card!

I checked with Juan to see if there would be a problem using the hotel web site and he indicated that it would no problem to use the hotel web site.

Yes, the web site is bilingual!

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