

Welcome to the First *Wikimedia, Education and Digital Cultures* International Congress! *La Plata, 2023*

Wikimedia Argentina is happy to welcome you to La Plata for the First WECUDI International Congress, *Wikimedia, Education and Digital Cultures*, which will take place on September 14, 15 and 16.

Everything is ready for the Congress to be a friendly meeting and work space. For this reason, in order to provide you with a comfortable stay in this city, we would like to share some useful information with you.

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1. Arrival to the City of La Plata

1.1. Arriving by plane

La Plata does not have an airport, so if you arrive by plane, you will land in Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires has two airports: Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) and Aeroparque Jorge Newbery (AEP). Aeroparque is used for **domestic flights** and some flights to neighboring countries, such as Brazil or Chile. Most **international flights** arrive at Ezeiza International Airport.

If you are traveling on an international flight, when you arrive at the airport you must go through Immigration and Customs. Passing Migrations is very fast. Depending on the time you arrive, going through Customs may take a few minutes.

The airport has free Wi-Fi connectivity.

Wikimedia Argentina will pay for a taxi service for the scholarship holders from any of the airports you arrive at, to the hotel where you are staying. It will be reserved by Wikimedia Argentina and you should not pay anything for the trip.

- Upon arrival, the driver will wait for you at the airport, holding a sign with your name.
- When you return, the driver will look for you at the hotel or accommodation where you are, 5 hours before your flight time. Better well in advance, since the distances between La Plata and the airports are big and depending on the day and time there may be traffic. In some cases, you may have to share the trip with another scholarship holder, since some flight times are the same or close.

For any inconvenience, you can contact the person in charge of the transfer:

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Important: the taxi will take you from the airport to the hotel where you are staying, and from the hotel to the airport on your return. If you arrive before the Congress and you are not going to stay in La Plata, keep in mind that you must arrive by your own means at the City of La Plata at the beginning of the conference.

1.2. Arriving by bus

All bus tickets will be issued from your place of residence to the city of La Plata.

The La Plata bus terminal is located at Calle 4 453, in the intersection with Calle 42.

In the terminal you can find a taxi rank, to take a taxi to your accommodation. Taxis are white vehicles with green details. Wikimedia Argentina will cover, for the scholarship holders, the cost of taxis to their accommodation. We kindly ask you to request and save the tickets so that we can refund you later!

If you do not want to take a taxi, you can use public transport in La Plata. We recommend you check beforehand the bus that takes you to your accommodation.

2. Hotel and stay

2.1. If you stay in La Plata

If you got a **full scholarship**, you will stay at the Hotel AMAU, belonging to the University of La Plata. This accommodation includes breakfast.

Hotel AMAU

Avenida 51 Nro 692 (CP1900) - La Plata, Argentina

+54 221 445 4261

<http://amau.com.ar/>

If you got a **partial scholarship**, remember that the accommodation is on your own. We share some suggestions for accommodation in La Plata:

Hotel del Sol

<http://www.hoteldelsol-laplata.com.ar/>

La Plata Hostel

<https://laplata-hostel.com.ar/>

You can also check for other options on these websites:

<https://www.booking.com/>

<https://www.airbnb.com.ar/>

2.2. If you stay in the City of Buenos Aires

The City of La Plata is approximately 60km away from the City of Buenos Aires.

There are several ways to get there by public transport:

- **By Train**, from Estación Constitución.
The trip takes approximately 1:15 hours. Trains leave every half hour. We recommend you check the schedule before going to the station. You can do it at [this link](#). The cost of the ticket is \$41 each trip and is paid with a SUBE* card.
- **Bus 129**. You can take it at Estación Retiro, Estación Miserere, Estación Constitución or on the Metrobús 9 de Julio. We suggest taking the bus that travels "by highway". The trip takes approximately 50 minutes. The buses leave every 20 minutes. Keep in mind that, depending on how much traffic there is, this may vary. The cost of the ticket is approximately \$200 per trip and is paid with a SUBE* card.

*To use public transport in Buenos Aires (buses, subways and trains) you must have the SUBE prepaid card (Sistema Único de Boleto Electrónico). It is the only means of payment enabled. The SUBE card is not necessary for charters and taxis. You can buy it and charge it at the subway head stations and at some kiosks.

2.3. Minibus

From the Congress, a direct transfer is being organized, in a minibus, to make the trip easier. Seats are limited. If you are interested in travelling in the minibus, please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/SpWjiTq8GTRaSKWd9>

3. Map

All the activities of the WECUDI Congress will take place at the Sergio Karakachoff Graduate Center of the National University of La Plata, located at Calle 48 551-599, between Calle 6 and Calle 7.

We share a map below so you can guide yourself in La Plata:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1ry4ctqMdu8sjueR7WNpdleYMVUHmrsk&usp=sharing>

4. Meals

Both partial scholarship holders and full scholarship holders will have paid meals during the Congress. The meal plan will be:

- **Wednesday September 13**

8:30 p.m. Dinner for those who arrive in La Plata.

Dinner will be in a restaurant near the hotel. We will meet in the hall and we will all go together. Please confirm if you are joining to dinner with [Luisina Ferrante](#) Head of the Education and Human Rights Program +54 9 11 6118-5547

- **Thursday September 14**

1-2 p.m. Welcome coffee break (in the Sergio Karakachoff Graduate Center)

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Welcome cocktail/dinner (in the Bar of the Sergio Karakachoff Graduate Center)

- **Friday September 15**

Coffee breaks (at the Sergio Karakachoff Graduate Center)

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Lunch (at the Bar of the Sergio Karakachoff Graduate Center)

9:00 p.m. Dinner (at the Hotel AMAU)

- **Saturday September 16**

Coffee breaks (at the Sergio Karakachoff Graduate Center)

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Lunch (at the Bar of the Sergio Karakachoff Graduate Center)

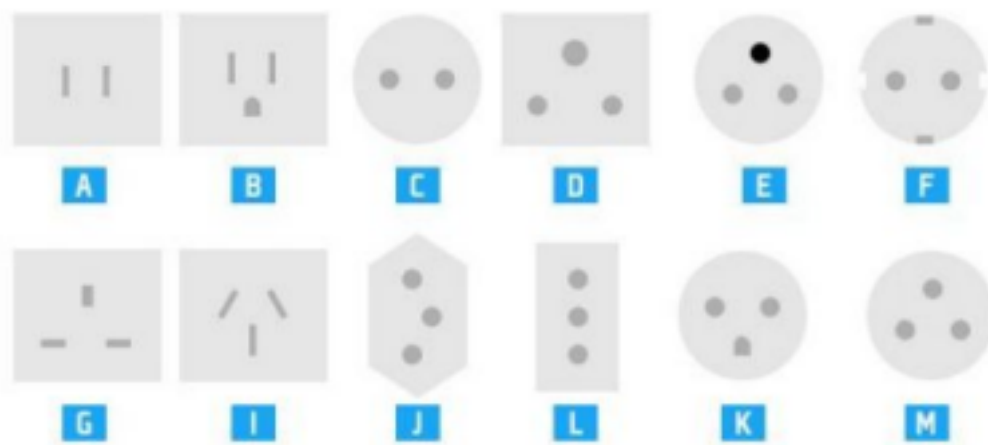
9:00 p.m. Dinner (at the Hotel AMAU)

5. Cultural life and tourism

As part of the activities of the Congress, on Saturday, September 16 from 4 to 6 p.m., a visit to the Museum of Natural Sciences and the La Plata Planetarium is planned. This activity is optional. On the map you can find the location of both places.

6. Some practical advice (if you are coming from a foreign country)

We recommend bringing your laptops and mobile phones charged. Remember, that the plug type may not be the same with the one from your country. Electricity in Argentina is 220 volts at 50 hertz.



Argentina uses plugs type "I". In some old installations it is also possible to find plugs type "C" (Europlug). You can easily buy adapters in La Plata. However, we recommend you not to forget yours if you already have one.

6.1. Currency exchange

For those who arrive in Argentina with foreign currencies, it is important to know that the legal currency in the country is the Argentine Peso.

Currency exchange at this time is complex, since there are two types of markets. An official one, which is the one that can be obtained in banks and that has an exchange rate of 1USD

= 350 Argentine pesos*. And an unofficial one, known as "blue dollar", which can be obtained in exchange houses that are not in the formal market. The exchange rate of this dollar is 1USD = 735 Argentine pesos*

We recommend, if possible, the use of debit or credit cards, to avoid having to change currencies. In case you want to change currency, check previously with the Hotel where you are staying or with the Wikimedia Argentina staff about the reliable places to change.

***Important:** The exchange rate at this time is very fluctuating, so the prices assigned when writing this document may vary at the time they have to exchange currencies. We recommend checking the exchange rate at the time of making the currency exchange.

7. Contact details

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8. Travel insurance

Here you have information about **travel insurance and medical assistance for those who make international flights**. Please, before contacting the insurance, notify the people listed in point 7.



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