
GCOS STEERING COMMITTEE

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

GCOS SC-32, 7–10 July 2025

INPE, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil

Information Note

1. Where:

The city hosting the Steering Committee meeting is São José dos Campos, a vibrant city in the state of São Paulo, Brazil. Known as the “Capital of the Valley” and “The Airplane City”, it is a major industrial and research hub, especially in the aerospace sciences.

The city is situated in the Paraíba Valley, between São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, and hosts several prestigious educational and research institutions like the National Institute for Space Research (INPE). Established in 1961, INPE is a leading research centre focused on space and atmospheric sciences, space engineering, and space technology. It plays a crucial role in Brazil’s space program, including satellite development, earth observation, and climate monitoring.

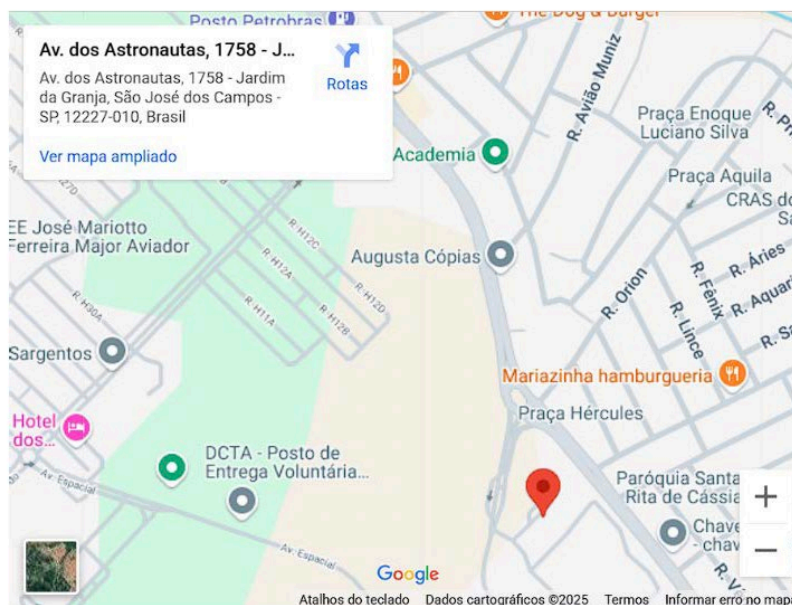
Meeting Venue:

Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais – INPE
Avenida dos Astronautas 1758 - Jardim da Granja
Sao Jose dos Campos – Sao Paulo – Brazil
CEP: 12227-010
Tel: +55 (12) 3208-6933
<http://www.inpe.br>

The meeting will take place the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais –
INPE Auditório Sergio Sobral.



Directions:



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2. Arrival at the airport

Upon arrival at the International Arrival Gate of Guarulhos (GRU) - Airport (normally Terminal 3) you have two options:

- Take an official taxi just outside the main door leaving the airport – cost around R\$ 380,00 (US\$ 65 – 70) to the hotel. Check the price being asked before taking it. The travel takes approximately 1:15 minutes if there is no traffic. Normally they accept credit cards. Guarucoop is the official taxis at the airport. Please do not accept any other type of transportation.
- Take a bus from the airport directly to São José dos Campos. There is a Passaro Marrom counter that sells tickets that will leave you at the main station in São José dos Campos. The Passaro Marrom counter is located in Terminal 2, East Arrivals (LESTE). If you land in terminal 3, you can walk to terminal 2 (10 minutes walk), following the signs. You do not need to leave the airport to go from one terminal to another unless you want to take a shuttle outside that stops at all terminals.

Daily Transportation: Transportation will be provided everyday from Hotel - INPE - Hotel

3. Accommodation

We recommend that all participants stay in the following Hotel where our GCOS Chair, Thelma Krug kindly negotiated a special discount; and a van from the venue INPE will come everyday to pick everyone up.



Faro Hotel de São José dos Campos
Rua Siria 25
Jardim Oswaldo Cruz
São José Dos Campos
Tel: (+55)(12)3512-9600

<https://www.farohoteis.com.br/faro-hotel-sao-jose-dos-campos>

It is suggested that participants make the reservation in room **Superior King** or **Luxo King**. The difference is that Luxo King is a bit larger than the superior.

The prices are as follows:

- Superior King - R\$ 230,00 (€ 35 or US\$ 40) per night with breakfast;
- Luxo King - R\$ 255,00 (€ 39 or US\$ 44) per night with breakfast.

To these prices, there is a **5% additional tax**.

To book your room please send an email to central.reservas@farohotel.com.br or reservas@farohotel.com.br

Indicating as **subject** to your email: **REUNIÃO NO INPE EM JULHO**

4. Entry requirements

All participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary visas to enter Brazil and any other countries that they may have to connect during their flights. They should make their application for visas directly to the competent representation of Brazil responsible for the applicant's country of residence. The invitation letter from GCOS is sufficient to show to custom's authorities, if required.

5. Tourist information

5.1 Restaurants you may want to try:

Armazém da Pizza (only pizza)

Rua do Serimbura, 400 - Vila Ema, São José dos Campos - SP, 12243-360

Tel: +55 (12) 3923-7779

Auá Gastronomia

Rua Madre Paula de São José, 318 - Vila Ema, São José dos Campos - SP, 12243-010

Tel: +55 (12) 3942-1197

Rei do Peixe

Tv. Lineu de Moura, 735 - Urbanova, São José dos Campos - SP, 12244-380

Tel: +55 (12) 3949-1489

Restaurante Cassiano

Av. São João, 2200 - Golden Tulip São José dos Campos - Jardim das Colinas, São José dos Campos - SP, 12242-840

Tel: +55 (12) 3131-4141

Calle 54

Shopping Colinas - Av. São João, 2200 - 126 - Jardim das Colinas, São José dos Campos - SP, 12242-000

Tel: +55 (12) 3941-5222

Other small restaurants:

Canteiros e Tempeiros

Rua Madre Paula de São José, 305 - Vila Ema, São José dos Campos - SP, 12243-010

Tel: +55 (12) 3943-5386

Risoteria e Restaurante Villa Lobos

Av. Heitor Villa Lobos, 841 - Vila Ema, São José dos Campos - SP, 12243-260

5.2 Miscellaneous information

✓ **Credit cards**

Using credit cards is safe and they are accepted in most large shops and restaurants in SJCampos. However, it is recommended that participants use cash when purchasing from smaller shops and also to pay for taxis or small items.

N.B. It is better to pay for taxis in local currency because the exchange rate by taxi companies is normally higher than in a currency exchange booth (found at the airport).

✓ **Tipping**

Tipping in Brazil is normally 10%. In restaurants it is included in the bill, so if you pay the amount due in the receipt you have already given the tip. In hotels, e.g. help with luggage, R\$10.00 a good tip.






✓ **Voltage**

The voltage in São José dos Campos is 220V.

✓ **Plug Adaptor**



✓ **Weather**

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