

GGI LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
16-19 APRIL 2015
SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA



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Dear GGI Member and Friend

We would like to invite you to join us in San José, Costa Rica, on **16-19 April 2015** for the **GGI Latin American Regional Conference**, kindly hosted by GGI member firm **Guardia Montes & Asociados**.

In this document, we have included important information on the Conference. Separately, we have also issued a *draft* Delegate Programme. We will continue to update the programme right up until the Conference so please ensure you are always referring to the latest version. **NOTE: This conference will be held in Spanish with simultaneous translation into English.**

All registrations are by registration form only (not via the GGI intranet).

Should you have queries, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Miguel Mantelli, CEO Latin America, at mmantelli@geneva.com.ar or Mrs Mercedes Tuosto at mtuosto@geneva.com.ar.

Kind regards



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CONFERENCE DETAILS

San José, Costa Rica

San José is affectionately known to the locals as “Chepe”, and has many charms that may take you a little time to find ... but find them you must as the country has a rich indigenous heritage and a great colonial past.

Costa Rica was sparsely populated before being colonized by the Spanish in the 16th century. It was a peripheral colony of the empire until independence as part of the First Mexican Empire, then a member of the United Provinces of Central America, before finally declaring sovereignty in 1847. Since then, it has been one of the most stable, prosperous and progressive nations in Latin America military-free. That’s right, the country permanently abolished its army in 1949.

Costa Rica consistently performs well in the Human Development Index, placing 62nd in the world in 2012 (among the highest of any Latin American nation). It is known for its progressive environmental policies, and is the only country to meet all five criteria established to measure environmental sustainability. Its rapidly developing economy has diversified from agriculture to include sectors such as finance, pharmaceuticals and ecotourism.

For more information on what to see and do there, have a look at the following websites:

www.fodors.com/world/mexico-and-central-america/costa-rica/san-jose/

www.lonelyplanet.com/costa-rica/san-jose

The primary language spoken in Costa Rica is Costa Rican Spanish. About 41% of the adult population speak English.

The “Colon” is the currency used in Costa Rica, denoted with the sign ¢. It has become a stable currency in recent years, and is currently very strong against the US dollar and the Euro. You can check the current exchange rates with your bank, or online at www.xe.com (but bear in mind that this is not always updated in real-time).

Conference Hotel

The Conference will be held at the:

HOTEL MARRIOTT COSTA RICA
La Ribera de Belen, Heredia, Costa Rica
T: +506 2298 000

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sjocr-costa-rica-marriott-hotel-san-jose/

This hotel was voted by Condé Nast as one of the best hotels in Central America. It is a beautiful colonial hacienda set on a 30-acre coffee plantation. There is an outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool, state-of-the-art fitness centre and a spa offering a variety of luxurious treatments.

How to Get There

Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) is just over 3 miles away. The hotel does not provide shuttle service but the estimated taxi fare is the equivalent of circa USD 15.-

Visas

Please note that some countries require a visa for Costa Rica. All individuals are responsible for their own travel arrangements and visa matters. If you require a visa, please contact your local Embassy of Costa Rica.

GGI Latin America is happy to provide a supporting letter of invitation if requested. Please email Dr Miguel Mantelli, CEO Latin America, at mmantelli@geneva.com.ar if you require one. Our supporting letter is usually stronger if we can say that you have registered AND paid all fees in full.

Programme

Please refer to the accompanying *draft* Delegate Programme, issued separately. GGI reserves the right to change the times and any part of the programme at any time up to the Conference.

Practice Group Meetings

We would ask you to sign up to attend the Practice Groups as scheduled. Please select only ONE Practice Group from each Round on Friday. Practice Groups are optional and will not affect the price of your Registration Fee at this Conference.

Should you have any specific questions about any of the Practice Groups, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Practice Group Chairperson (for this Conference) directly using the email address provided below.

FRIDAY, 17 April 2015, 14:00 – 15:30 (Round 1):

- **Auditing, Reporting & Compliance**
Francisco J. Huembes,
fhuembes@huembesyasociados.com
- **M&A**
Antonio Castilla, antonio.castilla@acender.com
- **Trust & Estate Planning**
Steven L. Cantor, steve@cantorwebb.com

FRIDAY, 17 April 2015, 16:00 – 17:30 (Round 2):

- **International Taxation (ITPG)**
Prof Sergio Guerrero Rosas,
sguerrero@guerrerosantana.com.mx
- **Labour Law**
Dr Jorge Gustavo Traversoni,
jtraversoni@tybabogados.com.ar

Conference Fees

All prices quoted are in US Dollars (USD).

Conference fees are all-inclusive and cover the following costs:

- All Conference materials and facilities.
- Accommodation (3 nights) on a B&B basis.
- Meals as specified in the programme.

There is no reduction in fees for non-attendance of any portion of the full Conference Programme.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations before 14 March 2015	50% of the total amount will be charged.
Cancellations after 14 March 2015	The full amount will be charged.

There are a limited number of rooms reserved in the hotel. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, depending on availability.

***EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:** The Early Bird Rate applies to delegates who register no later than **28 February 2015** and who complete payment no later than **14 March 2015**. GGI reserves the right to amend invoices back to the regular rate in the case where payment has not been received on time.

Payments should be made to:

BANCO SANTANDER Suc. Montevideo
Cuenta N° 84-4914058
Beneficiario GENEVA SA
SWIFT Uruguay: BSCHUYMM, ABA 053000219 0

FOR CLARITY: An Accompanying Person is classed as a partner/spouse or friend who is traveling with DELEGATE #1 but **NOT** attending the Conference (except for the social events).

	EARLY BIRD* BY 28 FEB 2015	REGULAR AFTER 28 FEB 2015
▪ ONE DELEGATE SINGLE OCCUPANCY B&B	USD 1'550.-	USD 1'750.-
▪ TWO DELEGATES SHARING A ROOM OR ONE DELEGATE & ONE ACCOMPANYING PERSON DOUBLE/TWIN OCCUPANCY B&B	USD 2'800.-	USD 3'100.-

If you require any additional nights, please contact Mrs Mariana Fournier (fourniermariana@gmail.com), who is our contact in Costa Rica.

Extracurricular Activities (Optional)

TUESDAY, 14 April 2015

The Poas Canopy Tour: USD 150.-



This is the most popular adventure tour in the mountain. It follows a set of rigid quality standards and safety rules, according to international standards. With 24 platforms in the major trees, an extraordinary trail has been designed above the canopy forest. The tour lasts approximately two hours and it's an experience filled with excitement and joy. With the help and supervision of highly qualified and professional guides, you will glide through the treetops on fourteen cables suspended high above the jungle trails. This exciting adventure ends with a final glide down an impressive 1,980' long cable. The company's full-time staff of technical support personnel, and other professional technicians constantly perform quality control checks on the condition and operation of all equipment, platform, and cable installations to make sure that nothing is overlooked when it comes to your safety.

The package rate includes round-trip transportation, canopy tour and lunch.

WEDNESDAY, 15 April 2015

Irazú Volcano Tour: USD 150.-



This tour offers the opportunity to see one of the most amazing natural beauties of Costa Rica. On the way to the Irazú Volcano you can enjoy a beautiful view of the landscape. You will also observe plantations in the area, growing crops such as carrots, onions, lettuce, potatoes and more. At the volcano, you will have a spectacular view of the enormous crater that has a lagoon with a mystical tone green surrounded by rock, set against a spectacular panoramic view of the surrounding hills and valleys. At the very top of the summit, on a clear day, you can have an unforgettable view of both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The package includes round-trip transportation, tour and lunch.

SUNDAY, 19 April 2015
Sunday Golf (prices as listed below)

Optional: Sunday Golf (on a self-serve basis) at Valle del Sol Golf Camp www.vallesol.com/en/golf/gallery-2/

	6:00am – 1:30pm	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Green Fee <u>18 hoyos</u>	\$72	\$58
Golf Ilimitado & Driving Range		
Green Fee <u>9 hoyos</u>	\$53	\$43
Golf Ilimitado & Driving Range		
Alquiler de Palos 18 hoyos Taylor Made Burner R7 *Taylor Made R7 & R5	\$50 - *\$45	\$50 - *\$45
Alquiler de Palos 9 hoyos	\$30	\$30
Carrito 18 Hoyos	\$33	\$33
Carrito 9 Hoyos	\$25	\$25
Re-Play / carrito de golf	\$25	\$25
Driving Range Facility	\$14	\$14
Incluido el equipo de golf		
Transporte de Hotel hacia Golf Valle del Sol		\$30 pp