

## **XIV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE SIEPM**

### ***HOMO – NATURA – MUNDUS: HUMAN BEINGS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS***

**PORTO ALEGRE / BRAZIL, JULY 24–28, 2017**

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Dear Members of the SIEPM,

within a few days, the XIV International Congress of the Société (July 24-28, 2017; <http://eventos.pucrs.br/siepm2017>) will begin. We would like to focus, in this Sixth (and last) Circular, on **(I)** information about the congress program, **(II)** recommendations regarding the first day of the congress, **(III)** reception at the Official Residence of the Governor of Rio Grande do Sul, **(IV)** options for excursions on the second day of the congress (July 25, 2017), **(V)** meals and lunches at PUCRS, **(VI)** closing celebration (July 28, 2017), **(VII)** suggestions for eventual happy hours, **(VIII)** wi-fi access at the campus of the PUCRS, **(IX)** buses and transport from hotel(s) to PUCRS Campus, and from PUCRS Campus back to hotel(s), **(X)** security recommendations, **(XI)** recommendations for those who will chair sessions, **(XII)** publication of congress proceedings, **(XIII)** weather in South Brazil in July 2017, **(XIV)** boarding passes, **(XV)** voting for the New Bureau and its first meeting, **(XVI)** technical recommendations, and **(XVII)** accommodation of plenary speakers and members of the SIEPM Bureau.

#### **I. Congress Program:**

**(a)** The second and last version of the entire congress program is now ready (SIEPM members are receiving it along with this Sixth Circular). On the first congress day (July 24), participants who have properly enrolled will receive a printed copy of the entire program. The digital version is available in the following addresses: <http://eventos.pucrs.br/siepm2017>; <http://www.siepm.uni-freiburg.de/>). Together with these documents, a PDF is being sent to all congress participants and SIEPM members, containing the final program and the abstracts of all lectures and presentations. On July 21, the e-book of the congress (with final program, conception of the congress, abstracts and all circulars) will be sent to all participants.

**(b)** Please, let us know with urgency in case any specific schedule conflict still persists.

#### **II. Recommendations for the First Day of the Congress:**

We recommend that you arrive earlier at the congress venue (Central Campus of the PUCRS, Building 40), especially on the first congress day. All members must pick up the congress materials at the Foyer of PUCRS Theater, this service will open at 08:00 and we ask you all to get the materials until 10:15, when the congress activities formally begin in the Theater).

(1) Those who have already registered can go directly to the Foyer of the PUCRS Theater in order to pick up the congress materials;

(2) Those who have not made their registration yet and need to pay their congress fees must first go to the Room “Educon”, at the Building 40 (First Floor), before picking up their congress materials at the Foyer of the PUCRS Theater. It is mandatory for all participants to fully register before having their congress materials and having access to the PUCRS Theater. Stewards will be ready to assist congress members in case of doubts.

(3) **Very important (!):** Due to internal rules of the PUCRS, the payment for those in case (2) must be done only cash and in local currency (Brazilian “Reais”); foreign currency (U\$ dollar, Euros, etc.) and payment via credit card will not be accepted for that purpose – you can, of course, make payments with credit card everywhere else in Porto Alegre).

### **III. Reception at the Official Residence of the Governor of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, July 24, 19:00–21:00:**

One of the important changes in the final version of the congress program is that *all registered participants* have now be invited for a reception (Cocktail), on July 24, at 19:00, at the Piratini Palace – Official Residence of the Governor of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. The Governor José Ivo Sartori will be present at the ceremony. In the coming days, each enrolled congress participant will receive an official invitation per email.

On July 24, 4 (four) buses will be at disposal, from 18:00 on, to transport all invited congress participants from the PUCRS Campus to the Official Residence of the Governor. After the reception, at 21:00, two buses will transport Plenary Speakers, Bureau Members and guests of the Hotels Laghetto Viverone and Manhattan Viverone back to their hotels. Two other buses will transport, through a convenient route, the other congress participants back to their lodging venues.

### **IV. Options for Excursions on the Second Day of the Congress, July 25, 2017, and Football Match, July 30, 2017:**

(a) **Very important (!):** We ask you to choose until July 20 one of the 3 (three) options of excursions on the second Congress day, July 25, 2017 (see Congress webpage: <http://eventos.pucrs.br/siepm2017>): (Option 1: Porto Alegre, City Tour; Option 2: Recanto Borghetti; Option 3: Serra Gaúcha). Should you choose one of the options after that deadline, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to participate in any of those activities. Together with the message expressing your option, **we need from each participant in the excursion – also those who accompany congress participants – full name and the data of a valid document** (passport for non-Brazilian citizens and RG and CPF for Brazilians).

(b) The participation in any of the excursions must be paid separately and is not included in the congress fees. Here are the costs:

(i) Porto Alegre City Tour: R\$ 70,00.

(ii) Recanto Borghetti: R\$ 170,00.

(iii) Serra Gaúcha: R\$ 220,00 (Serra Gaúcha).

**The payment must be made cash and in Brazilian currency.** We recommend that you make the payment as soon as on the first congress day (July 24), as you pick up the congress materials at the Foyer of the PUCRS Theater, at Building 40.

**(c) All excursions on July 25, 2017, begin after 12:00.** Options 2 and 3 have a lunch included; for those who choose Option 1 we recommend a quick lunch on the University Campus, leaving no later than 13:00 for the excursion.

In all cases, should you choose to take the excursion, the meeting point for participants will be at the Central Campus of the PUCRS. Participants will be assisted by stewards.

**(d)** For those who may have interest in football, a group visit to the “Arena do Grêmio” can be organized. We must stress, however, that the date of the match has been changed by the Brazilian Football Federation, **to July 30, at 19:00, instead of Saturday Evening, July 29.** Please, inform us about your interest. As you certainly know, Grêmio is the best.

### **V. Meals and Lunches at the PUCRS:**

At the PUCRS Campus, there are several good options, under good prices, for meals at lunch time. Lunches must be paid at the participant’s own expenses. Here are our suggestions and the average price (alcoholic drinks are not available at the campus premises):

**(i)** Restaurante Panorâmico (Building 40): R\$ 39,00 (*ca.* U\$ 11,00) / AYCE Buffet (one refreshment included in the price).

**(ii)** Restaurante Sabor Família (Building 3): R\$ 21,00 (*ca.* U\$ 6,00) / AYCE Buffet (refreshment not included in the price).

**(iii)** Ponto Onze (Building 11): R\$ 23,00 (*ca.* U\$ 6,50) / AYCE Buffet (refreshment not included in the price).

**(iv)** Restaurante Palatus: R\$ 25,00 (*ca.* U\$ 7,00) / AYCE Buffet (refreshment not included in the price).

For directions, click on the link below and select “Restaurantes”:

<http://www.pucrs.br/portal/campus.html>

### **VI. Closing Celebration on July 28, 2017, 20:00:**

The Closing Celebration of the XIV SIEPM International Congress will take place at the Restaurante Churrascaria Roda da Carreta / CTG 35, where a typical *churrasco* of the “gaúchos” will be served – with an alternative menu for vegetarians. There are also shows with traditional dances from South Brazil every Friday at CTG 35. We welcome and encourage all participants to join in the closing celebration! For registered participants, the dinner will be payed by the congress organization (drinks are included!). In case there are people who will accompany you to the dinner and are not participants in the congress, the fixed price for dinner and drinks will be R\$ 90,00.

Please, let us know before the first congress day whether you intend to attend to the closing celebration; let us know in advance, if possible, if someone who is not a congress participant will accompany you to the restaurant – non-participants in the congress must cover their own expenses.

Here is the address of Restaurante Churrascaria Roda da Carreta / CTG 35: Av. Ipiranga 5300, Bairro Jardim Botânico, CEP: 90.160-092, Porto Alegre / RS (the venue is very close to the university campus, and it can be easily reached by taxi or bus; Plenary Speakers and Bureau members and those accommodated at the Hotels Laghetto Viverone and Manhattan Viverone will be transported by two buses hired for the congress).

### **VII. A Few Suggestions for the Few Happy Hours:**

We suggest that congress participants meet, for the (few) happy hours they will have during the congress week, at Restaurants and / or Pubs placed at Rua Fernando Gomes and at Rua Padre Chagas – they are only 200-300 hundred meters away from the Hotels Laghetto Viverone and Manhattan Viverone. This is a safe and beautiful venue. Some of our recommendations: Restaurante Constantino (for dinner; [www.constantino.com.br](http://www.constantino.com.br)); Dado Pub Moinhos ([www.dadobier.com.br/pubs/moinhos-de-vento/](http://www.dadobier.com.br/pubs/moinhos-de-vento/); dinner and drinks (especially local craft beers)); Urban Farmcy (vegetarian food and raw cooking; <https://urbanfarmcy.com.br>).

### **VIII. Wi-Fi Access at the Campus of the PUCRS:**

Server and passwords will be informed on the first congress day. These informations will be valid for the entire congress week; PUCRS will provide the service at the Theater of Building 40 and the Rooms on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors, where the Sessions will have place. The headquarters of the SIEPM Bureau, at Room 502 (5<sup>th</sup> floor), will additionally have seven points for cable internet connection.

### **IX. Buses:**

The organization of the XIV SIEPM Congress will be able to provide two buses for daily transport from hotels to PUCRS Campus and from PUCRS Campus back to the hotels. We will give priority to Plenary Speakers, Bureau Members and participants accommodated at the hotels Laghetto Viverone and Manhattan Viverone. The two buses will daily depart from the Hotel Laghetto Viverone and will (with the exception of Tuesday, i.e. the day reserved for excursions) drive the same groups back to those hotels, daily. Here are the schedules:

**Departure time (July 24-28, 2017):** from Hotel Laghetto Viverone to PUCRS Campus):

Monday: 09:00;

Tuesday: 07:50;

Wednesday: 08:20;

Thursday: 09:10;

Friday: 08:20;

**Return time (July 24-28, 2017):**

Monday: 18:00: from PUCRS Campus to the Piratini Palace, Residence of the Governor; 21:00: from the Piratini Palace to the Hotel Laghetto Viverone;  
Tuesday: 3:30: from PUCRS Campus back to the Hotel Laghetto Viverone, for those who, for any reasons, do not want to participate at the excursions;  
Wednesday: 20:40: from PUCRS Campus to the Hotel Laghetto Viverone;  
Thursday: 22:00: from PUCRS Campus to the Hotel Laghetto Viverone;  
Friday: 19:30: from PUCRS Campus to the Restaurante Roda da Carreta CTG 35;  
23:00: from the Restaurante Roda da Carreta CTG 35 to the Hotel Laghetto Viverone.

**X. Security Recommendations:**

Needless to say that Brazilian large cities are not among the safest in the world. Porto Alegre is no exception in that regard. The hotel venues recommended by us are safe places, the campus of the university (PUCRS) is a safe place, the places we recommend for the (few) happy hours and the excursions are safe places. At any rate, pay attention to your belongings, avoid walking alone and late in the night in the vicinity of the hotels, listen to the recommendations given by the hotel employees.

**XI. Recommendation for Those Who Will Chair Sessions:**

Your task is very simple: at the beginning of each Session and / or communication, mention the name of the speaker and his / her affiliation, and strictly control the schedule. As a rule – with the exception of 4 (four) Sessions which will have four communications and whose chairs will receive specific instructions, and further 2 (two) Sessions which will only have two communicators –, each Session includes 3 (three) communicators, and each person has 30 minutes for presentation and questions. We suggest 20-25 minutes for oral presentation, 5-10 minutes for debate and questions.

**XII. Publication of Congress Proceedings:**

The organizers of the congress assume the responsibility of editing the volume(s) of the proceedings, which shall be later published by Brepols. Specific instructions (guidelines, deadline, etc.) will be given until the end of the congress, but some of them can be already mentioned: papers must be submitted with grammar and language review (in one of the official languages of the SIEPM) and ready for publication; the essays will have a strictly limited size; the deadline, in any case, will not be before December 31, 2017. Those who registered in the congress, but, for any urgent and immediate reasons, were not able to attend to it, will be invited and encouraged to submit a paper.

**XIII. Weather in South Brazil, July 24-28, 2017:**

The main characteristic of the weather in South Brazil in this period – our South Brazilian “winter” – is instability. In the week July 10-14 we have had temperatures around 25 – 30 C, in the week 17-21 July we should have temperatures between -2 – 15 C (with a little bit of snow). In the week 24-28 July it will be warmer again. So, be prepared for four seasons within seven days.

#### **XIV. Boarding Passes:**

**Very important(!):** Those participants who received a ticket by the Brazilian organizers – particularly, Plenary Speakers and Bureau Members – must keep all their boarding passes and send them, later, to the organizers (a digital copy may suffice). We need the boarding passes for our accounting.

#### **XV. Office of the XIV SIEPM International Congress:**

A team of 11 (eleven) stewards will be permanently present during the congress and available to help participants in any regard. The office is placed at the Foyer of the PUCRS Theater (Building 40), the same venue where participants must pick up congress materials on the first congress day.

#### **XVI. Office of the SIEPM Bureau:**

During the XIV SIEPM International Congress, the office (“headquarters”) of the Bureau will be at Room 502, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Building 40. Remember that, in order to be able to vote on July 26, each SIEPM member must have orderly paid the annual fees. Members may use the period between July 24 to July 26 to pay back any open fees. The office will be open daily during the congress, from 09:00 to 18:30 (on Wednesday, July 26, from 09:00 to 18:45).

#### **XVII. Voting for the New Bureau and First Meeting of it:**

(a) Remember that the voting for the new Bureau will take place on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, **(Building 50, Room 501, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor), from 09:00 to 18:45**, and that the SIEPM General Assembly will take place on Thursday, July 27, 2017, at 19:30, on the Theater of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (<http://cepuc.pucrs.br/espacos-locaveis/teatro-do-predio-40/>), which is also the venue of all Plenary Sessions of the congress.

(b) The first meeting of the new SIEPM Bureau will take place on Friday, July 28, time to be defined (it will not take longer than two hours).

#### **XVIII. Technical Recommendations:**

(a) Some registered participants will speak per Skype. They are all recommended to be available and online 15 (fifteen) minutes before the beginning of the communication, in order to test the connection. All participant who speak via Skype are scheduled at the beginning of Afternoon Sessions (in order to make sure that testing the connection will not cause any inconvenience to the next speakers). Skype participants will have the same time as other participants, but after their communication the transmission will be disconnected.

(b) We repeat the following note from the previous Circular: Although all rooms are fully equipped with media and electronic devices (presentation software, data-show, screens, computers, cable and wireless internet connection, etc.), we would be grateful if you let the organizers know about your specific needs. **It is possible to print papers**

**and handouts everywhere on the campus.** The organizers will also provide a printing service on the congress venue exclusively for those purposes. We ask you, please, to send us in advance – at least one day in advance! – your handouts and papers to be printed.

(c) **Very important(!):** you need to have your paper saved in a pen-drive, as well as in your email account(s). **Please, if you want to use the data-show, bring your papers in pen-drives and use the computers available at the Session rooms!** This makes our logistics much easier. In case you bring and want to use your Mac computer for projecting your paper and / or images, you need to bring your own connection cable.

### **XIX. Accommodation of Plenary Speakers and Bureau Members:**

Plenary Speakers and Bureau members will be accommodated at the Hotel Laghetto Viverone. Here is the address:

Hotel Laghetto Viverone Moinhos

Rua Dr. Vale, 579

Moinhos de Vento

90.560-010

Porto Alegre – RS

Telefone: (51) 2102-7272.

Link: Laghetto Viverone Moinhos - hoteis.com.

It will be a great pleasure to receive you in our country and to welcome you to the southernmost capital of a Brazilian state.

Sincerely yours, and with our best wishes,



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