

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

All delegate and registered accompanying persons are welcome to attend a variety of social events. Activities will begin with a reception following the Opening Ceremony, and will end with a Conference Banquet. Optional events will be organized on a number of nights, so that delegates will be able to sample the unique atmosphere of Rosario City. An example will be a concert of the Rosario Symphonic Orchestra.

## ACCOMPANYING DELEGATES PROGRAM

Throughout the Congress there will be an interesting program for accompanying delegates. This will include visits to Argentinean culture centres, a tour through the Delta of the Parana River, unmatched natural views and famous scenic spots. Accompanying delegates will also have an opportunity to share Argentinean literature, music and dance.

## ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS

Facilities will be available for additional meetings and workshops of specialist groups to be held in Rosario during the Congress. Convenors of such groups are invited to contact the Congress Secretariat IRC2011@yahoo.com.

## FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Announcement incorporating the Call for Papers and Registration will be published and distributed. If you are interested in receiving this information, please return a completed Request for Further Information Form to the Secretariat, or email a completed Form via [www.IRC2011.com.ar](http://www.IRC2011.com.ar).

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## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT IRC2011



## INVITATION:

On behalf of the Argentinean Organizing Committee of the IRC2011 it's our pleasure to invite you to join us in Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina, from April 5th to April 10th, 2011.

This Congress will focus on different aspects of Rangeland management, and their relation with society.

Argentina has more than 20 different vegetation types which are used as rangelands, among them there are some unique rangeland systems present only in Argentina, such as the Patagonian steppe, the malezales, the humid pampas, etc. This will make this Congress extremely interesting for researchers, extension agents and ranchers from all over the world.

In Argentina rangelands occupy around one third of the continental area of the country, which is almost two million square kilometers, with different ecological situations, vegetation types and a great variety of forage plants.

The typical Argentinean rural workers are called gauchos, whose main characteristics are its hospitality and friendship. In the spirit of our gauchos, we invite you to join us at the IRC2011 at the 9th International Rangeland Congress in Argentina.

The beautiful landscapes, the beautiful and modern cities and the hospitality and friendship from our people will make your attendance not only a source of knowledge but you will also enjoy your stay.



## PROGRAM

The IRC2011 will be held from April 5th to April 10th, 2008 at Rosario, Argentina. The program sessions will consist of rangeland/people relation. Resources and ecology. Rangeland production. Multifunctions of rangelands. See details below:

- A. Ecology of rangelands.
- B. Soil/plant/animal relationships.
- C. Reclamation of degenerated rangelands.
- D. Rangelands and water resources.
- E. Sustainable range management.
- F. Range management: sustainable grazing, biodiversity, recreation.
- G. Plant selection and improvement.
- H. Commercial seed production from range forages.
- I. Wildlife management on rangelands.
- J. Rangeland resources monitoring.
- K. Rangeland resources teledetection.
- L. Integrated management of undesirable organisms.
- M. Extension service for rangelands management and conservation.

## TRADE SHOW

A Trade and Industry Exhibition will be held during the congress and will demonstrate new technology applicable for rangeland management and products for trade.

## TOUR PROGRAMS

### 1. Flooding Pampas

Extended grasslands plains, temporarily flooded, as well as animals grazing freely, cattle and dairy farms, typical

towns, and a National Park where Pampas Deer, wild birds and salty marshes with crab colonies can be observed.

### 2. North Patagonia

Starting in the Big Lakes Region, near Bariloche city, we will be visiting large sheep ranches, observing vegetation transition from the cold wet forest in the Nahuel Huapi National Park to the Patagonian steppe, arriving at the Puerto Madryn city, after crossing the Patagonia through northern Chubut Province.

### 3. South Patagonia

Beginning at the southernmost continental point, we will be watching wild animals, vegetation and sheep and cattle management through the Patagonian steppe, ending at the famous Perito Moreno Glacier, near Calafate City.

### 4. Along Patagonia

Combination of North and South Patagonia tours.

### 5. Argentinean Mesopotamia

A tour through park formations and temperate grasslands. We will be arriving at the Iberá wetlands (intermediate condition between wet grassland and swamp), where wild animals, vegetation and swamp flora will be observed, as well as a meat production ranch. The tour ends with a visit to the Iguazú Falls.

### 6. High altitude Forests and Deserts

Starting at Salta, visiting Southamerican camelid production farms, arriving at the "Seven Colors Mountain" in Jujuy, we will continue to the Chaco forest in Formosa, with bird sightseeing and visiting production systems.

### 7. Semi-arid rangelands and shrublands

Beginning at the high rangelands of Córdoba Hills, through the xerophytes shrub land and psammophyte rangelands, we will arrive at the Quijadas Canyon National Park, where fossils can be observed, ending at the Andean Mountains through the "Wine Route".