



We are delighted to welcome you to the **XX CONGRESS INTER-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIO 2018** to be held in **Rio de Janeiro** from **November 25th to 28th, 2018**.

We summarized hereunder some important useful details for you.

CONGRESS LOCATION

The **ASIPI RIO 2018 Congress** will take place at Windsor Oceânico Convention Center, located in the Barra da Tijuca district, 2 minutes walking distance from the beach, bars and restaurants. The Convention & Expo Center forms a powerful complex with the Windsor Oceânico Hotel and the Windsor Barra Hotel, both hotels offer an outdoor pool and views of the Atlantic Ocean. The complex is near Tijuca Forest National Park and 50 minutes from Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport – or Galeão.

TIME

Brazil spans several time zones; however, the Brazilian Standard Time is 3 hours earlier than G.M.T. and 2 hours earlier in the summer (Nov. to Feb.).

WEATHER

November is the last month of Spring in Brazil, therefore, we're almost in Summer. The average temperature ranges from 30 to 25 Celsius degrees and may rain often. It is recommended that participants bring light clothing, as there is potential for high humidity. Wear sunscreen.

CLOTHING

Brazil's climate ranges from tropical in the north to temperate in the south, therefore, throughout the country; dress is mostly light and casual. At the Congress, the dress code is business.

LANGUAGE

The official language is Portuguese. Some English and Spanish is spoken, particularly in the main cities, but the nearest thing to a second language is Spanish with which you will generally be able to make yourself understood.

BRAZILIAN FOOD AND DRINK

The most common dishes include various red and white meats, salads, farofa, rice and the traditional Brazilian black beans, often served in churrascaria casinos and full buffets, where you can eat everything. Brazil also has many regional varieties of cuisine.

Feijoada and Caipirinha – Brazil's national dish, feijoada was initially a poor man's food made with whatever animal scraps. Though there are tons of regional variations, feijoada is essentially a bean stew (feijão is the word for beans) with pork trimmings (ears, tails, feet, nose), bacon, ribs, smoked sausage, and/or salted beef. Sometimes there is vegetables, but more often, it has loaded with meat and served with rice, farofa (toasted manioc flour), shredded kale, and orange slices. To accompany, there is nothing like a Caipirinha, a drink made with cachaça (you can also chose vodka), lime, sugar and ice. Other example is the Bahian cookery, which includes dishes such as: Vatapa (shrimps, fish oil, coconut milk, bread and rice), Sarapatel (liver, heart, tomatoes, peppers, onions and gravy). From Rio Grande do Sul a typical dish is Churrasco (a kind of barbecue). From the Amazon comes Tacaca (thick soup with shrimps and garlic).

CURRENCY

The Brazilian currency is the REAL. The REAL banknotes are in denominations of 100, 50, 10, 5 and 2; Coins: 1.00 real; 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents and 5 cents. In general, exchange offices accept exchange a wide variety of foreign currencies; however, we recommend that you bring US dollars in the same currency, since this exchange more easily than any other does.

ELETRICITY

The electric current in most of Brazil is 110v. Many hotels have adaptors if necessary, although is recommended to bring your own travel adaptors.



Brazilian power plug

SAFETY

Like in any urban center, universal safety advices apply in Rio: watch your bags and wallet do not wear jewelry in the street, avoid getting around alone and sea bathing at night. Listen to your intuition. For commotion, download Uber and 99 Taxi apps. We do not encourage favela tours and night baths on the beach.

VISA

Designed to help participants to meet administrative requirements in certain countries, official letters of invitation for entry visa or other purposes may be supplied upon request - please allow sufficient time for this procedure. Note that such letters do not commit the Organizing Committee to any kind of financial support, hosting arrangement, nor does it guarantee an entry visa issue. Please, be advised that the invitation letters will just be issued by the Organizing Committee after the participant registered. Therefore, you should fill out the registration form as early as possible in order to get your visa in time for the Congress. Participants are strongly advised to make sure they fulfill all legal requirements to enter Brazil. Besides a valid passport, an entry visa may also be

required. Visas are required only for visitors coming from countries that require visas for Brazilian citizens. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, citizens of the following countries **do not** need visas:

Andorra	Eslovaquia	Morocco	Spain
Argentina	Finland	Namibia	Suriname
Austria	France	Netherlands	Sweden
Bahamas	Germany	Norway	Switzerland
Barbados	Greece	New Zeland	Thailand
Belgium	Iceland	Paraguay	Trinid. & Tobago
Bolivia	Ireland	Peru	Turquia
Bulgary	Israel	Philippines	Tunisia
Chile	Italy	Poland	UK – Gra Bretanha
Colombia	Liechtenstein	Portugal	Uruguay
Costa Rica	Luxembourg	San Marino	Vatican
Croacia	Malaysia	Slovenia	Venezuela
Denmark	Malta	South Africa	
Ecuador	Monaco	South Korea	

It is very important to inform you that the Brazilian government can change these diplomatic conditions without previous warning. - **PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR NEAREST BRAZILIAN CONSULATE.**

eVISAS

The Electronic Visa of the Federative Republic of Brazil, is a new Visa application done over the internet, which Australian, Japanese, Canadian and US nationals may request for entry into Brazilian territory. Please visit the website: <http://www.vfsglobal.com/brazil-evisa/>

HEALTH

There are no mandatory requirements for entry into Brazil. It is recommended to take precautions against yellow fever, polio, typhoid and malaria. We suggest you contact the nearest Consulate of Brazil for updated information. It is recommended that you are covered by a comprehensive health insurance. Attention: If you are entering Brazil by Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, you must present updated certificate of vaccination against yellow fever to passport control. Local diet: It is advisable to take precautions against intestinal ailments as long as there is not adapted to the change in diet. It is not recommended to take tap water, especially in rural areas, due to possible contamination. Limit your consumption of water to the bottled product. Even with treatment, that water gets in big cities, and because the chemicals are different from what you are used to, we still recommend that you drink mineral water.

VACCINES

International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is demanded by Brazilian Government for travelers who have been on last three months or come from these countries:

Angola	Colombia	Guinea-Bissau	República Democrática do Congo
Benin	Ecuador	French Guyana	Sierra Leone
Bolivia	Gabon	Liberia	Sudan
Burkina Faso	Gambia	Nigeria	Venezuela
Cameroon	Ghana	Peru	Zaire

You should get your certificate at an official yellow fever vaccination center as designated by respective state health departments in your city and/or your country that administers yellow fever vaccines manufactured under approval by World Health Organization. Furthermore, we recommend this vaccination for all Brazilians, foreigners or tourists who intend to visit these Brazilian states:

Acre	Mato Grosso dos Sul
Amazonas	Pará
Amapá	Rondônia
Distrito Federal	Roraima
Goiás	Tocantins
Maranhão	

P.S. The vaccination must be taken (10) ten days before travelling, at least.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

On arrival into Rio de Janeiro, you will receive an immigration form that you will need to complete and, depending on where you are from, a customs form as well. Once you hand it to the officer, they will keep one copy of the form, and you will keep the other. Remember: It is essential to keep this form, as you will need to provide proof of it when you leave the country!

AIRPORT

In the arrivals lounge of the Galeão there are several banks and *change/câmbios*, where you can buy Brazilian Reais with US\$ cash, debit or credit cards.

There is a Riotur info desk (booth); where you may find the useful “Guia do Rio” guide, available in English and Portuguese, with maps and what is on listings. Hotel booking agencies also have desks.

TRANSPORTATION

Taxis, UBER, Cabify, and 99 Taxi are available in Rio. We do strongly suggest arranging an airport transfer through T&C Group (https://www.net-expert.com/followuptour/img/eventos/67_transfer_en.pdf) to and from the airport, to reduce any delays.

If you have not yet booked your airport transfer, please do this now. Bookings must be made 24 hours prior to arrival. If you have made a booking, look for the person holding a sign with your name outside the terminal.

SHOPPING

As with the food, in a country the size of Brazil there are many local specialties for shopping. In most major cities shopping centers stay open until late (up to 10pm), while street shops close at 7 p.m. Good-quality arts and crafts are available at regular outdoor markets, which are colorful and entertaining places for tourists to visit.

CONGRESS REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Dates	Registration desk	Exhibition
Saturday, Nov. 24 th	10:00am - 6:00pm	
Sunday, Nov. 25 th	8:00am - 8:00pm	7:00pm - 11:30pm
Monday, Nov. 26 th	8:00am - 5:30pm	8:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday, Nov. 27 th	8:30am - 1:30pm	8:30am - 1:30pm
Wednesday, Nov. 28 th	8:30am - 6:00pm	8:30am - 5:00pm

IMPORTANT:

- Name badges must be worn at all times including social events. Badges will be checked for admission to all events.

ASIPI GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The General Secretariat is located at the 3rd floor Foyer.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates of Attendance will be provided by the General Secretariat by e-mail after the Congress.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING

Participants are advised that segments of the Congress will be filmed or photographed for the purpose of the Congress proceedings. The appropriate *authority to publish* permission applies. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please advise the operator and move out of camera range.

WIRELESS NETWORKING

WiFi will be available in the meeting rooms, exhibition area and networking area of the Windsor Oceânico Hotel Convention Center.