



**IX ALACPA Airports Pavement Seminar & VII FAA Airport Pavement Workshop /
II Short Course on Airfield Pavement
City of Panama, 10 to 14 September 2012**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Event venue and dates

The IX ALACPA Airports Pavement Seminar & FAA Airport Pavement Workshop / II Short Course on Airfield Pavement will be held in the City of Panama, from 10 to 14 September 2012.

2. Location

Hotel El Panama
Vía España #111
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Coordinator: Ms. Joschelyn Escobar
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3. Inaugural session

Monday, 10 September 2012
Participants registration 08:00 – 09:30
Opening ceremony 09:30 – 10:10

4. Languages and documentation

Presentations are both in English and Spanish supported by simultaneous translation. After the event documentation will be posted on the ALACPA web site www.alacpa.org and a CD with relevant information will be offered. No written documentation will be distributed during the seminar.

5. Participants registration

Participants are requested to register in advance utilizing the pre-registration format available at www.alacpa.org or by email at info@alacpa.org and seminario2012@alacpa.org.

For the Aeronautical Authority representatives, please fill out the ICAO registration format following their instructions and return to the sender as soon as possible.

Personal registration will take place from 08.00 to 09.30 during the first day of the event. Participants should deliver the ICAO registration form and/or ALACPA pre-registration form duly filled out. During the seminar and for identification purposes, the participants are requested to wear the credential provided upon registration.

Event coordinators and contact

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6. Temperature

During September the average temperature in Panama is approximately 23° to 32°C. Median humidity is 64% with high probability of rain.

7. Transportation from and to the airport

Authorized taxi service is available at Tocumen International Airport.

The fare to the hotels and vice versa is approximately US\$25.00 and US\$32.00 (additional person sharing ride US\$12.00). Fares can be confirmed at the counter near the exit from the terminal.

Considering the high risk of transportation from and to the airport, the following taxi service is recommended:

Servicio de Taxis de Turismo	Phone: (507) 238-4305
	(507) 220-1210

8. Transportation to and from the venue

Participants can access the site of the event either by taxi or walking from the hotel they are staying.

Since this is the rainy season it is recommended to use taxi service.

Following companies are recommended for transportation within the city:

Radio Taxi America Libre	(507) 221-1932 / 800-8294
Taxi El Dorado	(507) 260-4505
Radio Taxi City Tour	(507) 261-9793
Radio Taxi Concordia	(507) 236-7848 / 236-7847
ADL Servicios Especiales	(507) 6780-6916

9. **Hotels suggested in the City of Panama**

Reservations should be made **in advance** directly with the hotel. Rates can change, please check with the hotel where you are planning to stay.

Hotel	Address - Tel/Fax Web page - Email	Simple US\$	Double US\$
El Panamá	Vía España 111, Calle Eusebio A. Morales Reservations: (507) 215-9182 / (507) 215-9445 / (507) 215-9443 Jhoscelyn Escobar jescobar@elpanama.com or Taniska Jordan grupos@elpanama.com	USD 125.00	USD 145.00
Suites Ambassador	Calle D. El Cangrejo Reservations: (507) 263-7274 Mobile: (507) 6781-3837 ventasgpty@gmail.com	USD 80.00 (corporate rate)	USD 140.00
Wyndham Garden Hotel Panama City	Urbanización Obarrio, Calle 58 Reservations: (507) 212-5700 Mobile: (507) 6781-3837 Anabel Guillen aguillen@wyndham.com	USD 100.00 (corporate rate)	USD 170.00
Hotel Veneto a Wyndham Grand Hotel	Avenida Eusebio A. Morales y Via Vento, El Cangrejo Reservations: (507) 340-8888 www.venetopanama.com	USD 166.00	USD 177.00
Hotel Riande Continental& Casinos	Vía España y Calle Ricardo Arias Reservations: (507) 366-7700 Fax: (507) 366-7970 mmorales@continentalhotel.com www.continentalhotel.com	USD 145.00	USD 165.00
Hotel Ejecutivo Panama	Avenida Aquilino de La Guardia Reservations: (507) 265-8011 Reservations USA 1 (866) 876-0915 onlinereservation@executivehotel-panama.com reservas1@ejecutivo.com agente1@ejecutivo.com	USD 95.00	USD 105.00
Hotel Torres de Alba	Torres De Alba Hotel & Suites Cl. Eusebio A. Morales y Cl. L El Cangrejo, Bella Vista Zona 7, Panamá, Rep. de Panamá Reservations: (507) 269-7770/ fax (507) 300-7153 dslashley@torresdealba.com.pa www.torresdealba.com.pa	USD\$ 99.00 (taxes included)	USD\$ 114.00 (taxes included)
Toscana Inn Hotel	Vía España, Calle D, El Cangrejo, Panamá Tel.: (507) 265-0018/ 265-0019, Fax: (507) 265-0016 e-mail: reservations@toscanainnhotel.com www.toscanainnhotel.com	USD\$ 108.90 (taxes included)	USD\$ 108.90 (taxes included)
Hotel Marbella	Calle D, El Cangrejo (507) 263-2220 Fax:(507) 263- 3622 hmarbella@cableonda.net www.hmarbella.com	USD\$55.00 (taxes included)	USD\$71.50 (taxes included)

Note: Except for the last 3 hotels in the list, an additional 10% for tax and service should be added to the rates

10. Passport, visa and vaccines

A valid passport and visa is required for admittance to the country; nevertheless, it is necessary to corroborate with the Embassy or Consulate of Panama about these requirements. Additionally, please verify if yellow fever or any other vaccines are necessary.

11. Currency and credit cards

The US dollar is the currency used in Panama.

International credit cards such as American Express, Master Card, VISA, Diners Club, etc. are usually accepted at hotels, stores and restaurants. Traveller checks should be cashed at banks or money exchange offices.

It is recommended to have dollars and balboas in cash to pay for taxis and, occasionally, at stores which do not accept credit cards.

12. Hospitals

The Tourism Authority of Panama (Autoridad de Turismo de Panama) offers a **Free Medical Insurance** to all visitors entering the country for 30 days which includes medical emergencies, hospitalization (if required) and legal expenses for loss of documents due to an accident.

In order to obtain medical benefits please request the "*Insurance Card for Tourists*" from the Tourism Authority office located in the immigration area at Tocumen International Airport or call the client service at Seguros Generali, phones 800-4357 or 206-5700.

Should it be necessary you could use the services offered by **HOSPITAL SANTA FE**, located at Frangipani Avenue, City of Panama, Tel (507) 227-4733.

13. Contacts for the Civil Aeronautic Authority (AAC) in Panama

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14. Electricity

120 Volts/60Hz.

15. Airport tax

Departure airport tax is US\$ 40.00.

