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Dear WFMB Members, Delegates and Friends

I understand that the Secretariat for the 10th World Merino Conference is now very close to being in a position to open bookings for the Conference and Pre-Conference Tour.

As I am advised that Early-Bird bookings will **close on 5 December 2017** I am attaching an itinerary with prices in relation to both conference and tour to give you a chance to plan your trip and costs. By 5 December 30% of your payment is also due and the full balance is payable on or before 5 February 2018.

In the meantime, enquiries can continue to be directed to Gabriela Rohr of Congresos & Reuniones (C&R), the company appointed to manage the conference and tour. The Secretariat's email address is info@merinouruguay2018.org - phone +598 2916 0900. Of course you should also check the conference website daily on www.merinouruguay2018.org to be one of the first to sign up.

The booking site will advise in more detail the inclusions and exclusions, additional short tours conducted by C&R and not shown on the attached itinerary, individual costs and various hotel charges etc. Note that on some nights, including during the conference, your accommodation must be separately booked. The booking site will give costs for the three recommended hotels in Montevideo. These are:

- The Sheraton which is also the location of the 10th World Merino Conference
- The Aloft, which is directly across the street from the Sheraton
- The Regency, which is a short (two block) distance from the Sheraton

Prices for tour and accommodation are charged at double occupancy rate - otherwise a single supplement applies.

With just over four months remaining, I expect to be in regular contact with you as well. If any member is interested in hosting the 11th World Merino Conference, it would be timely to commence compilation of a bid document as this will be put to the vote at the General Meeting in Montevideo. Similarly, a member country may prefer to bid for a smaller interim conference in 2020, along the lines of last year's World Merino Insight.

On behalf of the Argentine Merino Breeders' Association (Asociacion Argentina Criadores de Merino - AACM), an itinerary is also attached for a tour they have commissioned through Cazenave Argentina which will encompass visits to Merino studs and scenic highlights in Patagonia. This tour will take place after the 10th World Merino Conference

and commences with a transfer from Colonia, Uruguay to Buenos Aires, Argentina on 16 April. Cazenave Argentina's contact details for further information and bookings are shown on page 2 of the attached.

Tom Ashby and I look forward to a good representation of WFMB members at the 10th conference - a significant milestone for the Federation and for our friends in South America.

Yours sincerely

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Argentina Agricultural Tour (post 10th World Merino Conference) 16-22 April 2018

Under the auspices of Asociacion Argentina Criadores de Merino (the Argentina Merino Breeders Association), a member of the World Federation of Merino Breeders
Offered by tour company, CAZENAVE ARGENTINA

Sunday 15th April **COLONIA FULL DAY MERINO STUD TOUR** **(BL)**

For those who have participated in the 10th World Merino Conference (10WMC), today's activities in Colonia are the conclusion of your 10th WMC experience and this optional day trip was booked through the Uruguayan Secretariat. If you are continuing to Argentina on the new tour, make sure that you have reserved your accommodation for tonight in Colonia with the Uruguayan Secretariat.

In the morning you will visit the Santa Catalina stud of Douglas Cortela. After a typical BBQ lunch travel to Colonia for a tour of this UNESCO World Heritage listed city first settled by the Portuguese in 1630.

Overnight: Colonia

Monday 16th April **COLONIA – BUENOS AIRES – SAN CARLOS BARILOCHE** **(BLD)**

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer by ferry to Buenos Aires, arriving around 12 noon. Following lunch, transfer to the airport for your flight to San Carlos de Bariloche in north west Patagonia. This city, one of the largest in Patagonia sits on the shore of Nahuel Huapi Lake. It is also a very important tourist destination, famous for its beautiful landscapes, great trout fishing and ski resort. Arriving in the evening you will have dinner in your hotel.

Overnight: San Carlos Bariloche

Tuesday 17th April **BARILOCHE – ESQUEL (300 km)** **(BL)**

Depart after breakfast on a scenic journey across the National Park travelling south on the east side of the magnificent Andes. Pass by Gutiérrez, Mascardi and Guillermo Lakes prior to crossing the border of Río Negro and Chubut provinces. After 220 km, stop to visit one of the largest breeders in the country, the Leleque Merino stud owned by Benetton. On their 96,000 hectares situated 100 km north of Esquel, Leleque will be displaying their stud and commercial flocks and facilities. Following lunch, a visit to the Leleque Museum will showcase Patagonia's history. You will then continue to Estancia Shaman, located near Trevelin, to inspect their facilities and stock. End the day in Esquel.

Overnight: Hotel Rayentray Tehuelche, Esquel

Wednesday 18th April **ESQUEL – RIO PICO – ESQUEL (500 km)** **(BL)**

After breakfast, journey south towards Rio Pico, continuing a parallel path with the Andes. Our drive today will give insight to the vast size of Patagonia and its emptiness. Arrive at our visit to Rio Pico Merino Stud for an inspection tour of their flock and facilities. After lunch, visit the Tecka Merino stud, and enjoy a tour of part of the 200,000 ha property and its huge sheep flock. Return to Esquel where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Rayentray Tehuelche, Esquel

Thursday 19th April **ESQUEL – COMODORO RIVADAVIA (500 km)** **(BL)**

After an early breakfast travel across the widest part of Patagonia to the Atlantic shore, stopping for an inspection of the Laguna del Toro Stud flock. Enjoy lunch at the farm before visiting a Chacra El Labrador and Cabaña Media Luna stud near Sarmiento to see their Merino flock. Travel then to Comodoro Rivadavia, a prosperous and growing city due to the important oil mining areas that cover the surrounding steppes.

Overnight: Hotel Lucania (or similar), Comodoro Rivadavia

Friday 20th April**COMODORO RIVADAVIA****(BL)**

This morning travel 90 km north of Comodoro to visit San José Merino stud. On the return a visit will be paid to the Manantiales Stud for a tour of their stud and commercial flocks. Lunch at the ranch before returning to Comodoro Rivadavia, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight: *Hotel Lucania (or similar), Comodoro Rivadavia*

Saturday 21st April**COMODORO RIVADAVIA – BUENOS AIRES****(B)**

After a leisurely breakfast and free time, transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. You will be met on arrival and transferred to the hotel to rest before your ongoing transfers.

Overnight: *Claridge Hotel (or similar), Buenos Aires*

Sunday 22nd April**BUENOS AIRES – YOUR NEXT DESTINATION**

Meet your airport transfer for your ongoing travel.

ARGENTINA MERINO TOUR APRIL 2018

- This tour will operate with a minimum of 25 passengers at a cost of USD 2183 per person, double occupancy
 - The single supplement is USD 392
 - The quote includes accommodation, internal air tickets in coach class, land transportation on private bus and visits as mentioned on the Itinerary
 - It also includes meals as indicated as:
 - 6 B, breakfast
 - 5 L, lunch with soft drink or water
 - 1 D, dinner with soft drink or water
 - The tour was designed in accordance with flight schedules available at September 2017. There may be some modifications if flight time varies
 - It does not include incidentals such as, alcoholic beverages, laundry service, hotel, guide and driver tips.
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- DEPOSIT: Due 5 December 2017, 30 per cent
 - BALANCE DUE: 5 March 2018

Further Information and Bookings:**CAZENAVE ARGENTINA**

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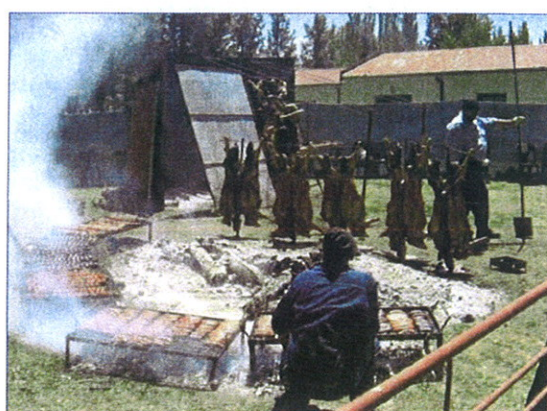
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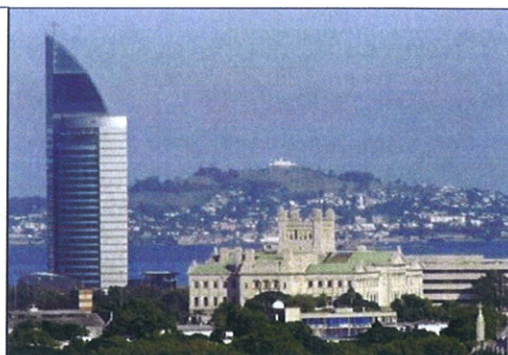
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Montevideo, Uruguay

12-13 April 2018



Uruguay Technical Tour - Pre-Conference (6-11 April 2018)

Friday 6th April

ARRIVAL MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

On arrival in Montevideo you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

Overnight: Montevideo – Sheraton Hotel or similar

Saturday 7th April

MONTEVIDEO – SALTO

(BLD)

After breakfast depart Montevideo travelling north to Durazno visiting Merino studs and a woollen mill. Continue to your destination for the next four nights, the 4.5 star Altos del Arapey Resort in the Salto region, complete with thermal pools and 18-hole golf course.

Overnight: Altos del Arapey Thermal Resort

Sunday 8th April

SALTO – MERINO STUD AND FARM VISITS

(BLD)

Visit Merino stud and commercial flocks at Buena Vista farm and then continue to La Magdalena Merino stud (Los Tordos SenC), enjoying lunch at one of the properties on our travels.

Overnight: As above

Monday 9th April

ALTOS DEL ARAPEY

(BLD)

Today attend the 10th World Merino Conference Show and Sale in the resort grounds. Also included will be a fleece contest, lunch, young judges contest and awards dinner.

Overnight: As above

Tuesday 10th April

FARM VISITS

(BLD)

This morning visit La Gringa and Talitas studs (Talitas Soc. Agraria) and afterwards San Ramon SG stud. After lunch visit the Uruguayan Wool Secretariat (SUL) Research Station before returning to the resort.

Overnight: As above

Wednesday 11th April

MONTEVIDEO

(BL)

Visit Pingo Viejo farm (Ing Agr. Carlos Parietti) to see Criollo horses, Hereford & Angus cattle and a commercial sheep flock. Then to Paysandu and stud and commercial flocks followed by a presentation of the CRILU Fine Merino Project. Enjoy lunch at the Paysandu Rural Association. In the afternoon leave for Montevideo.

Overnight: Montevideo – Hotel of choice must also be for the duration of the conference

Pre-Conference Tour cost (per person)#: Early-Bird Registration - Until 5 December, USD 850. Then, until 5 March 2018 USD 950. Single Supplement (for single basis accommodation) USD350.

Inclusions:

- Bilingual tour leaders and guides, translation on stud and technical visits, medical doctor on tour
- Accommodation on double basis for 4 nights at the Altos del Arapey Thermal Resort Hotel
- Meals as per itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner), that is 4 buffet breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, including the awards dinner on Monday 9th following the Show.
- All sightseeing entries and farm & technical visits as indicated in the itinerary

10th World Merino Conference (12-13 April 2018)

Thursday 12th April 10th WORLD MERINO CONFERENCE – SHERATON (BL)

- Conference at the Sheraton Hotel. Includes morning and afternoon tea breaks as well as lunch
- Opening Ceremony with the presence of official authorities
- 7:00 p.m. - Welcome cocktail at the Sheraton Hotel

Friday 13th April 10th WORLD MERINO CONFERENCE – SHERATON (BLD)

- Conference at the Sheraton Hotel. Includes morning and afternoon tea breaks as well as lunch.
- (Optional Montevideo City Tour available for accompanying persons)
- 8:30 p.m. – Closing dinner at the Uruguay Golf Club

Conference Cost (per person)#:

General Registration: Until 5 December, USD 450. Then, until 5 March 2018 USD 550

Accompanying Person Registration: Until 5 December, USD 200. Then, until 5 March 2018 USD 250

Student or 15 to 25-year-old: Until 5 December, USD 80. Then, until 5 March 2018 USD 110

Cost does NOT include hotel in Montevideo.

Please choose your hotel in Montevideo as per your budget and suggestions provided with booking information

General and Student registration inclusions:

- Conference sessions and materials, simultaneous English/Spanish and Spanish/English translation, 4 coffee breaks and 2 lunches
- Welcome Ceremony and Cocktails on Thursday 12th and Closing Dinner on Friday 13th at the Golf Club (with ticket)
- Breakfast included at all hotels

Accompanying Person (Companion) registration inclusions:

- Same as General Registration but does NOT include access to Conference sessions or Conference materials
- Montevideo City Tour on morning of Friday 13th

Saturday 14th April MONTEVIDEO – Other options (B)

- After breakfast, participate in optional post-conference day tours (see following box) or day at leisure in Montevideo prior to ongoing travel

Costs are estimates only until official registrations are open.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to make any necessary amendments or changes in the tour itinerary or general programme and conference schedule due to logistics, weather or force majeure.

PRICES LISTED ARE APPLICABLE FOR “EARLY-BIRD” BOOKINGS & REGISTRATION

UNTIL 05 DECEMBER 2017

BOOKINGS AFTER THIS DATE WILL INCUR A SURCHARGE

OPTIONAL POST-CONFERENCE DAY TOURS

Saturday 14th April PUNTA DEL ESTE FULL DAY TOUR (BL)

- Full day tour visiting Piriapolis, de los Argentinos and going to the top of San Antonio Hill. Visit the Punta del Este region with its peninsula, lighthouse and port, Brava Beach and residential areas.

Overnight: Montevideo

Saturday 14th April MONTEVIDEO HALF DAY CITY TOUR (BL)

- Enjoy a half day tour of the city rich in history and architecture. See the residential areas of Carrasco, Punta Gorda, Pocitos and the waterfront promenade and beaches. Continue to the Old City founded in 1724 and finish with lunch at the Port Market.

Overnight: Montevideo

Sunday 15th April COLONIA FULL DAY MERINO STUD TOUR (BL)

- Includes transfers, English-speaking guide, and typical BBQ lunch and accommodation in Montevideo. Visit the Santa Catalina stud of Mr Douglas Cortela. Afternoon Colonia city tour of this World Heritage listed city first settled by the Portuguese in 1630. Return to hotel – conclusion of 10WMC Uruguay.

Overnight: Montevideo

Costs available with registration and booking information

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