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March 30, 2006

Mr. Markku Villikka
FIG Executive Director
International Federation of Surveyors, FIG
Lindevangs Alle 4
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Dear Markku:

We are submitting our bid confirming that the Colegio de Ingenieros y Agrimensores de Puerto Rico is interested in hosting FIG's Working Week in May 2011.

The Organizing Committee is immersed in the task of elaborating the required draft budget. We project to be mailing this budget during next week.

Respectfully,

Israel Otero Rosario, LS
Chair of Commission FIG 2011

INTRODUCTION

The Puerto Rico Convention Bureau is pleased to present Puerto Rico as host for **FIG Working Week 2011**. This bid has been carefully structured to provide a clear and concise overview of our Island and its offerings.

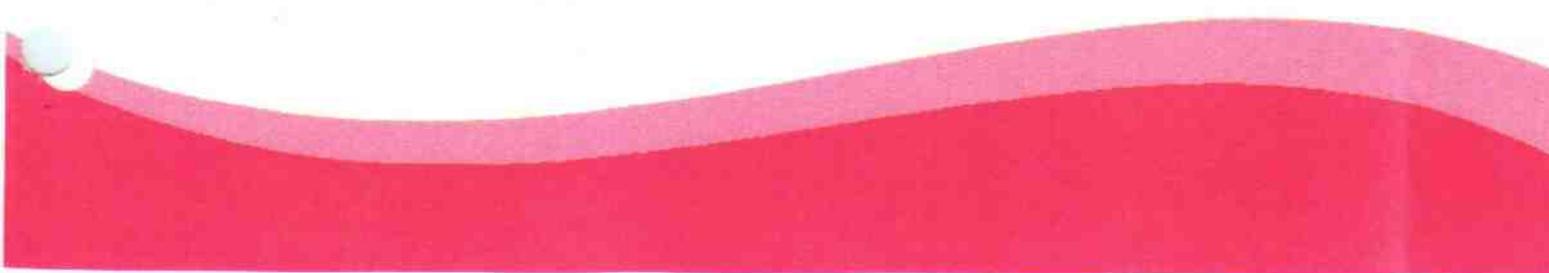
Puerto Rico's 500 years of fascinating Spanish heritage and culture live in its centuries-old monuments, colonial cities, and colorful traditions. The city of San Juan offers the dynamic activity of a modern metropolis, ready to cater to every visitor's quest for an unforgettable experience.

Puerto Rico has dramatically evolved as the premier destination of choice of the Americas for groups and conventions in the last few years. By tradition, Puerto Rico is, and has always been, a gracious and solicitous host to all visitors. **FIG Working Week 2011** will be no exception. You will be pleasantly surprised with our new Puerto Rico Convention Center which will provide the necessary space and technologically sophisticated setting for all activities related to your event.

Assisted by a team of professionals at the *Puerto Rico Convention Bureau*, Puerto Rico is adding even more prestigious names to its roster of visiting organizations. By the time your conclave arrives on our shores, Puerto Rico, and the forthcoming Puerto Rico Convention Center, would have played host to various events.

Besides ideal weather year-round, excellent infrastructure, state-of-the-art facilities, white sandy beaches, unspoiled natural beauty, and sophisticated night life and entertainment, Puerto Rico gives you all the ingredients required to develop a successful and memorable meeting for the participants of the **FIG Working Week 2011**. Puerto Rico stands ready to be the Americas' most effective bridge connecting the Caribbean and Latin America to the United States.

We look forward to hosting you in 2011.





COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

- ANÍBAL ACEVEDO VILÁ
GOVERNOR

March 21, 2006

Mr. Israel Otero
FIG Representative
International Federation of Surveyors
Postal Office Box 363845
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-3845

Dear Mr. Otero:

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, it would be an honor to host the 2011 FIG Working Week Meeting.

Puerto Rico has much to offer with our beautiful beaches, vibrant culture, distinct hospitality, infrastructure and our best resource, our people. I am confident that the Commonwealth exceeds the expectations in every category.

As you will see in our enclosed proposal, there is a strong commitment from the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau, Puerto Rico Tourism Company, Puerto Rico Department of Treasury and the Puerto Rico Department of Economic Development and Commerce to make this event the most productive and hospitable ever.

It would be my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome the International Federation of Surveyors in 2011.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Aníbal Acevedo Vilá

March 22, 2006

Israel Otero
Representative
International Federation of Surveyors
PO BOX 363845
San Juan, PR 00936-3845

Dear Mr. Otero:

We are delighted to be part of the Destination Team bidding for the *International Federation of Surveyors Working Week 2011 Meeting*.

Puerto Rico is positioned geographically and culturally at the crossroads of the Americas – a cosmopolitan ambiance where people can meet, mingle, do business and join forces in an environment of comfort to many cultures. In addition, Puerto Rico offers all the advantages of a premier destination. First class hotels and resorts, fine restaurants, cultural and historical sites, night clubs, casinos, great golf courses, a variety of water sports, lovely beaches, and 500 years of Spanish cultural heritage make up the most complete destination of the Caribbean.

The city of San Juan offers the dynamic activity of a modern metropolis, ready to cater to every visitor's quest for an unforgettable experience. Hosting the *International Federation of Surveyors Working Week 2011 Meeting* at the new Puerto Rico Convention Center will undoubtedly attract greater attendance, since the event will be hosted at a fully equipped and world class event facility.

With ideal weather year-round, excellent infrastructure, state of the art facilities, white sandy beaches, unspoiled natural beauty, vibrant nightlife and entertainment, and sophisticated technology, Puerto Rico offers you all the ingredients required to develop a successful and memorable program. The 500 members-suppliers of the Convention Bureau can provide the entire range of services and products that result in unforgettable group events.

Puerto Rico has evolved dramatically as a destination over the last few years and with the opening in November 2005 of the new *Puerto Rico Convention Center*, the Island has added another 600,000 square feet of meeting space to its current facility inventory. We are committed to creating successful meeting experiences.

We look forward to the pleasure of hosting the *International Federation of Surveyors* in 2011.

¡Saludos!

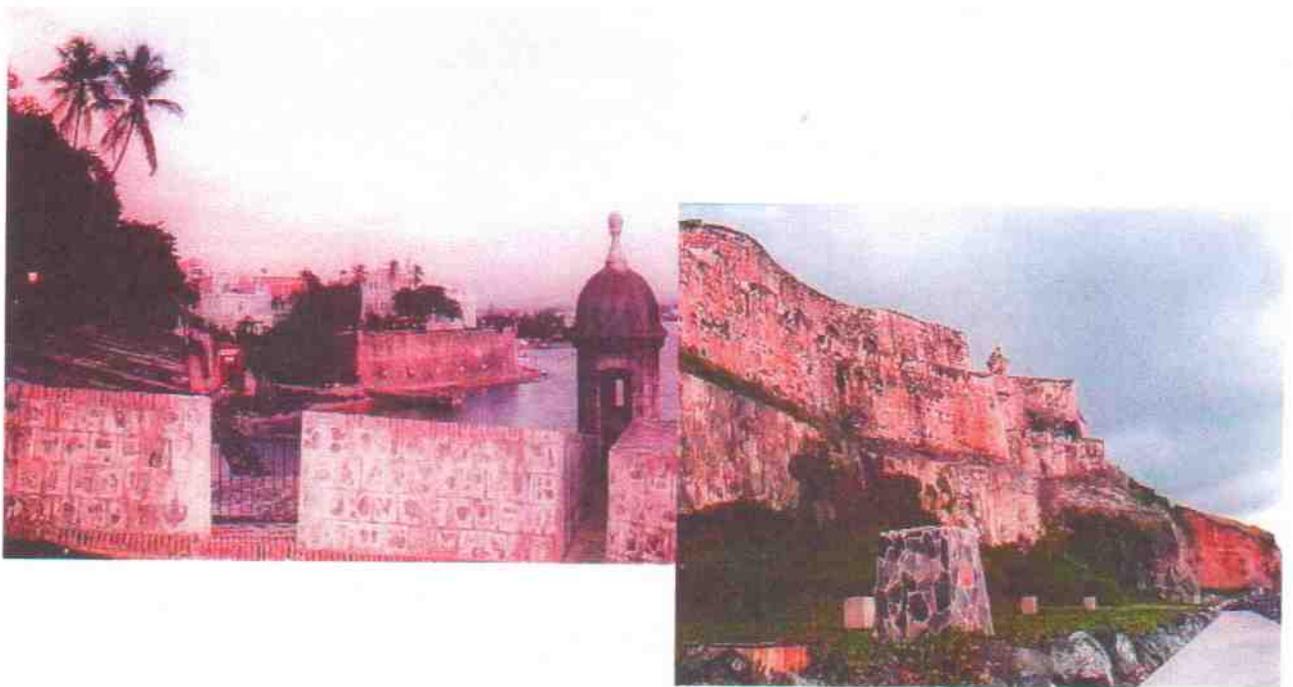


Ana Maria Viscasillas
President & CEO

PUERTO RICO AT A GLANCE

History

- Original settlers- Taíno indians.
- 1493- Christopher Columbus discovered Puerto Rico, Spain's most important military strong-hold in the New World for four centuries.
- 1898- Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, after the Spanish- American War.
- 1917- The Jones Act conferred U.S. citizenship upon the people of Puerto Rico.
- 1950- Congress enacted Public Law 600, which authorized the island to draft and approve its own constitution, subordinate to and in harmony with the U.S. constitution.
- 1952- Current U.S. Commonwealth Status was granted.



Political Stability

As a Commonwealth of the United States, Puerto Rico has its own constitution, control over its internal affairs (with some provisos when U.S. law is concerned), and maintains great autonomy. Island residents are United States citizens and possess all the rights and obligations of citizenship such as social security and service in the armed forces, except for the right to vote for the U.S. presidency. The Governor of Puerto Rico, our chief executive, is elected every four years in an island-wide election. Puerto Rico is considered to have one of the highest records of voter participation in election processes in the world at 80%, with 2.4 million registered voters and an average 2 million that vote on a regular basis in the general elections.

Its Commonwealth Status differentiates Puerto Rico from the 50 United States on a few key levels. The Puerto Rican people have a voice in Congress through an island-elected Resident Commissioner, with voice but no vote in either U.S. legislative house.

Puerto Rico's unique relationship with the United States of America has contributed to prosperity while giving Puerto Ricans the ability to determine their own destiny and retain their Hispanic cultural identity.



The Economy

Puerto Rico has had relatively stable and continuous economic growth without the extreme volatility many economies have shown in the last decade. According to the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce and the Puerto Rico Government Planning Board, we can expect to see real GNP growth from 2.5% to 2.7% for Fiscal Year 2003.

Puerto Rico sustains over 2,300 diversified industrial plants – including many leading Fortune 500 multinationals – that produce everything from apparel and computer motherboards to pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Puerto Rico is, in fact, the premier manufacturing center for the pharmaceutical industry. Companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lilly, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Merck Sharpe & Dohme, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Astra-Zeneca, Abbott, Baxter Sales and Distributors, and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, to name a few, have a strong presence on the island.

All of these firms benefit from the island's wealth of facilities, favorable business climate and a well-educated, bilingual workforce that is capable of maintaining demanding high quality standards. The range of industries that have made Puerto Rico part of their burgeoning operations include:

- Biotechnology
- Pharmaceutical
- Medical Instruments
- Electronics & Software Manufacturing
- Telecommunications Systems
- Plastics
- Textiles
- Service

In many ways, locally-owned businesses are the backbone of our economy. They employ more than 10% of total jobholders and 15% of all private-sector workers. What's more, unlike national and international companies that can move anywhere and at anytime, these locally owned businesses, with their roots firmly entrenched in Puerto Rico, are here to stay!

What surprises many people about our Island of Enchantment is the fact that we are home to more than 164 regional offices of Fortune 500 companies. In addition, we boast the most advanced technologically wired business center in the Caribbean. For this reason, we tend to say:

"In the Caribbean, you are either out of touch or you are in Puerto Rico!"

Latin American executives find Puerto Rico especially appealing not only for the fact that we share the Spanish language and heritage, but because our capital city of San Juan is renowned as the financial, transportation, communications and shopping, hub of the Caribbean. Aside from being distinguished as the bridge of the Americas, Puerto Rico is also the airline gateway to many neighboring Caribbean destinations. The Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport handles more than 10 million passengers a year and offers direct-flight access from major U.S. cities. (For more information, please see our section "Accessibility").



Lifestyle

Puerto Rico provides a comfortable lifestyle with all the modern comforts of major international locations. You will find many of the same department stores, upscale boutiques, excellent restaurants, and nightclubs as in the U.S. mainland competing alongside home-grown commercial and service enterprises. Cultural activities abound and include world-class events and performances by renowned stars

Tourism

- An enticing range of golf courses created by top designers such as Greg Norman, Arthur Hill, Gary Player, Rees Jones and Robert Trent Jones. Choose among 16 world-class championship golf courses and over 100 tennis courts.
- Water sports abound in Puerto Rico including deep sea fishing, diving, snorkeling, surfing, windsurfing, parasailing, and of course, swimming
- Professional baseball games featuring Major League stars, including Major League Baseball games during the summer and the local professional league during winter
- Professional boxing – Title boxing matches showcased. Home to such famed boxing champions as Jose “Chegui” Torres, Wilfredo Gómez and Félix “Tito” Trinidad
- Thoroughbred horse racing offered year round at El Comandante Race Track in Canóvanas.

Rounding out the diversity of contrasts, visitors are treated to a myriad of unique sightseeing and cultural activities and:

- A pleasant climate year-round
- Unspoiled natural beauty that boasts azure-colored waters and 272 miles of white sand beaches
- Lush tropical landscape with the only tropical rainforest under the U.S. Forest System
- Convergence of nature and technology with the world’s largest radar/radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory and the third largest underground river system in the world at the Río Camuy Cave Park
- Sophisticated nightlife and entertainment

- And, above all... warm friendly people ready to make your visit the most memorable ever.



Agriculture

- The target today is the export of locally-grown and locally-processed agricultural products, as a major component of economic development.
- About 20% of Puerto Rico's arable land is suitable for commercial agriculture.

Transportation

- The island's moderate size (100 by 35 miles), coupled with its more than 14,000 miles of roads and 250 miles of highways, places travelers at a maximum of two and a half hours from any air or maritime port.

Telecommunications

- Puerto Rico has billions of dollars invested in high-tech communications systems. Its telephone rates are among the lowest in the U.S.- including 25 cents for local calls from public phones.

Postal System

- Puerto Rico forms part of the U.S. Postal Service system with the same low-cost domestic rates between the island and the 50 states. In addition, all major U.S. priority carriers operate in the island.

PUERTO RICO: VITAL STATISTICS

Location	1,000 miles southeast of Miami, Florida, lying to the east of the Dominican Republic & Haiti and to the west of the U.S. Virgin Islands
Population	3.9 million total; 1.3 million in San Juan metropolitan area (1999 Census). Another 2.7 Puerto Ricans reside among their fellow U.S. citizens on the mainland.
Major Cities	San Juan (Capital), Ponce(the second largest city) and Mayagüez
Languages	Spanish and English are both the official languages
Climate	Average Temperature 82° F (28° C)
Time	Atlantic Standard (Eastern Standard + 1 hour), during Daylight Savings. In summer, P.R. is on Eastern Standard Time
Currency	U.S. dollar, with an extensive network of 24 hr automated teller machines (ATM) throughout the island
Electricity	U.S. standards, 120 Volts AC, and 220 volts available
Driving	Same rules as in the U.S. apply. However, distance is marked in kilometers (1.6 km = 1 mile), and gas is sold by the liter (3.5 lit = 1 gallon)
Telephones	Area codes (787, 939) Information 411, Emergency 911, All major U.S. long distance carriers provide service
Mail	U.S. Postal Service, plus major international courier services such as FedEx, UPS and DHL
Main Airport	Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport is among the largest in the world in terms of volume and quality of service, handling more than 10 million passengers per year.
Taxis	Designated Tourist Taxis called "Taxi Turístico" charge flat fares between airport, cruise ships and tourist attractions. Metered taxis also available.
Tourism	4.8 million visitors in 2002
Taxes	The same tax deduction for business meetings in the U.S. applies to programs held in Puerto Rico. Excise tax is not imposed on materials imported for conventions or promotional purposes

Economy

The economy is based on manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, textiles and high technology equipment, tourism, government service, banking and agriculture. Puerto Rico is the largest producer of rum in the world. We are the 10th largest export market for the U.S.

Medical Care

The finest facilities in the Caribbean provide excellent coverage throughout the island. Stateside insurance policies are honored.

People

Warm, friendly and fun loving.



Suggested Convention Program

Expect Participation:	600 – 1000pp
Hotels to accommodate participants:	Near by the Convention Center we have several hotels and for 2011 we expect to have completed the Sheraton Hotel at the Convention Center Grounds.
Possible Congress Venue:	Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino or Puerto Rico Convention Center
Dates:	May 6 – 15, 2011
Average Price for Continental Breakfast: (as is on 2006)	\$12.00 - \$16.00 - US\$ per person
Average Price for Coffee Breaks: (as is on 2006)	\$10.00 - \$15.00 – US \$ per person
Average Price for Lunch: (as is on 2006)	\$28.00 - \$40.00 – US\$ per person
Average Price for Dinner: (as is on 2006)	\$35.00 - \$60.00 – US\$ per person
Average Gratuity in Food and Beverage: (as is on 2006)	17% to 22%

Average Rates for Additional Services

(as is on 2006)

Prefer Tour Options

Off Site Venue	Average Rate Per person in US\$
Camuy Caves	\$45 - \$60
Casa Bacardi	\$22 - \$25
El Yunque Rain Forest	\$30 - \$40
Old San Juan	\$22 - \$35
Ponce City Tour	\$35 and up
Plaza Las Americas Shopping Day	\$16 and up
Technical Tour	Depends the places to visit

WHAT MAKES PUERTO RICO THE IDEAL SITE FOR THE *FIG Working Week 2011*

VERSATILITY

Puerto Rico has it all! From our natural tropical ambiance and historic flavor to an alluring cosmopolitan flare, it is this versatility what makes our island an irresistible destination.

Puerto Rico's reputation and appeal as a premier group and leisure destination is virtually unrivaled in the Caribbean. It's an eclectic combination where the past meets the present:

LAND OF CONTRASTS

- ~ 500-year old fortresses within view of ultra-modern hotels and resorts
- ~ A network of superhighways leading to tropical rainforests
- ~ Dynamic urban centers within easy reach of charming, old-world villages
- ~ A native cuisine based on age-old tradition and a plethora of restaurants featuring the most innovative and cutting-edge fare
- ~ A rich cultural tradition of native arts, dance and music along with contemporary arts and entertainment – Puerto Rico is proud to boast its cultural showcase.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS

The Island offers an extremely dynamic environment motivated by a blend of Spanish, Indian, African and American influences that, because of our unique relationship with the United States, has contributed to prosperity while giving the millions of Puerto Ricans residing on the Island the ability to go and come to and from the United States as needed. We enjoy the privilege of living in the island or in the mainland as U.S. citizens without losing our Hispanic cultural identity.

- ~ 1.6 million Puerto Ricans reside in the San Juan metro area
 - ~ 85% voter participation rate is among the highest in the world
 - ~ 1.4 million of the population make up the active workforce
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EXCELLENT TRANSPORTATION ACCESS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY

Due to its geographical location and solid infrastructure, which includes the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, Puerto Rico is the undisputed transportation hub of the Caribbean; with over 800 domestic and 600 international flights per week from major cities in the U.S., Europe and Latin America. Puerto Rico is close to you in more ways than you can imagine. Flight time is only 2 hours and 30 minutes from Miami, almost 4 hours from Washington, DC or New York City, 4 1/2 hours from Chicago or Dallas, and almost 7 hours from Los Angeles.

Our airports are clean, modern and efficient. The government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is working together with the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, the Puerto Rico Hotel and Tourism Association, the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau and the firm InterVistas (international consultants) to expand our air access services and integrate tourism development and transportation strategies

Air Access to San Juan, Puerto Rico

From:	No. Flights	Airline	Flight Time
USA			
Atlanta	29	Delta	3 hrs. 30 min.
Baltimore	14	American Airlines, US Airways	3 hrs. 40 min.
Boston	29	American Airlines, US Airways	3 hrs. 45 min.
Charlotte	16	US Airways	3 hrs. 31 min.
Chicago	49	American Airlines, ATA, Spirit, United	4 hrs. 40 min.
Cleveland	2	Continental Airlines	4 hrs. 20 min.
Dallas	27	American Airlines	4 hrs. 50 min.
Detroit	1	Northwest	4 hrs. 30 min.
Ft. Lauderdale	42	American Airlines, Spirit	2 hrs. 35 min.
Hartford	7	American Airlines	3 hrs. 40 min.
Houston	8	Continental	4 hrs. 34 min.
Los Angeles	26	American Airlines	6 hrs. 40 min.
Miami	49	American Airlines, ATA	2 hrs. 30 min.
New York	153	American Airlines, Continental, Delta, Jet Blue, Spirit, US Airways	3 hrs. 40 min.
Orlando	67	American Airlines, Spirit, ATA, Delta, Pan American, Transmeridian	2 hrs. 40 min.
Philadelphia	37	American Airlines, US Airways	3 hrs. 40 min.
Pittsburgh	2	US Airways	3 hrs. 50 min.
St. Louis	2	American Airlines	4 hrs. 30 min.
Tampa	10	American Airlines	2 hrs. 50 min.
Washington	25	American Airlines, Spirit, Us Airways, United	3 hrs. 40 min.



DESTINATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMPANION'S PROGRAMS

With the assistance of the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau's more than 500 members we can assist you to coordinate the perfect companion program for your event.

Tropical Dance Instruction

Learn how to dance Salsa, Merengue, Tango, and Chachacha, in a two hour session. Rosita and Mariano (married couple of dancers, singers and actors), along with their dance teachers, will teach you how to dance to these tropical rhythms. 787-720-7676

Puerto Rican Cuisine and Culture

Blanche Gelabert, author of the book "The Spirit of Puerto Rican Rum", will share with you in an informal way her experience with Puerto Rican Cuisine, and at the same time, offer insight into the Puerto Rican culture. This is not your usual speaker; Blanche will involve each of the participants in an interactive experience. 787-722-1468

A Spa Afternoon

Zen Spa, the perfect oasis for balancing body, mind and spirit, with pampering beyond expectation, to make women feel and look their best. Timely, high quality spa treatments, hair salon, sauna, steam room, exercise classes and fitness equipment. Offers facials, body massages, hydrotherapy, body wraps and complete hair services. Attended by courteous and well-trained professionals in a serene and peaceful ambiance. 787-722-8433

Team Building Events

Choose one of four unique team-building events: *The Lost Colony Adventure* is a fantastic way to have fun. Teams are challenged by five tasks that bring out the best in each team member. The *Taino Treasure Trail* is a fun and exciting game where teams search for long lost treasure. Or choose *Applause*, an Olympic themed team game. Spirited and fun, it will satisfy the hunger for competition. Another option is: *Lights... Camera... ACTION! The Reel Thing* is a fun and exciting event, which lets the creative juices flow. Teams will create commercials, coming attractions and feature films...and then view their creations to the delight of entire group. 787-887-7656

Wellness Programs

Ann shay Wellness Associates offer Holistic health educational seminars, workshops and exercise classes. This program helps build a base of core skills for managing stress, making diet and lifestyle changes and enhancing personal development, by targeting the most common physical, mental and emotional ailments facing all human beings. 787-268-3842

Tours

Enjoy sightseeing tours around the metropolitan area and Old San Juan, where you can visit El Morro and San Cristóbal fortresses among others, or travel to the southern part of the Island and enjoy the beauty of places like the Serrallés Castle or "Hacienda Buena Vista" in Ponce. Take a tour at El Yunque Rainforest, the only tropical rainforest of the US National Reserve, the Camuy River Cave Park, the Arecibo Observatory, or visit the several museums located in San Juan. Several options are available for you to explore the natural beauties of Puerto Rico! Ask a Convention Services Representative for tour company referrals.

Where in Old San Juan

Dine around in Old San Juan. Visit some of the many member restaurants located in the Old San Juan area, offering some of the best dining in the Caribbean. See for yourself why Puerto Ricans are known for their hospitality and fine food. Choose from a variety of restaurants, from casual to formal. Ask a Convention Services Representative for referrals.

Shopping

Stop at Plaza Carolina or Plaza Las Américas, the biggest and most complete shopping mall in the Caribbean. Or simply, tour along the streets of Old San Juan as you go on your search for gifts for yourself, your family or friends. 787-768-6514, 787-767-1525.

For more information about this or other services provided by the PRCB, feel free to contact the Destination Services Department at 787-725-2110, fax 787-725-2133.



DESTINATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT THEMED EVENTS

Between its colorful history and architectural wonders, Puerto Rico offers myriad possibilities for unique themed events. Following are ideas for exciting and entertaining events that the PRCB will help you plan and enjoy:

Conquistadores Night

Wander back over 500 years! Conquistadores celebrations can take place in the stunning setting of San Gerónimo Fort, a colonial fortress that juts into the sea. Featuring a buffet or cocktail party, the event also includes mounted Conquistadores dressed in authentic 16th century costumes, as well as a fanfare of trumpets to announce arriving guests.

Special lighting and decorations include Spanish flags, wooden barrels, sandbags and torches, recreating the image of a real garrison guarding the entrance to Old San Juan.

Events scheduled for late afternoon or early evening are best. There is usually a fiery sunset that gives way to the sparkling lights of metropolitan San Juan and the starry tropical sky. San Gerónimo Fort accommodates up to 500 guests. The atmosphere can also be recreated in a hotel's ballroom or pool area.

Pirate Party

Recreate the nights when pirate ships visited the shores of Puerto Rico! Guests are greeted with typical rum drinks, don pirate gear (eye patches, kerchiefs, and gold hoop earrings), brandish their (plastic) sabers, and transform themselves into genuine swashbucklers. Enjoy a bold and exciting evening filled with suspense, complete with Roberto Cofresí (a fabled local buccaneer) and his pirates rushing the shores in their boats. The atmosphere can also be recreated in a hotel's ballroom or pool area.

Carnival Night

Fun! Fun! Fun! Carnival Night includes Brazilian samba music intertwined with authentic Puerto Rican *bomba* and *plena*. Confetti and costumes are provided for guests and colorful decor creates a very festive atmosphere.

Puerto Rican Night

Participate in a Typical Town Patron Saint's Festival! These celebrations include several kiosks, featuring traditional Island food and drinks, including *lechón asado* (pork slowly roasted in a pit). All of this against a backdrop of folkloric music and dance, including the famous *Vejigantes* and *Cabezudos*. A salsa dance contest can take place, and the winners are rewarded with Puerto Rican rum, coffee and candies.

El Yunque Rain Forest

Enjoy the only tropical rain forest within the US National Forest System! This event can be held in the rain forest or at any function room decorated with tropical plants and flowers, exotic centerpieces, and a waterfall. The unique sounds of the rain forest and a quartet playing pre-Columbian music add to the ambiance. The menu features international gourmet fare and native cuisine.

Treasure Hunt

Everybody wins! Groups are divided into teams and given a disposable camera. The teams are then staged from three different locations and staggered, road-rally style, with a printed guide and instructions to photograph certain sights. At the end of the hunt, the cameras are collected and presentation kits are made for each group.

Artist Showcase Party

Everybody participates! Guests test their abilities at hand crafting, while professional artisans show them how to make *Santos* (carved wooden saints), create seashell jewelry, or design carnival masks. Nobody leaves empty handed and the most talented wins an original piece of artwork!

Horseback Safari Party

A leisurely horseback ride takes participants through the countryside and across a river, or through a deserted beach (great for picture taking!). Upon your return trip to the stables along an equally scenic route, the party begins! Enjoy well-deserved piña coladas, Puerto Rican cuisine, and lively entertainment.

Jíbaro Party

Fashioned after the old harvest festivals of the farming community, this event is perfect poolside or at the beach, and includes typical food such as *lechón asado* (pork slowly roasted in a pit), *sancocho* (vegetable and meat stew) and *flan* (custard). Puerto Rican music and dance, such as the classical, waltz-like *danza* or modern salsa keep the party moving.

Beach Olympics

Planners can also coordinate Beach Olympics, raft-building events, and other beach activities, a fun and popular way for corporate groups to work on team building.

Flamenco Rendezvous

In honor of Puerto Rico's Spanish heritage, a Flamenco Rendezvous evening is complete with Gypsy music, *mantillas* (lace veils) and castanets for the women, and a flamenco dance contest for all. This event can be held at any site.

Island Rally

An abbreviated version of the famous European car rallies, this event can last one or several days, with overnight stays at *paradores* (country inns). Participants or groups are provided with a set of maps at the hotel and drive along the Island's panoramic route, with stops at pre-determined points along the way. Prizes are awarded at the closing dinner.

Taíno Night

Held in a venue decorated to resemble the ceremonial and recreational courtyards used by the native Taíno Indians, Taíno Night events include authentic Puerto Rican food and music, arts and crafts displays, games, dances, and serenades around a campfire on the beach.

For more information about this or other services provided by the PRCB, feel free to contact the Destination Services Department at 787-725-2110, fax 787-725-2133.



VISA PROCESS

Puerto Rico is a commonwealth of the United States. U.S. citizens do not need a passport or visa to enter our Island. For non-U.S. citizens, entry requirements are the same as for the U.S. mainland.

The Puerto Rico Convention Bureau serves as facilitators of the corresponding information for the expedition of visas.

In general, the required documents to solicit a visa in the U.S. embassy are the following:

1. Formal invitation to the event from the host organization with the following information:
 - Specific information about the event (description, past history, etc.)
 - Dates
 - Purpose of the event
 - Meeting agenda
 - The invitation must be an original, printed on the host organization's letterhead
2. Proof of economic stability
 - Evidence of housing (evidence of rent or mortgage payment, etc.)
 - Good credit standing (proof of payment for day to day bills such as: rent, water, loans, etc.)
3. Endorsement letters
 - Proof of employment and employer's consent for employee to attend the event.
 - Document that shows that the employee belongs to a social committee or association. A document that demonstrates some kind of social involvement in the solicitant's respective country.

We have experienced that following the above guidelines facilitates the expedition of the visa process. We recommend that you initiate the process no later than 90 days prior to the event.

For additional information please access www.state.gov

FIG WORKING WEEK 2011			PRELIMINARY BUDGET							
Income										
No. of delegates/companions		450/200								
YEAR		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Totals		
Registrations (\$500p/p)					\$50,000	\$175,000		\$255,000		
Exhibitors						\$95,000		\$95,000		
Contributions						\$55,000		\$55,000		
Independent activities						\$10,000		\$10,000		
CIAPR *		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$90,000		
Total Income		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$65,000	\$350,000	\$15,000	\$505,000		
Expenses										
Local Executive Director		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$7,000		
Hotel Expenses							\$65,000	\$65,000		
Local Organizing Committee		\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$15,000	\$27,000		
FIG Executives							\$12,000	\$12,000		
FIG President							\$8,000	\$8,000		
FIG First Inspection					\$18,000			\$18,000		
FIG Second Inspection						\$10,000		\$10,000		
Speakers Gratuities							\$10,000	\$10,000		
Web Page				\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$8,000		
Entertainment							\$10,000	\$10,000		
Social Activities/Site visits/Technical visit/Gala Dinner							\$100,000	\$100,000		
Lunch for Committee Members							\$5,000	\$5,000		
Coffee Breacks/welcome ceremony							\$45,000	\$45,000		
Subsidy for Developing Countries Speakers							\$15,000	\$15,000		
Meeting Rooms Rental							\$25,000	\$25,000		
Hired Services							\$12,000	\$12,000		
Tours for companions						\$2,000	\$5,000	\$7,000		
Audiovisual Equipment						\$5,000	\$25,000	\$30,000		
Promotions/Advertising				\$3,000	\$2,000	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$27,000		
VIP's Expenses							\$12,000	\$12,000		
Transportation							\$10,000	\$10,000		
Professional Services							\$8,000	\$8,000		
Total expenses								\$478,500		
Partial overage								\$26,500		
FIG Foundation Donation								\$6,000		
FIG Share								\$10,200		
FIG Local Share								\$10,250		
* CIAPR Funds will include monies to be raised by the organizing committee, such as continuing education seminars and other activities and direct funding by the Institution.										
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