

MEETING INFORMATION

Mont Pelerin General Meeting 2018

Meeting Venue and Accommodations

Expomeloneras - Gran Canaria

Address:

Plaza de las Convenciones, 35100 Meloneras, Spain

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Website:

www.expomeloneras.com

Registration and Information Desk

The Registration and Information Desk is located on the Crystalarium on the ground floor of the Expomeloneras. The desk will be open at: Sunday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and will remain open during Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday, September 30	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 1 - 5	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dress Code

Dress code for conference sessions is business casual attire.

Dress code for evening programs on Sunday, September 30 and Friday, October 5 is business and cocktail attire.

For Wednesday, October 3 during the tour wear comfortable shoes and lighter clothes for outdoors activities.

Weather

In October the temperature is usually warm with an average temperature of max. 26°C/79°F around 2pm and min. 18°C/64°F during the night. It usually gets cool in the evening, so you may need to wear a sweater or jacket.

- This is one of the best months for swimming in the sea with an average water temperature of 23°C/73°F.
- Anyone sensitive to the sun should wear dark glasses, a hat, and sunblock.
- Wear comfortable shoes.

Name Badges Required for Admission

All participants will receive an identification badge upon registration. Name badges are required at all times for admission to the meeting sessions, lunches, coffee breaks, receptions, and dinners. Otherwise, you may be declined admission. If you lose your name badge, please approach the Registration Desk to get a replacement.

Internet

Wifi is available to all throughout the meeting.

Network name:

Mont Pelerin

Password:

mps2018

Press Policy and Social Media

This event is private and off the record. Taping or recording of the sessions is strictly prohibited. Do not publicize this private event via social media.

Disclaimer

The Organizing and Program Committees reserve the right to change the Meeting Program at any time without prior notice. Please note this program is correct at the time of printing.

Mobile Phones

Delegates are requested to use mobile phones with discretion. Please be sure to turn them to silent mode during all meeting sessions.

Personal Property

Please take good care of your personal belongings. Do not leave them unattended. The Organizers and the Meeting Secretariat will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to your personal property.

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Insurance & Liability

The Organizers and Meeting Secretariat do not accept responsibility for any individual, medical, travel, or personal insurance.

Money

The euro is the accepted currency. You will always require your passport to change money and banks will, without fail, charge a commission.

Most hotels, travel agents, and exchange offices *-cambio-* will also change your money but at a higher rate than the bank. We also suggest that you not change money at the airport since exchange rates are high.

- Using bank ATMs is often the cheapest and safest way of getting euros in Gran Canaria.
- Traveler's checks are often difficult to exchange.
- Most banks open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 14:00. Some banks extend their hours one day in the week.

ATMs

It is safe to use ATMs, you can find them on malls, sidewalks, etc.

Credit Cards

- Visa and Mastercard have wide acceptance at shops, hotels, restaurants, and ATMs throughout Spain. However, many times credit cards are not accepted for amounts less than 10 €.
- Credit and debit card holders may need to present a valid picture ID when purchasing goods with a card, like a driving licence or passport.

Getting Around

Ground transportation during the event from hotels to the conference center venue will be arranged by the forum coordinators if you are staying at Lopesan hotels. However, the conference center is just 5 to 10 minutes walking distance.

To get from the airport to Meloneras you have the following options:

Transfer service: If you are staying in one of the Lopesan hotels (Villa del Conde, Baobab, or Costa Meloneras), you can arrange a transfer service from the hotel you're staying at and the service will be charged to your room.

- Prices are: 48€ for 1 to 3 persons; 60€ for 4 to 6 persons; 76€ for 7 to 10 persons.
- Duration: aprox. 30 min with fluent traffic conditions.
- To arrange the transfer service, you have to send an email to:

Hotel Villa del Conde:

recepción.lvc@lopesan.com

Hotel Costa Meloneras:

costameloneras@lopesan.com

Hotel Baobab:

telefonista.lba@lopesan.com

Taxi: You can catch a taxi at the airport to go to the hotel. Price is usually around 50€, but it will depend on the traffic conditions. There is no flat rate.

Bus: You can take a bus that will bring you very close to the hotels.

- Line 66 Aeropuerto - Faro de Maspalomas: it leaves every hour from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Duration is about 45 minutes. Price is 4,05€.
- Night line 05: you can check time tables at: <https://www.guaguasglobal.com/pdflineas/linea5.pdf>

In both cases you have to stop at the final station (Estación Faro de Maspalomas). Walking distance is approx. 3 min. to Hotel Costa Meloneras, 5 min. to Hotel Baobab, and 10 min. to Hotel Villa del Conde. You can also take a taxi at the bus station to go to your final destination.

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Safety

The island of Gran Canaria is considered to be safe. However, we recommend the usual precautions, such as avoiding walking alone in isolated areas at night or leaving your personal items unattended.

Refreshment Breaks and Lunches

Lunch will be served in the Juan de Mariana Hall.

Coffee and tea service will be available between sessions during the morning and afternoon in the Terraza La Vela.

Breakfast is not provided as part of the Mont Pelerin Society meeting, but several sponsors are providing options for beginning your day with substance and sustenance. You must RSVP separately for the limited spaces at these breakfasts by contacting the hosting organizations as explained at mps2018.es/breakfasts/.

Water and Electricity

Tap water is not suitable for drinking. You will need to buy bottled water.

The electricity voltage is 220-230V. The sockets are for two round pin plugs. If you have anything else, you will have to bring or buy an adapter.

Emergency Numbers and Medical Assistance

In case of emergency dial 112, at no cost to you and available 24 hours a day, and your call will be answered in 5 languages: Spanish, English, German, French, and Italian.

Also, in case you need to report an incident to the police, simply call 902 102 112, and your call will be answered in Spanish, German, English, French, and Italian, between 9:00 and 21:00.

- In case you need a doctor while at the hotel you can ask for one by calling hotel reception at additional cost or you can go to the nearest hospital which is located only 3 min. away.

Accessing MPS 2018 Papers

Papers being presented at MPS 2018 are available via a private section behind the "Papers" navigation tab of the mps2018.es/papers/. Printed copies of papers are also available upon request.

Remember that Chatham House rules govern MPS proceedings, and unpublished papers from MPS 2018 are not to be discussed in public forums.

MPS 2018 Mobile Application

In order to download the application visit Playstore or Appstore and search for MPS 2018.

Providing Feedback & Organizing Ad-Hoc Meetings

The Society plans on sending surveys via email on Saturday, October 6, to all participants. Please look for an email entitled, "Attention: MPS 2018 Post-Meeting Survey" so that you can give feedback and recommendations for future meetings.

Also, we ask you to fill out a simple online survey at the end of each day.

Voting on Corporate Business of the Mont Pelerin Society

The Board of Directors of the MPS request all Members attend the Members Breakfast Meeting on Friday October 5, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., to discuss and vote upon essential corporate business.

Non-members are prohibited from attending this Members Only session.

Speaker Preparation Room

The Speaker Preparation Room is located in the Speakers Lounge on the ground floor of Expomeloneras between Manuel F. Ayau and Giancarlo Ibárgüen Hall.

Speakers are requested to bring any PowerPoint files on USB flash drives or on a laptop 30-35 minutes prior to the presentation.

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Moderators and Discussants

Please ensure you are available in the session you are chairing at least 10 minutes before it begins.

2018 Hayek Essay Contest Winners

There will be a session to honor the 2018 winners of the long-running Hayek Essay Contest. The session will take place on Friday, October 5 and will be moderated by Benjamin Powell (Texas Tech University).

For Information or in Case of Emergency

Staff members will be at *The Mont Pelerin Society Meeting* in Expomeloneras:

Sunday to Saturday
7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

You may call or communicate with our staff via WhatsApp.

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