

Invitation to the 42nd IAMS LIC Conference



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Host Institution: CINVESTAV del IPN Unidad Mérida

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The 42nd IAMS LIC Conference will be hosted by CINVESTAV del IPN Unidad Mérida in Merida, Yucatán, Mexico in October 2016. Yucatán is located in southeastern Mexico, in the northern part of the Yucatán Peninsula. On the north and west it is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, southeast with the state of Quintana Roo and southwest with the state of Campeche.



The capital city of Yucatán is Mérida, the white city, founded in 1542. Today it is the most populous city in Mexico's southeast.

The official language is Spanish, though many speak Maya.

The currency is the peso; 1 peso = approximately US\$17.00 or €20.00 in September 2015.

The weather is tropical, with average temperatures between 77° and 95°F.

The conference venue is the Holiday Inn. There are special rates for conference attendees – between \$40 and \$120 US per night.

Traditional Yucatecan cookery derived from the mixing of Spanish and Maya cultures. It uses strong condiments and corn and turkey predominate.

The host institution for the conference is the Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute (CINVESTAV), founded in 1961 in Mexico City. Its mission is: *To contribute in science and technology and to undertake research that can help to solve problems of national interest.*

The Mérida Unit of CINVESTAV was the first one created in 1980 as part of a decentralization process of science in Mexico. The Unit comprises three departments: Marine Resources, Human Ecology and Applied Physics. The institution's library dates back to the creation of the Unit (1980). In 2011, it was named "Luis R.A. Capurro Filograsso." Its holdings reflect the work of the Unit. The collection consists of over 10,000 items in print, mainly books, theses and journals. The electronic collection comprises journal subscriptions, databases and connections with nine national institutions in a consortium. The OPAC access is <http://biblioteca.cinvestav.mx>.



Yucatán, land of the Mayan culture, has many fabulous places such as:

- Archaeological Sites are the legacy of one of the greatest civilizations of the world, the Mayans.
- Magical Town and the Convent Route.
- Cenotes. The impact of a meteorite 65 million years ago created a vast network of underground caves known today as cenotes or sinkholes.
- Natural Reserves.
- Beaches .



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