



# ANTARCTIC SCIENCE: CROSSROADS FOR A NEW HOPE

**We are pleased to announce that 'The 11th SCAR Open Science Conference will take place in Pucón, Chile from 19-23 August 2024, hosted by the Chilean Antarctic Institute.**

The 11th Scar Open Science Conference theme, “Antarctic Science: Crossroads for a New Hope,” recognizes the importance of Antarctica as a unique and fragile ecosystem. With increasing concerns about climate change and its impact on the polar regions, this theme aims to highlight the significance of Antarctic research in shaping our understanding of global environmental challenges. By fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange, the Scar Open Science conference hopes to inspire new solutions and a renewed sense of hope for the future of our planet.

The SCAR Open Science Conference will include a full program of meetings, symposia, side events, and poster sessions. Also, social events will be developed, including the “Day of the Antarctic Culture” open to the public. The Conference promises to be an exciting gathering of experts, scholars, and professionals worldwide, providing a unique platform for exchanging knowledge and ideas.

The Local Committee's dedication to inclusion, diversity, and equality is evident in their efforts to ensure that the Open Science Conference is a welcoming and accessible event for all attendees. They actively seek out diverse perspectives and voices in their selection of speakers and panelists and strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and heard. By prioritizing these principles, the Local Committee fosters a culture of openness and collaboration within the scientific community.



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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are pleased to announce that the abstract submission period for the 11th SCAR Open Science Conference is now open. Abstracts can be submitted electronically via the conference website, [www.scar2024](http://www.scar2024).

For the first stage, abstract submission is free of charge. For the second stage, SCAR-OSC registration (which involves payment of registration fees), the platform will be available during the spring. Before submitting your abstract, take a look at the list of 50 parallel sessions to find the most suitable one. The parallel sessions cover a wide range of topics from the Physical Sciences, Geosciences, Life Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as interdisciplinary topics. The deadline for abstract submission is Monday 4 March 2024.



- ▶ **19 Jan 2024:** Call for abstracts opens
- ▶ **Spring 2024:** Early bird registration opens
- ▶ **4 Mar 2024:** Call for abstracts closes
  
- ▶ **17, 18, 21, 24 & 25 August 2024:**  
Business Meetings in Pucón
- ▶ **19-23 August 2024:**  
Open Science Conference in Pucón
- ▶ **26-28 August 2024:**  
Delegate's Meeting in Punta Arenas

## VISITING PUCÓN

**Pucón, a picturesque city located in southern Chile, is the perfect host for the Open Science Conference. With its stunning natural landscapes, including the iconic Villarrica volcano and the crystal-clear waters of Lake Villarrica, Pucón offers conference attendees a unique and inspiring setting.**

The city's vibrant cultural scene, with its art galleries, museums, and local crafts, also enriches the conference experience. During August, the weather in Pucón is generally mild and pleasant. The average temperature ranges from 10 to 15 degrees Celsius, making it a great time to explore the outdoors. However, it is important to note that rainfall is more frequent during this time, so it is advisable to pack a raincoat or umbrella when visiting Pucón in August.

Pucón offers a variety of accommodation options to suit every traveler's needs. From luxurious resorts with stunning lake views to cozy bed and breakfasts nestled in the heart of the town, there is something for everyone. Whether you prefer a rustic cabin in the woods or a modern hotel with all the amenities, Pucón has it all.

To get to Pucón, Chile, you can:

Fly into the nearest airport, which is the Temuco Airport (ZCO), located about 90 km from Pucón. This airport offers domestic flights from Santiago and other major cities in Chile.

Also, you can take a bus from Santiago, the capital of Chile. The journey takes around 12 hours, and there are several bus companies that offer this service.

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visitors from most countries must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining to enter Chile. Additionally, a tourist visa is typically granted upon arrival and allows for a stay of up to 90 days. However, it is important to check the specific visa requirements for your country of citizenship before traveling to Chile. [Please check the Chilean Department of National Migration Service website to check your Visa requirements: https://serviciomigraciones.cl/en/home](https://serviciomigraciones.cl/en/home)



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUES

The Gran Hotel Enjoy of Pucón will be the primary venue for the Open Science Conference, nestled in the heart of the picturesque town.

The Universidad de La Frontera – UFRO – will be the second venue in Pucón next to the Enjoy Hotel. With its modern infrastructure, academic prestige, and commitment to fostering intellectual exchange, UFRO offers an ideal setting for conferences of varying scales, providing participants with a rich and conducive environment for collaboration and learning.



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**All information is also available from  
the conference website:**

[www.scar2024.org](http://www.scar2024.org)

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