

**Founding General Assembly of the
International Science Council (ISC)**

**3-5 July 2018, la Maison des Océans,
Paris, France**



The **Founding General Assembly** of the **International Science Council (ISC)**, following the merger of ICSU and ISSC, will take place on **3- 5 July 2018 in Paris, France**. The event is hosted by the ISC Member Organisation in France, [the Academy of Sciences of France](#).

The 3rd of July will be devoted to the Members' Fora. The official opening of the General Assembly will take place in the morning of the 4th of July. The day will be dedicated to the election of the first Governing Board and discussions about the first steps for the new organisation. On the 5th of July the Inaugural scientific event of ISC will be held, with eminent guests and speakers.

Venue

The General Assembly will be held at

La Maison des Océans
(Institut océanographique)

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Website: <http://institut-ocean.org/rubriques.php?lang=en&article=1353578542&pg=1&categ=1352975629&sscategorie=1352976781>

Registration

Online registration will be available on a dedicated website shortly, and information will be posted on the ISSC and ICSU websites.

All persons wishing to participate in the General Assembly (regardless of whether they need a hotel room or not) **must** register online in order to be included in the List of Participants.

Meetings and Events

2 July	ICSU and ISSC Executives meeting (closed meeting) Venue: ISC office (former ICSU office)
3 July	Member Unions & Associations' Forum and Member Organisations' Forum Venue: Maison des Océans
4 July	ISC General Assembly Venue: Maison des Océans
	Cocktail dinner and Concert Venue: Institut de France
5 July	Inaugural scientific event Venue: Maison des Océans
	Cocktail dinner Venue: Gallery of Evolution, Natural History Museum
6 July	ISC Governing Board meeting (closed meeting) Venue: ISC office (former ICSU office)

Documentation

Documents pertaining to the General Assembly will be distributed electronically in advance of the meeting, and will be available on the ICSU and ISSC websites. Participants are expected to bring documents with them. **No hard copies will be available at the meeting.**

Hotels

A selection of hotels with special rates have been pre-blocked for participants attending the General Assembly and will be available through the online registration. Participants are requested to download the hotel form which they should complete and email or fax directly to the hotel to secure accommodation.

You are advised to book your accommodation as soon as possible as July is a busy month for tourists in Paris. For further information on accommodation, please click on the following link: <https://en.parisinfo.com/where-to-sleep-in-paris> or go through the "official channel" via the online registration form.

Meals

Lunch & Coffee breaks: The Academy of Sciences is generously providing lunch and coffee breaks on 3, 4 and 5 July for participants.

Evening:

- A **cocktail and concert** will be organised by the Academy of Sciences on **4 July** under the dome of the Institut de France.
- A **cocktail dinner** will be organised on **5 July** at the Grande Galerie de l'Evolution of the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle.

Accompanying persons are welcome to attend the evening functions.

Visas

Delegates will need to check if they require visas and if so to arrange to obtain them in good time. For details: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa>

Please indicate on the registration form if you need a visa, in order to obtain a visa invitation letter.

Useful local information:

Tourism: For tourist information, check the official tourist office website: <https://www.parisinfo.com/>

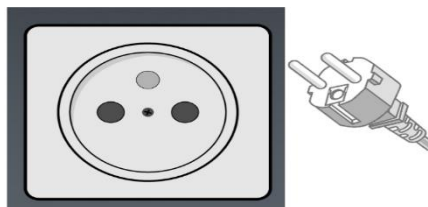
Weather in July: mostly dry, sunny and warm. The average temperature for this time of year is 20°C. Daily high temperature: 23°C to 25°C Daily low temperature: 14°C. July heatwaves are possible, with temperatures reaching 37°C.

Currency

The local currency is the Euro (1 EUR=1,24 USD)

Electricity

Power sockets are of type E. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Please check if you need a power plug adapter and/or a voltage converter.



Wireless Connection

There will be internet access in the conference centre and meeting room. Information on wireless connection in the hotels will be given at the hotels.

Mobile Phones

Check with your phone company before leaving home about international mobile roaming facilities available in the host country.

Travel and Public Transportation

Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to Paris.

Airports: Paris has two main airports about 1 hour from the city and connected by a regular bus service, railway and taxis. Taxis from Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport into the centre of Paris will range from Euro 50-55, and from Orly airport from Euro 30-35.

Information on how to get to Paris from the Charles de Gaulle airport:

<http://www.parisaeroport.fr/en/passengers/access/paris-charles-de-gaulle>

From Orly airport:

<http://www.parisaeroport.fr/en/passengers/access/paris-orly>

Public transportation in Paris is very convenient and is recommended. For maps, itineraries and schedules, visit the public transportation official website: <https://www.ratp.fr/en>

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