

3rd AAC Register now!

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The 3rd IAESTE Annual Alumni Conference (AAC) takes place in Quito, Ecuador from 17-20 January 2014 and it promises to be a once in a lifetime experience! What better way to spend some usually chilly winter days (chilly at least for some!) than to join IAESTE alumni from around the globe for a fun, informative and useful conference in beautiful sunny Ecuador!

The Fun

As those that attended the first two conferences will know, there is a large element of fun and excitement at an IAESTE alumni conference. This is in no small part due to it taking place at the same time as the IAESTE Exchange Conference (AC). This means that not only do you get to meet and make new friends with fellow alumni conference participants, but you also get to spend time with over 200 participants from around the IAESTE.

The conference sessions and workshops take place in the same hotel as the AC and we join AC participants for the amazing evening events. On the Friday night you will join the Housewarming Party, a first chance to meet each other and be welcomed to the conference.

On Saturday evening is the famous IAESTE International Party where you can sample the food, drink and hospitality from around 70 countries! Anyone that has ever been to an IAESTE International Party knows that it is an experience you will never forget!



On Sunday evening we once again join AC participants for the Traditional Dinner. If it's anywhere near as good as the Traditional Dinner at the 2nd AAC in Belfast then you're in for a real treat!

As if that wasn't enough, for those of you that want to stay a little longer in Ecuador (and it is a long way to go, so you might as well!) you can spend some days in Quito and then join the official post-conference tour. A not to be missed chance to visit the Galápagos Islands or the Amazonian Rain Forest. Wow!



The Informative

Of course, the AAC is not only about having fun (although it's worth attending for that alone!) but we also want you to take away something more from it. The conference programme includes sessions and workshops that enable you to share your professional experience and get involved in IAESTE, whether on a national or international level. We value your experience and want you to help us meet today's challenges.



The Useful

Of course, we know that with your skills and experience you can help us, but we also hope to help you during the AAC. Last year we held a professional development session on conflict resolution, delivered by an IAESTE alumnus that all the participants found a very rewarding session. We will be doing something similar in Quito, with a view to you being able to take something useful away with you from the conference.

Attending the AAC is also an incredible way of making new contacts. The opportunity to meet and talk to AAC participants and hundreds of AC participants from around the world, gives you the chance to form new relationships that might help you in your career and expand your professional network.

Hopefully this is more than enough to convince you to take up this wonderful opportunity, but more details (including costs) can be found on the [AAC website](#) and you can of course email alumni@iaeste.org with any questions. Reports from the first two AACs can be found in these issues of Friends magazine [here](#) and [here](#).

Hope to see you in Quito!
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