

Facts and Figures about the Dominican Republic:



Currency: Dominican Peso (DOP). Lucy Silfa or her staff will help you exchange money.

Languages: Spanish is the official language, but English is widely spoken.

Climate: Maritime Tropical with average temperatures of 68-86 F. Be sure to bring some tanning lotion and a beach robe since you'll be closer to the equator.

Health: If you use medications, please bring them in their original containers.

Passports & Customs: Required for entry: Original Birth Certificate or valid passports. You must purchase an entry card (\$10) from American Airlines or upon arrival in the Republic. You also must pay a \$10 departure tax. One is allowed to bring in to the Dominican Republic one litre of alcohol, 200 cigarettes and gift articles with a value of no more than \$100 USD.

Dress: Casual, but participants should bring business attire with them for Friday's opening session as well as Saturday's banquet. When visiting churches, long sleeves should be worn. Remember to pack comfortable walking shoes!

Suggested Airline: AMERICAN AIRLINES has the most flights in & out. Because we are flying outside the Continental US, we cannot get any group fare discounts, but if at least 50 of us use AMERICAN then the Council will get one free flight. This will help keep the Council's cost down. Our Identification "Star Number" for this is SO562N4. Call AMERICAN toll free at 1-800-433-7300. Thank you.

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1992 - A Visit to Quisqueya



Quisqueya
Is the Taino Indian
name of the Dominican Republic.
It means "the mother of all lands."

You are invited...

to attend the 1992 North American Georgist Conference, hosted by *Escuela de Ciencias Sociales Henry George*, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Wednesday, June 17 through Monday, June 22, 1992.

This year's conference will be held at the sister hotels of Santo Domingo & Hispaniola which are located on beautiful Independence Avenue in Santo Domingo. This is the 12th annual conference of the Council of Georgist Organizations, which advocates the political economy of Henry George (1839-1897).

George's classic work, *Progress and Poverty*, launched an international movement "To abolish all taxation save that upon land values." The *Single Tax* was advocated as the way to liberate production from taxation, the earth from monopoly, and humanity from poverty*. This work is continued around the world by the members and affiliates of the Council of Georgist Organizations.



**Liberar de impuestos a la producción,
a la tierra de los monopolios y a la huminidad
de la pobreza.*

IVT: Impuesto al Valor de la Tierra

Facts About Our Conference Site:

Sleeping Rooms: Hotel Hispaniola. Each room has US cable tv, am/fm radio, writing desk, refrigerator/bar, private terrace, air conditioning and telephones. The hotel has two restaurants, bar, disco, casino, and a swimming pool. The staff is multilingual.

Conference Center: Hotel Santo Domingo, across the street. The hotel is handicapped-accessible. The hotel has three restaurants. Its recreation facilities include: pool, three lighted tennis courts, golf, massage and sauna. There are baby sitting, business, laundry and car rental facilities available. It also has several shops, including a gift store. The staff is multilingual. In other words, both hotels are five-star locations!

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch are buffet style with a mixture of American & Dominican cuisine. Dinners: see Program.

The Program:

Wednesday, June 17:

11 am-6 pm - Registration

7 pm - Reception at the City Hall of Santo Domingo
Welcome by Mr. Hector Quaily, Board Member, HGS-Dominican Republic

Thursday, June 18:

Morning: **Orientation** on the History of the Dominican Republic (1492-1992) by Dr. Fernando Perez Memen

Common Ground USA Meeting
Henry George Foundation of America Meeting

Afternoon: **Field Trip** Around the Historical Monuments of Santo Domingo (or free time)

Evening: **Dinner** at Hotel

Toastmaster Table Topics by Don Hurford
Economic Reform in Russia by Ben Sevack

Friday, June 19:

Morning: **Greetings** by Mrs. Lucy Silfa, Director, HGS of the Dominican Republic. **Keynote Speaker:** Engineer Pedro Breton, General Administrator of the Agricultural Bank. **Opening Remarks** by Richard Noyes, CGO Chairman. **Discussion on Global Economics** with special attention to Developing Countries

Important Information

Registration Fee: \$50

Conference package: \$165 includes all meals, speakers, and special events

Hotel: \$50 double occupancy room per night

We must have your full payment by June 3, 1992!!!

Information: Tel. 708-475-0391 Fax 708-475-3776

Friday, June 19, (continued)

Afternoon - **Tour of the Presidential Palace.** Meeting with the Economics Advisor to the President of the Dominican Republic

Evening: **B.B.Q. Dinner** (Dominican style)
at Arryo Hondo Social Club

Saturday, June 20:

Morning: **Panel on Free Trade** proposal between the USA, Mexico & Canada (Guest speakers from the Embassies will address the panels)

Council of Georgist Organizations Business Meeting

Lunch Speaker: **Dr. Jack Schwartzman** -
A Georgist Appraisal of Christopher Columbus

Afternoon: **Panel on Tax Reform in the Dominican Republic** with government officials

Panel Discussion of the Purposes & Objectives of HGS
(at Autonomous University of Santo Domingo).

Evening: **Gala Banquet** at the Hotel

Sunday, June 21:

Morning: **Ecumenical Service** by Ian Rathie

Liberation Theology for a Post-Marxist World by Prof. James M. Dawsey, author (with Prof. Robert Andelson) of *From Wasteland to Promised Land*

Afternoon: **Open Mike** (everyone can participate)

Dinner - On your own (on the town!)

Monday, June 22:

7:00 am-8:30 am - Breakfast

Noon - Check-out & Farewells