

# NEWSLETTER #3

## Shuttle Services

The organization will provide shuttles from hotels to the venue.

**Only participants with RoboCup 2014 badges can use the shuttles.** The organization will also sell SHUTTLE ONLY Badges for parents and companions of competitors in order to let them use the shuttle during the days of the event as well. This badge can be bought in the RoboCup Registration desks at the venue from July 19<sup>th</sup> for RS 100.00.

**Only registered participants can buy SHUTTLE ONLY badges by providing the names that will be stamped in the badges.**

On the first days of the event (July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>), the Shuttles will be circular. To use the shuttle on these days, you must show the receipt of your registration or your badge. From July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup> the badge will be mandatory for all.

The routes of the shuttle will be published in the website one week before the event.

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## Customs

When you arrive in Brazil you will be demanded to go to Customs. It is important to keep some documents and receipts at hand for this procedure:

- RoboCup 2014 Receipt
- The Invitation Letter distributed to all participants
- Your valid Passport (with a valid VISA for countries that demanded VISA)
- E-ticket or another document of your flight back
- A copy of the address and/or receipt of your hotel reservation
- You may bring a stamped letter declaring that the robots and equipments in your carry-on luggage belong to your institution / university.

**ARE YOU BRINGING ROBOTS AND EQUIPMENTS WITH YOU ?**

Of course you do. And you need to know some important points and guidelines regarding the Customs for your accompanied luggage.

Brazil does not have ATA CARNET available yet. However, Brazil has simplified the customs procedure for goods of non-residents that are travelling to the country.

If every-thing you are bringing will return with you after the event, they will be considered as temporary importation. Which means that there is no tax for them and no limit. However, if the sum of the current values of your goods (robots, laptop, camera, phone, equipments and others – except clothes, garments, personal hygienic items and personal objects) exceeds USD 3000.00 you must declare all of them by listing each item in a form called DBV. This declaration can be done prior of your departure to Brazil by an online form or you can bring it in a paperform (2 copies) and it will be used also for your departure. The link to the online form is <https://www.edbv.receita.fazenda.gov.br/>

You must consider the current values of your goods which is usually much lower than the original value and depends on the age and usage of the item

If your equipments and goods do not exceed an aggregate value of USD 3000.00, you do not need to declare them, except some exceptional cases like:

- Money in cash of 10 thousand Reais or more (BRL)
- Animals, food, seeds, arms and others
- Goods that will remain in Brazil and exceed 10 units or USD 500.00

Please, go to RoboCup website for more information: [http://www.robocup2014.org/?page\\_id=3029](http://www.robocup2014.org/?page_id=3029) for the DBV form and for detailed instructions on Customs.

## Event Schedule

MAJOR LEAGUES							
	Saturday July 19th	Sunday July 20th	Monday July 21st	Tuesday July 22nd	Wednesday July 23rd	Thursday July 24th	Friday July 25th
07:00 - 08:00	closed	Major Teams setup					closed
08:00 - 09:00	closed	Major Teams setup					check-in
09:00 - 10:00	Major teams registration and setup	Major teams registration and setup	Major Competitions	Major Competitions	Major Competitions	Major Finals	RoboCup Symposium
10:00 - 11:00							
11:00 - 12:00		Opening Ceremony					
12:00 - 13:00							
13:00 - 14:00							
14:00 - 15:00							
15:00 - 16:00							
16:00 - 17:00	Major Teams setup	Major Awards Ceremony					
17:00 - 18:00							
18:00 - 19:00	Major Teams setup	Major Banquet					
19:00 - 20:00							
20:00 - 21:00	Major Teams Setup	Major Banquet					
21:00 - 22:00							
22:00 - 23:00	Major Teams Setup	Major Banquet	closed				

  

JUNIOR LEAGUES							
	Saturday July 19th	Sunday July 20th	Monday July 21st	Tuesday July 22nd	Wednesday July 23rd	Thursday July 24th	Friday July 25th
07:00 - 08:00	closed	closed	Junior Teams Setup				closed
08:00 - 09:00	closed	closed	Junior Teams Setup				check-in
09:00 - 10:00	closed	Junior teams registration and setup	Junior Competitions	Junior Competitions	Junior Competitions	Junior Finals	Workshop on Educational Robotics
10:00 - 11:00							
11:00 - 12:00		Opening Ceremony					
12:00 - 13:00							
13:00 - 14:00							
14:00 - 15:00							
15:00 - 16:00		Junior Teams Setup					
16:00 - 17:00							
17:00 - 18:00	Junior Teams Setup	Junior Awards Ceremony					
18:00 - 19:00							
19:00 - 20:00	Junior Teams Setup	Junior Party					
20:00 - 21:00							
21:00 - 22:00	closed	Junior Teams Setup					
22:00 - 23:00							
22:00 - 23:00	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	

## Safety Tips

Joao Pessoa is a beautiful, quiet and pleasant city that invites you to walk along the seaside and to spend your time comfortably on the beach. There are plenty of restaurants, shops and other amenities nearby. Just be aware, while relaxing, not to offer yourself as an easy target for pickpockets or other robbers. There is a special police force for the tourists in these areas, but it is useful to observe the following tips:

- In public places, do not leave your luggage, handbags or computers unattended.
- "Dress down" when in public and avoid carrying valuables or wearing expensive objects. Dark and empty places and streets should be avoided.
- Take care when going to ATMs to withdraw money. Prefer those ATM's located in shopping centers, banks or hotels.
- Do not carry your passport around. You should carry a copy of your passport while in public and keep your real passport in the hotel or in a secure place.

Joao Pessoa is quite safe on the beach area. We do not recommend walking away from the beach coast, especially at night. If you intend to go to a specific place, we recommend taking a cab from your hotel. If you want to visit any touristic place in Paraiba or travel to other Brazilian states, please contact **LUCK VIAGENS**, RoboCup 2014 official travel agency.

## Brazilian Cultural Tips

If you intend to rent a car, it is important to know that **the use of seat belts is mandatory in Brazil** for everyone in the car. Pay attention to the many speed barriers around to avoid fines.

When in crosswalks, **stretch your arm for the cars to stop** but make sure they will. Local drivers usually will stop for you, but there are tourists who may not do it. **Observe the bicycle lanes along the coast.** Don't cross them without looking at both directions.

Brazil is a tropical country with medium to high temperatures, **with a great abundance of treated water.** Enjoy the experience of having a refreshing daily bath on a tropical weather.

**Tap water** is safe and purified for hand washing and to brush your teeth. However, **it is not proper for drinking.**

Do not expect that most of Brazilians, mainly older people, will understand or speak English. However, they are very friendly and willingly to help. **Hospitality is a great virtue for Brazilian people.** It would be interesting, if you have a chance, to practice some important words and sentences in Portuguese.

**You can tip most services if you wish.** In restaurants, for example, the bills usually have a **10% service tip** included that you are **not obliged to pay.** If you desire to tip someone, you can use 10% as a good orientation. Remember there is no VAT.

## Weather

Although you will love the weather in Joao Pessoa and the reflection of sunrays in the ocean along the paradisiac beach, the sun can be your most prominent enemy during your stay. **To protect yourself from excessive sun exposure, you should wear sunglasses, sun hat and apply sunscreen with SPF15 or higher, with both UVA and UVB protection.** Remember to bring your favorite sunscreen with you or buy it in Brazil upon your arrival. Sunscreen is sold in some hotels and in all supermarkets and drugstores.

In July the weather is hot but also rainy. Although the rain is refreshing for a hot day, **do not forget to bring your umbrella.**

## Voltage & Electrical plugs

João Pessoa is a **220V@60Hz** city, and also the electrical structure in RoboCup 2014. **Please, make sure that your electrical equipments can fit these electrical specifications.**

Each table in the event will have one electrical outlet. Please, **make sure to bring your own extension** in order to visit any touristic place in Paraiba or travel to other Brazilian states.

Brazil adopted its own electrical plug that is different from plugs in Europe, USA or Asia. The Electrical outlet that will be used in the event is depicted below. **This model has a limit of 10A and accepts EUROPLUGS.**

The specification of electrical outlets in RoboCup 2014 will fully attend NBR 14136 (more details on: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEC\\_60906-1](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEC_60906-1)). Please, **make sure you bring adapters for your country standard.**

THE ELECTRICAL PLUG IN ROBOCUP 2014

## Risk & damages and photograph & video release forms

On the RoboCup 2014 website you can find an **important document** regarding (1) a notice on the risk of bodily or personal injury and/or property loss or damage and (2) a photograph and videotape release form. **These documents should be signed by all major and junior participants before the event and to bring the signed documents while registering.**

To avoid delays in the registration process we kindly ask you to **print and sign both documents before the event and to bring the signed documents while registering.**

If you have booked your hotel with our travel agency, you can collect your badges on the hotel. However, they will not be available if you do not hand us the signed forms at this time.

Note: Participants that are under 18 years old should have both documents signed by a parent or guardian.

**You can download the form from the RoboCup 2014 website in Notice to participants**

## What's new ?

RoboCup 2014 will have some good stuffs for RoboCuppers.

In order to reduce the line for registration in the first days of the event, participants that booked their rooms with LUCK Agency will have a chance to retrieve their badges in some hotels one day before the event starts (July 18th for major and July 19th for Junior). After these days, the badges will can only be retrieved in the registration desk located in the Convention Center. Do not forget to bring the documents of **Risk & damages and photograph & video release forms** of all members. Participants and teams that will have their badges available in some hotels will be notified by email.

A new scoring system totally integrated with the event website. Anyone, in the world, can notice the results in real time.

And many more surprises to come...

There's an app for RoboCup 2014

Get it for FREE!

## Contact

For questions regarding RoboCup 2014, please contact one of the mail addresses below.

- General: [info@robocup2014.org](mailto:info@robocup2014.org)
- Chairs: [chairs@robocup2014.org](mailto:chairs@robocup2014.org)

Competitions: please, refer to your league direct email on

[http://www.robocup2014.org/?page\\_id=240](http://www.robocup2014.org/?page_id=240)

*Looking forward to seeing you in Brazil!*

*On behalf of the RoboCup 2014 organization.*

*Best regards,*

*Alexandre Simões*  
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*(General Chairs RoboCup 2014)*

*Carmen Faria*  
*(RoboCup Junior 2014 LOC Chair)*

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*(RoboCup 2014 Symposium co-chair)*

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