

SAGE World Cup (August 9-12, 2009)

2009 SAGE World Cup – BRAZIL!



The Seventh SAGE World Cup will be in August 9-12, 2009 in Brasilia, Brazil. We will more provide details as soon as we get them. For now, consider the following email from SAGE Latin America Coordinator, Mr. Magdiel Unglaub:

Dear SAGE friends around the World.

It is with great pleasure I have the privilege to announce the hosting city for the SAGE World Cup 2009 to be taken place in BRASILIA Capital city of BRAZIL !!!

We will be able to offer all of you a little piece of our friendship, a little taste of our food and best of all a little dance Brazilian style. We all will have the opportunity to share our SAGE projects to a great panel of judges that are truly international since we invited more than 100 representatives from Embassies in Brasilia. Our goal is that after these judges "SEE" SAGE live, they will have an idea of what SAGE is all about. Afterwards, they will be able to get in touch with their countries to establish SAGE. Our goal is to use this opportunity to grow the number of SAGE teams around the world and give more students the opportunity that we have to know SAGE. I really believe SAGE can create a big impact in the lives of many young people around the globe.

I also have the privilege to present you Ms Tania Lewandowski as the 2009 SAGE World Cup Managing Director. Her e-mail is sage.wc2009@yahoo.com.br so you can all say hi to her. From now on all your questions about SAGE World Cup should be directed to her. She will be living in Brazil for the next 5 months preparing the SAGE event in Brazil. She comes from Nebraska and is a personal friend for the last 12 years. She was working for Hyatt Hotels and Resorts in the USA and gave up her job to dedicate to SAGE mission, vision and goals.

For now, I can tell you we will be working very hard to give you the best experience ever for a SAGE World cup event. We are ready to offer you first class service in a wonderful hotel. We are creating a mix of events to entertain you and make you feel good, safe and comfortable while you enjoy your stay in Brazil.

You will have to fly to Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro as the main gateway cities and then fly to Brasilia on a direct flight. From Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro to Brasilia is about 1 hour and a half minutes flight time. As you plan your flights please keep us posted and we will provide you with further details. You should plan to arrive in Brasilia by August 09 and rooms will be available from 12 noon on. Please plan to leave Brasilia on August 12 as your check out will be at 12 noon. SAGE Brazil is offering you 3 nights in a hotel room.

If you plan to arrive in Brasilia earlier, we can assist you in setting up your hotel accommodations, at your personal expense. You are welcome to stay beyond August 12th, at your personal expense. We will provide a good package of tourism in Brazil with special deals for SAGE World Cup participants upon demand and interest. For each delegation, SAGE Brazil is offering up to 4 rooms for each of the 3 nights (one for Country Coordinator and spouse) and 3 rooms for Professor and students. Each room accommodates two people (total per country delegation up to 8 people) We will be expecting a total of 20 competing countries and up to 200 people with observing and non competing SAGE Teams. Our plans are to have 40 countries represented with either a SAGE team or representatives observing to support SAGE.

Please let me know if you have any questions and feel free to contact us at any time,

Sincerely,

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Note: SAGE teams throughout the world have been making verbal presentations in English. While it is important that all written material, like annual reports and PowerPoint presentations, be in well-written, proofread English, it is equally important that a team *not* speak in English if English is a second language to the team members and the judges, most of whom speak American English or another variation of English, are likely to have a difficult time understanding. It is much better for a team to speak in its own language, with its team interpreter translating into American English. Also, a team should speak slowly, referring to the judging criteria and pointing to the annual report and/or a PowerPoint presentation for details as to how well the judging criteria have been met. A team is likely to score *better* in competition by taking the advice above.

One additional note: Two SAGE teams from each country will be invited to Brazil. The second place teams will compete for the right to participate in the final round, where all first-place teams will be assigned to a tournament bracket.