

## FIRST CIRCULAR

### INVITATION

The Argentine Geological Association (AGA) is pleased to invite the geological community to participate in the "XXII Argentine Geological Congress", which will take place in the City of San Luis, November 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The event It will be based at the facilities of the National University of San Luis, located at Av. Ejército de los Andes 950.

In 1981, the City of San Luis hosted the VIII Argentine Geological Congress, since then, the contributions in research have been outstanding in different fields of the scientific environment.

The province of San Luis is mentioned as the gateway to the Nuevo Cuyo region, with the city of San Luis as the capital of the province, known for its Spanish colonial architecture, which is reflected in many of its buildings and historic squares. It also has many parks and green spaces, which makes it an attractive place for lovers of nature and outdoor sports.

The province stands out for showing a strategic location in the Argentine territory, connecting the central region of the country with the Andean regions of the west and the Patagonian regions of the south, which transforms it into an important transit area for land transport, with numerous routes and highways that cross it, highlighting mainly the bi-oceanic corridor of National Route 7 (RNN° 7).

The climate of San Luis is temperate and dry, with a great diversity of natural environments, where we can highlight mountain areas and large plains, which in turn allows the development of various ecosystems. The region has important national parks and nature reserves such as the Sierra de las Quijadas National Park and the La Florida Provincial Reserve, which are popular tourist destinations due to their natural beauty.

The geology of San Luis is extremely diverse, with a wide variety of rocks and geological formations that are the result of tectonic and volcanic activity that has taken place in the region for millions of years. In the mountainous areas, igneous and metamorphic rocks can be found, while in the flatter areas various sequences of sedimentary rocks are developed.

The infrastructure works and road networks allow to improve the connectivity and accessibility within the province and with other regions of the country. It should be noted that the province of San Luis has free

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internet access points in different public spaces, such as squares, parks, museums, and libraries. These internet access points allow the inhabitants of the province and the tourists who visit it to be able to connect to the service for free from their mobile devices, generating a positive impact and promoting access to information and education, as well as allowing new opportunities for economic development.

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