



**IOOS Program Office and Regional Association Fall Meeting**  
September 25 – 27, 2017  
Rincon, Puerto Rico

Hosted by IOOS Association and CariCOOS

Meeting website: <http://www.ioosassociation.org/fallmeeting2017>

**Hotel and Meeting**

Rincon Beach Resort  
Road 115 Km 5.8, Anasco, 00610, Puerto Rico  
Website: <http://www.rinconbeach.com/>

**Room Block – Deadline August 18**

Please call Cristina Regis (Sales Coordinator) at 787-589-9026 or email [S.coordinator@rinconbeach.com](mailto:S.coordinator@rinconbeach.com) and reference “**IOOS Association – UPRM**” to **reserve your room at the discounted rate at ~ \$148.00 per night** (includes \$120 rate, 13% Resort Fee, 9% Government Tax and \$2 Daily Maid Tip). Room block closes **August 18**. Room rate includes: Wi-Fi, parking, and 2 bottles of water and coffee daily.

**Register**

[Click here to register.](#)

**Getting There**

**Puerto Rico: San Juan International Airport (SJU)**

The most commonly used airport in Puerto Rico is in San Juan's International Airport (airport code SJU).

**Rincon (meeting location):**

You can either drive from San Juan to Rincon (~ 2.5 hour drive) or you can take a commuter plane to Mayaguez airport (MAZ) which is about a 40 minute flight and costs about \$200 round trip. The Mayaguez airport is about 15 minutes from Rincon Beach Hotel.

[https://www.capeair.com/flying\\_with\\_us/caribbean-airports.html](https://www.capeair.com/flying_with_us/caribbean-airports.html)

From Mayaguez airport to Rincon Beach Resort: If you fly into MAZ from SJU, please be sure to book a taxi ahead of time. It is a small airport. (See website: <http://caribya.com/rincon/taxis/>) If several people are arriving at the same time, we can help arrange for vans or other transportation.

*\* When making your plans, consider your return trip. There is a field trip late Wednesday afternoon to La Parguera (CariCOOS Office) with a trip to an OA buoy and bioluminescence bay. San Juan is a 2 hr drive from there (the opposite direction from Rincon). If you have an*

*early morning flight on Thursday, you may want to drive directly from La Parguera to San Juan on Wed night. We will be done at around 8 pm.*

## **Meeting Overview**

### **Monday September 25, 2017**

RA Directors Meeting (9:30 AM to 3 PM)

Location: Rincon Beach Resort

IOOS Association Annual Meeting (3 to 5 PM)

Location: Rincon Beach Resort

### **Tuesday September 26, 2017**

IOOS PO and RA Full Day Meeting (8:30 AM to 5 PM)

Location: Rincon Beach Resort

Informal Reception – Cash Bar (5 to 7 PM)

Location: Rincon Beach Resort

Dinner: On Your Own

### **Wednesday September 27, 2017**

IOOS PO and RA Meeting (8:30 AM to 3 PM)

Location: Rincon Beach Resort (Road 115 Km 5.8, Anasco, 00610, Puerto Rico)

Optional Field Trip Hosted by CariCOOS (3 PM to 8 PM)

\* Tour of CariCOOS OA buoy and field station at La Parguera (~1.5 hrs from Rincon). Visit OA buoy and trip to bioluminescence bay for a snorkel and kayak opportunity (cost to be determined).

*Either return to Rincon Beach Resort that evening or travel to San Juan to catch an early Thursday AM flight at SJU.*