

Soltis Center for Research & Education

San Isidro de Penas Blancas, Costa Rica

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10th Anniversary Symposium & Celebration November 13-14, 2019

Schedule of *Planned Activities**

Wednesday, November 13th

Marriott Hacienda Belen, San Jose, Costa Rica (La Ribera De, Heredia Province, Heredia, 40703, Costa Rica)

3:00 pm **Welcome Coffee & Afternoon Refreshment**
Viewing of student and faculty project posters, archival materials for first 10 years

4:00 pm **Soltis Center for Education & Research – 10th Anniversary Symposium**

Welcome and Introductions

Chad Wootton, Associate Vice President External Affairs, Office of the Provost,
Board Representative, Casa Verde Corporation

Statement of Celebration & Reflection of Impacts of Soltis Center
Dr. Carol Fierke, Provost & Executive Vice President

Panel on Opportunities and Challenges of Higher Education in Costa Rica (CONARE)

- Featuring Officials from Ministry of Education, Ministry of Environment, University
of Costa Rica and global leaders of research and engagement

Moderated by Dr. Michael Benedik, Vice Provost & Chief International Officer

Texas A&M University in Costa Rica: 10 years of the Soltis Center

Dr. Eugenio Gonzalez Jimenez, Director, Soltis Center for Education & Research

6:00 pm Closing Panel on Future of University investment in Global Engagement
Dr. Carol Fierke, Provost & Executive Vice President
Representatives of University of Costa Rica, OTS, and additional partners

7:00 pm Reception to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Soltis Center
Viewing of student and faculty project posters, archival materials for first 10 years

Thursday, November 14th

7:00 am Group Transportation Departure from Hotel Marriott Belen to Soltis Center
San Isidro Peñas Blancas, San Ramón

Rest Stop in Sarchi or Zarcero (depending on traffic and road passage)

10:30 am Arrival to Soltis Center and attention to Guests

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Community Celebration Day at Soltis Center

- 11:30 am Welcome & Introductions
Chad Wootton, Associate VP External Affairs
- Greetings & Community Impacts of Soltis Center
Dr. Eugenio Gonzalez, Director, Soltis Center
- Remarks from regional Costa Rica Officials & Partners
(TBD)
- University Response & Special Recognitions
Dr. Carol Fierke, Provost & Executive Vice President
- 12:30 pm Lunch & Fellowship with Community Partners, Staff, Faculty & Students
- 1:15 pm Local Artistic Presentation
- 1:30 pm Faculty Response: Future Vision for the Soltis Center
Dr. Donald Brightsmith, Professor & Global Faculty Ambassador
- 2:00 pm Reflections from Faculty and Students
- 2:30 pm Coffee Break
- 3:00 PM ***Afternoon at the Soltis Center***
Organized Tours, Student Presentations, Enjoy the Flora from Rocking Chair
Some Travel Group Departures for San Jose
- 4:30 pm Group Transportation Departure to Royal Corin Hotel
- 7:30 PM Dinner/reception at the Royal Corin Hotel
Closing Celebratory Reflections and Presentations

Friday, November 15th

Departure to SJO Airport or participate in local excursions

Saturday, November 16th

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(*some elements subject to change)