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# CNS 2024 upcoming deadlines and reduced fees

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Abstract submission deadline: **March 11, 2024**

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# CNS\*2024 in Natal, Brazil

Cesar Renno Costa, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, Brazil



The 33rd Annual Meeting of the OCNS will, for the first time, come to Latin America. We warmly invite you to visit Natal, the Brazilian capital of the sunshine, on July 20-24, 2024.

Natal is a tourist jewel. It is ranked second as the most aspiring traveling destination among Brazilians, just behind Rio de Janeiro. Natal is among the preferred places for national conferences because of its well-established touristic infrastructure, with various lodging options available for all budgets and many possibilities for eating, relaxing, and exploring.

Our event will take place at the Praiamar Hotel, at the heart of the Ponta Negra district, just a few meters from the beach, with a view of the iconic Morro do Careca.

For those worried about the heat of the tropics, July is winter down here. The temperature barely crosses 30 degrees Celsius (86F) while the constant breeze, attracting kite and windsurfers from around the globe to explore our beautiful coastline, and the occasional light rain, which will not spoil your experience, provide a pleasant sensation.

For those eager for adventure, Ponta Negra Beach is a great place for learning surfing, and July is the right time. Our beach is the home of Jadson Andre, a "Brazilian storm" pioneer. It often has the presence of Italo Ferreira, the first Olympic gold medalist in surfing. The beach's unique geography also provides a perfect spot for safe swimming, snorkeling, and stand-up paddling.



For those who would instead explore the coastline, there is a range of one-day dune trips on the traditional "bugres" or with very comfortable all-terrain vehicles. For those that prefer to revere nature, secluded beaches are reachable just on the city's outskirts.

As a historical heritage, you can also visit one of the first Portuguese fortresses of our colonial period or check out where the US established a hydroplane terminal that played an important role during WWII.

Brazilian music and dance concerts always exist for those looking for culture and arts. Important names such as Caetano Veloso and Gilberto Gil occasionally play at the Teatro Riachuelo, one of Brazil's most modern concert halls. If you want to experience different food, expect diversity. You will find many seafood dishes, meat and cheese, and tropical fruits you will



only find here, such as Cajá and Mangaba. Vegetarians and vegans will not have a hard time finding savory food.

Natal can be a paradise, but it is not only about leisure. It is also home to two prominent Brazilian neuroscience institutions: the Brain Institute of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, our host for next year's meeting, and the International Institute of Neuroscience of the Santos Dumont Institute. We expect in-depth discussions with local computational neuroscientists and experimenters working with the native marmosets, our event's mascot.



Natal is also very conveniently located for those coming from abroad. It is the closest city from South America to Europe and is well connected with major Brazilian hubs.

We hope you feel tempted and join us in this memorable meeting.  
Cesar Renno Costa



# Changes to the OCNS Board of Directors

As a result of the 2023 member elections, new director positions were announced. You can see the full list at <https://ocns.memberclicks.net/board-of-directors>

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This year, CNS 2024 will take place in Natal, Brazil (<https://www.cnsorg.org/cns-2024>).

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