



IEEE REGION 9 MEETING 2026

March 19-21 , Valdivia-Chile

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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1. What is the IEEE Region 9 Regional Meeting (RM)?

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2. When will the RM 2026 take place?

Thursday, March 19 to Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Arrival and departure dates may vary depending on your role and scheduled meetings.

Please see below the general information about arrives and departs:

Position	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22
ExCom	Arrive					Depart
Section and Council Chairs		Arrive				Depart
R9 Committees Chairs		Arrive				Depart

3. Where will the meeting be held?

The RM 2026 will take place in **Valdivia, Chile**

The Venue is: Dreams Valdivia, Hotel

<https://valdivia.dreams.cl/>

Carampangue 190, Valdivia-Chile

Hotel Phone: +56 600 424 0000

Options to arrive

OPTION1 : Arrival Airport: Aeródromo Pichoy (ZAL)

Distance Airport – Hotel: 33 km (30 min)

OPTION 2: Alternatively you can arrive at the Osorno city (Aeródromo Cañal Bajo) airport, this town is about 1h40m from Valdivia (1h50 to the hotel) in case you need to.

Distance Airport – Hotel: 111 km (1h30 min)

Note: Please do not make hotel reservations by yourself.

4. Who is expected to attend?

- IEEE Region 9 Executive Committee (ExCom)
- Section Chairs and Council Chairs
- Regional Committee and Operational Committee (OpCom) members
- Invited IEEE guests and IEEE staff (with independent sponsorship)

5. Who is considered the Primary Delegate?

The **Section Chair** is the Primary Delegate.

If the Section Chair cannot attend, the **Vice Chair** may act as Primary Delegate **only with prior authorization** from the IEEE Region 9 Director and proper registration in VTools.

6. How and when do I register?

The official registration link will be shared by IEEE Region 9.

All participants must complete registration within the announced deadline to be eligible for participation and coverage.

The registration must be done for all the participants by January 31st, no registration will be allowed after that date.

7. What expenses are covered by IEEE Region 9?

For authorized delegates, Region 9 covers:

- Shared hotel accommodation (two delegates per room)
- Official meals included in the RM program
- Coffee breaks and official social events
- Authorized meeting-related activities

Details about airfare coverage, limits, and reimbursement procedures will be communicated by the Regional Treasurer in following emails.

8. How should I purchase my airfare?

The primary delegate to the “RM2026” buys the air ticket selecting the most economical fare available. The R9 Treasurer will reimburse the cost of the air ticket based on the maximum fare provided via email.

If the cost of the air ticket is greater than the cost indicated in the list, the difference will be paid by the delegate or his/her Section. IEEE R9 will only cover Economy Class Base fare tickets. Business Class tickets will not be reimbursed.

Reimbursements will be processed through the Concur platform. The reimbursement process will begin once the meeting has concluded, and all expense reports must be submitted no later than 60 days after the Regional Meeting.

9. How do I get from the airport to the hotel?

1. Valdivia’s airport transfers are typically made by Uber, **taxi or ride-hailing services**.
2. The region will provide transportation from the airports(Valdivia/Osorno) to the hotel in specific schedules, according to the flight schedules.

10. What expense must be covered by my Section / Region 9?

ExCom, Vice Chairs, Section Chairs, Council Chairs, R9 Committees Chairs	
My Section	Region 9
Ground home to airport transportation	Ticket airfare (My country – Valdivia– My Country)
Meals not covered by the RM2026 registration	Welcome dinner (Thursday 19)
Any other expenses not included in the planning	Breakfasts (Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st)
	Lunches (Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st)
	Coffee breaks and social events
	Closing and awards presentation dinner (Saturday 21st)

10. What documents or reports must be submitted in advance?

In reference to the email number **26R902**, please check your email for the documentation.

11. Will there be a Companion Program?

Yes. A **Companion Program** will be available for registered companions, offering cultural and scenic activities in and around Valdivia while meetings take place.

Program details and fees will be provided during registration.

12. Do I need a visa to enter Chile?

Visa requirements depend on your nationality.

Participants should verify entry requirements in <https://www.chile.travel/en/traveltochileplan/>

13. Do I need any vaccinations?

No special vaccinations are required for Chile beyond routine travel recommendations.

Always check official health guidance before traveling.

14. What currency is used in Chile?

The local currency is the **Chilean Peso (CLP)**.

Credit cards are widely accepted, though small cash amounts are useful for local purchases.

15. What is the weather like in Valdivia in March?

March marks the **transition into autumn** in southern Chile.

Expect mild temperatures, cooler evenings, and occasional rain. Bringing a light jacket and rainwear is recommended.

16. Is Valdivia a safe city?

Valdivia is considered a **safe and walkable city**, especially in central and tourist areas.

As with any destination, standard travel precautions are advised.

17. How can I make local or international calls?

Chile's country code is **+56**.

International roaming, local SIM cards, and internet-based calling apps are commonly used.

18. Where can I find the agenda and official updates?

The official agenda, documents, and updates will be shared through:

- IEEE Region 9 official emails
- VTools Events
- The IEEE Region 9 website

19. Who can I contact for additional questions?

For questions not covered in this FAQ, please contact the **IEEE Region 9 Secretary : Andrea Jurado (andrea.jurado.ec@ieee.org)** through the official communication channels provided in registration emails.