

Warnings and Travel Information for Israel

As of August 10, 2012, the U.S. State Department issued a Travel Warning for all of Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. The Warning was updated in December 2012. You can view the State Department's definition of a Travel Warning here:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html. The specific Travel Warning for Israel can be viewed here: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5841.html. As Travel Warnings are issued for long-term circumstances, we expect that the warning would probably remain in effect in July 2013, at the time of ISPP's Annual Scientific Meeting.

While the above applies only to the U.S. and its citizens, ISPP members considering attending the conference in Israel should consult their home country's equivalent for any Travel Advisories or Warnings pertaining to Israel.

For those in the U.S., the State Department's Travel Warning will likely make it very difficult to obtain travel insurance. Please make certain to check the terms of any travel insurance you might obtain.

Also for those in the U.S., many employers have policies regarding travel to locations under a Travel Warning, and/or their willingness to fund travel to locations under a Travel Warning. Please check your employer's policies prior to booking your travel.

Lastly, whether through your employer or independently, if you have life and/or disability insurance coverage, you may want to check with the insurance companies regarding their policies on paying claims stemming from incidents during travel to/from or in a location under a Travel Warning, as many insurance companies will not pay benefits under such circumstances.

When ISPP became aware of the U.S. State Department Travel Warning, the Executive Committee, after a period of additional information gathering, discussion, and consultation, decided to continue with the 2013 conference in Israel. ISPP will continue to provide any updates via this web page and directly to ISPP members, as applicable.