

2006 APS Intersociety Conference
Comparative Physiology 2006: Integrating Diversity
Virginia Beach Convention Center, October 8-11, 2006, Virginia Beach, VA

GENERAL INFORMATION—HOUSING AND TRAVEL

Housing Reservations:

APS has reserved lodging at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront hotel and at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel. **When you make your reservation be sure to identify yourself as an APS Conference Attendee and provide the meeting dates.** The property will require a one-night deposit when making your reservation. The property will provide you with written confirmation, a receipt for the room deposit and all cancellation and early departure policies and penalties. **The deadline for making housing reservations for both hotels is September 7, 2006.**

*****Please note that registrants who make their reservations at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel or the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel will receive complimentary shuttle bus service to and from the convention center and their hotel.*****

*****Please note that the meeting will be hosting the closing banquet and awards dinner at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel. There will be no shuttle bus service after this event going to the Hilton.*****

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel:

Hotel rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$125 single or double occupancy. To make reservations: call the reservations department at: 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) within the US, or 1-757-213-3001 (outside the US). **When you make your reservation be sure to identify yourself as an APS Conference Attendee and provide the meeting dates.** The hotel is located at: 3001 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; telephone: 1-757-213-3001; fax: 1-757-213-3019.

Hilton Online Reservations: New! Reserve your room at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel at our exclusive online reservations web site. Simply copy and paste the following link into your web browser to complete the reservation process: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private_groups/orfvhhf_amp/index.jhtml. **Please note that the meeting will be hosting the banquet and awards dinner at the Sheraton. There will be no shuttle bus service after this event back to the Hilton.**

Hilton Housing Amenities:

Each guest room is equipped with coffee maker, data ports, **internet service (complimentary to APS Conference Attendees)**, voicemail, hairdryer, ironing facilities, and an in-room safe. There are several restaurants located on the property to delight your palate, including Catch 31 and Salacia. A business center and fitness center are also available for use at the hotel for a small charge. *****Complimentary shuttle bus service to meeting participants to and from the Hilton and the Convention Center during meeting dates and times.*****

Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel:

Hotel rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$120 single or double occupancy. To make reservations: call the reservations department at: 1-800-521-5635 (within the US), or 1-757-425-9000 (outside the US). **When you make your reservation be sure to identify yourself as an APS Conference Attendee and provide the meeting dates.** The hotel is located at: 36th & Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; telephone: 1-757-425-9000; fax: 1-757-428-9246. **Please note that the meeting will be hosting the banquet and awards dinner at the Sheraton. There will be no shuttle bus service after this event.**

Sheraton Housing Amenities:

Each guest room is equipped with coffee maker, data ports, **internet service (complimentary to APS Conference Attendees)**, voicemail, hairdryer, and ironing facilities. There are several restaurants located on the property to delight your palate, including Four Bays Dining Room, Reef Room and the Dolphin Watch Café and Bar. A business center and fitness center are also available for use at the hotel for a small charge. *****Complimentary shuttle bus service to meeting participants to and from the Hilton and the Convention Center during meeting dates and times.*****

Virginia Beach Convention Center:

All of the Comparative Physiology 2006: Integrating Physiology events including registration, opening reception, symposiums, plenary lectures and poster sessions will be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. **The Virginia Beach Convention Center is located at 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451-5674.**

Local Information:

Virginia Beach is located in southeastern corner of Virginia. It boasts an impressive 38 miles of shoreline, including 28 miles of beautiful clean sandy beaches and inland waterways. Virginia Beach is also well-known for its military presence, including the world's largest navel base. Virginia Beach offers activities for the whole family including, sailing and water sports, shopping, historical perspectives and spectacular scenery. For more information on what to see and do in Virginia Beach, please visit the Virginia Beach Convention & Visitor Bureau's website at: <http://www.vbfun.com>

Virginia Beach usually enjoys pleasant climate all year with temperatures in October reaching highs of 70 degrees F/21 degrees C; lows of 53 degrees F/11 degrees C. Casual dress is appropriate for this meeting.

Transportation:

Virginia Beach is served by the Norfolk/Virginia Beach International Airport. The airport is located only 10-25 minutes from the Virginia Beach hotels. The airport is served by major airlines including American Airlines, United, Delta, Continental and Southwest. Car rentals and taxi service is also available.

Virginia Beach is located on the Atlantic coast, only 104 miles from Richmond, 200 miles from Washington, DC and 243 miles from Baltimore respectively. The area is served by major highways including Interstates 95 and 64. Train connections are also available through Amtrak at neighboring city, Newport News.

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Visa Information for Scientists Traveling to the United States:

As part of new security procedures, applications for visas are being sent to the State Department in Washington, D.C., where they are reviewed. We advise scientists traveling to the United States to apply for a visa as early as possible (at least three months before visa is needed). Please check with your local U.S. consulate or embassy to find out the earliest that you may apply. Because of the number of visas being processed and the need to be thorough with the reviews, this can take as long 8 weeks.

To assist you with this process:

- Ask for a letter of invitation to attend at least four (4) months prior to the meeting. Contact meetings@the-aps.org, **Pre-registration is required.**
- Apply for visa at least three (3) months in advance.
- Provide your entire trip itinerary, including travel to any countries other than the United States, at the time of visa application.
- If completion of travel plans is contingent upon early approval of the visa application, specify this at the time of the application.
- Provide proof of scientific status.
- Provide meeting brochure and letter of invitation.
- Provide evidence that you are intending to return to your country of residence. This includes such things as: family ties in current country of residence; property ownership; bank account; an employment contract or statement from employer showing that position will continue after the dates of the meeting. Requirements vary by passport-issuing country and citizenship (not merely residency).

For the most current requirements and those specific to your situation, please check with your local U.S. consulate or embassy or the U.S. Department of State Visa Services Information Web site at:

http://travel.state.gov/visa_services.html