LIFE IN LONG BEACH

Pelcome to Long Beach and the IMS 2005! We hope that you enjoy your visit. The second largest city in the Los Angeles basin (after LA itself), with almost a half million people, Long Beach has much to offer attendees and their families. The city, a dusty military town of a quarter century ago, has grown into a modern center of culture, entertainment and commerce. Much of that growth has occurred in the past dozen years, and now the downtown sparkles with large, new hotels, office buildings and entertainment complexes.

Long Beach has a long, rich history. In 1784 (yes, for Southern California this is old!), the area that is now Long Beach was a Spanish land grant. This was ranching country, with two ranchos encompassing the area of the present city. The town, then known as Wilmore City, was established in 1882; a few years later, it was renamed Long Beach. The railroad brought throngs of visitors to Long Beach, and, at the turn of the century, the electric trolley caused the area to grow into a resort and a commercial center. The easy living and pleasant climate attracted Midwesterners, many of whom were retired farmers, an influx that gave Long Beach the affectionate nickname, Iowa by the Sea. From 1902 until 1910, Long Beach was the fastest growing city in the US. In 1921, the

discovery of oil in Long Beach and Signal Hill (a small city completely encircled by Long Beach) brought with it a building boom. The city grew enormously in area and population. In 1933 a devastating earthquake hit Long Beach. Much of the rebuilding was in the Art Deco style, which was in vogue at the time. Even today, Long Beach has a large concentration of Art Deco architecture.

Long Beach has a port, which, together with the port of Los Angeles, is the largest on the west coast. At one time it hosted a major naval base, but in the '90s it closed its doors. In 1967 Long Beach purchased the cruise liner, the Queen Mary. It is still a fixture in the harbor, open to the public for touring, for fine dining, and as a hotel. The Queen Mary is the center of the newly revitalized harbor area. That area now boasts the Aquarium of the Pacific, a delightful place to spend a half-day watching the diverse coastal land and sea creatures from the Pacific Rim, restaurants and a charming harborside for evening strolls.

The new Pike restaurant and entertainment area is next door to the Long Beach Convention Center. (The name comes from an amusement park on the same site in the 1920s.) A short walk from the Pike is Shore-

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Map No.	HOTEL	Single/ Double	Map No.	HOTEL	Single/ Double
1	Coast Long Beach	\$120.00	6	Long Beach Marriott – Airport	\$174.00
2	Courtyard Marriott	\$119.00	7	Queen Mary	\$135.00/
3	Hilton	\$139.00		(inside/outside cabins)	\$145.00
4	Holiday Inn – Airport	\$125.00	8	Renaissance	\$151.00
5	Hyatt Regency-Headquarters	\$153.00	9	Westin Long Beach	\$165.00

line Village. In addition to the Aquarium, Shoreline Village has a variety of restaurants, both local and national chains, movie theaters, water taxis, docks for harbor cruises and shops.

Long Beach, of course, is best known for its, well, long beach. Wide expanses of sandy beach extend from the harbor, next to Shoreline Village, south along the coast. A breakwater about a mile offshore guarantees that there is virtually no surf, so the beach is perfect for families with young children. If you are coming with young children and have access to a car, head to Mother's Beach. It is quiet, well protected, and patrolled by lifeguards. Along the coast is a bike path. You can rent bicycles several places nearby and enjoy riding along the coast or inland along one of the river bikeways.

The Long Beach Museum of Art is a mile or two from the convention and downtown area. It is housed in a large turn of the century house on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The exhibits change periodically. The museum café overlooks the ocean, so you can enjoy the view over lunch.

Visitors can enjoy a variety of other activities in Long Beach. The Museum of Latin American Art also hosts frequent visiting exhibits. You can stroll among the canals of Naples Island, looking at the lovely homes, their gardens, the canals, and docks with pleasure boats and gondolas. Second Street in Belmont Shore is several blocks of restaurants and small shops. Acres of Books, a fantastic used book store, has 6.5 miles of heavily loaded bookshelves. It is within walking distance of the large hotels on Ocean Boulevard.

When you are strolling through the downtown area of Long Beach, look up at the buildings. Long Beach is striving to preserve its architectural history, refurbishing its old buildings, and converting some into lofts. There are some grand private homes along Ocean Avenue in the California Craftsman, Bungalow and Art Deco styles. First Street through Bluff Park is virtually a museum of twentieth century residential styles. On the campus of California State University at Long Beach is the pyramid, a behemoth sports facility, bright blue and pyramid shaped. If you are on campus, visit the Japanese gardens and enjoy a few moments of peace and beauty.

Perhaps one of Long Beach's greatest assets is its ethnic diversity. Long Beach is home to the world's largest Cambodian community outside of Cambodia itself. In addition, Long Beach hosts people from Southeast Asia, Samoa, and many parts of Latin America. Each group brings with it its customs and foods. Ethnic restaurants abound.

Once you have covered Long Beach, you can get on the light-rail trolleys, called the Blue Line, and travel to downtown Los Angeles. The Blue Line connects with other trolley and subway lines, so by traveling the rails you can enlarge your horizons. Other sights around the Los Angeles area, such as museums, amusement parks and the zoo are accessible by car.

Long Beach has much to offer its guests. The weather should be warm and pleasant, but bring a sweater or light jacket for the sometimes cool evenings. We look forward to seeing you in Long Beach!

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TRANSPORTATION

Long Beach is part of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. It is located in Los Angeles county, about 25 miles south of the heart of the city of Los Angeles. With three interstates running through Long Beach, it is very easy to get to and from the city by car. Long Beach has its own airport and its own bus and taxi services. It is also served by the Los Angeles Metro light-rail system. Downtown Long Beach is very friendly to pedestrians, and traveling local streets is easy with a good map.

There are three nearby airports and a total of five airports hosting all major domestic and international air carriers in the LA area.

Long Beach Airport (LGB): The Long Beach Convention Center and most conference hotels are located just seven miles by ground transportation from the Long Beach airport. The Long Beach airport is served by Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, America West Airlines and Jet Blue Airways. The airport offers taxi service and rental cars. www. longbeach.gov/airport/.

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX): The world's fifth largest passenger airport is 23 miles northwest of the convention center by car. Over 50 commercial airlines fly in and out of LAX. The airport offers taxi and van service to Long Beach, rental cars and Metro service via bus to light rail. www.lawa. org/lax/.

John Wayne Airport (SNA): John Wayne airport in Newport Beach is 25 miles from the convention center. It is served by 12 commercial airlines. The airport offers taxi and van service as well as rental cars. www.ocair.com. Burbank Bob Hope (BUR) and Ontario (ONT) Airports are also located in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area.

The three closest airports offer van service to Long Beach. Contact Prime Time Shuttles (www. primetimeshuttle.com/SoCal.htm) at 800-733-8267 or Super Shuttle (www.supershuttle.com/htm/cities/ lax.htm) at 800-258-3826 for rates and reservations. Service to Burbank and Ontario may be limited.

Long Beach Transit offers several different local bus services. For attendees staying downtown or at the Queen Mary or West Coast hotels, the Pine Avenue Link (www. lbtransit.com/pine_avenue.html) and the Passport Service (www. lbtransit.com/passport.html) offer comfortable, brightly colored busses for free transportation around the downtown area. Busses typically offer 10-15 minute frequency to stops. There is a small fee to travel to east Long Beach.

Taxis are available through the Long Beach Yellow Cab company (888-529-3556 or locally at 562-435-6111).

If you make your hotel arrangements directly through IEEE, transportation will be provided to conference attendees staying at hotels near the airport away from the downtown area.

You can reach Long Beach from outside the city using public transportation via the Los Angeles Metro Rail system (www.mta.net/riding_ metro/riders_guide/rail_overview. htm). There is Metro service to LAX via bus and light rail.

Auto Rentals: Long Beach and the Los Angeles area offer a wide variety of rental car options, including all major airports and through many downtown hotels. Rental car companies among airports, hotels and stand-alone branches will vary. A sample of available rental car companies is listed below.

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National, www.nationalcar.com, 800-227-7368; *Thrifty*, www.thrifty.com, 800-847-4389.

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