Information Package for Conference Attendees

The 4th International Symposium on Submarine Mass Movements and Their Consequences will be hosted by the Bureau of Economic Geology, Jackson School of Geosciences on the Pickle Research Campus of the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, on 7-12 November 2009. Please see the symposium website at:


Transportation

Airport:

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA)
Webpage: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/default.htm

Ground Transportation:

The easiest way to get around Austin is by car. Public transportation options do exist but these are not as efficient as someone from Europe or other major US cities might expect. The cheapest way to get from the airport to the hotels is by using a shuttle service (available at the airport). If you are staying at Hotel Allandale (Formerly Northcross Suites) the hotel will provide rides to the conference location on mornings and afternoons (check with the hotel front desk upon arrival for exact hours of operation each morning and evening).

Rental Car Companies

- **ACE Car Rental of Austin**: (512) 530-3900
- Advantage **Rent A Car**: (512) 530-3330
- **Alamo / National** Rent-A-Car: (512) 530-3500
- **Avis** Car Rental: (512) 530-3400
- **Budget** Rent A Car: (512) 530-3350
- **Dollar** Car Rental: (512) 530-7368
- **Enterprise** Rent-A-Car: (512) 530-8100
- **Hertz** Rent-A-Car: (512) 530-3600
- **Thrifty** Car Rental: (512) 530-6811

Taxis, Limousines, and Shuttles

- **Yellow Cab**: (512) 452-9999
- **Austin Cab**: (512) 478-2222
- **Lone Star Cab**: (512) 836-4900
- **Limousine Services**
- **Super Saver Shuttle** (254) 423-9118
- **SuperShuttle**: Austin direct number: (512) 258-3826

Capital Metro Bus

- **Routes Serving the Airport**: (512) 474-1200
Accommodations

Hotels near the Conference Venue

These hotels are near the conference venue (~10 min) and in close proximity to a variety of restaurants and one shopping center (The Arboretum). Travel time to downtown by car is approximately 20 min with no traffic, but it could take up to one hour during rush hour.

Hotel Allandale (formerly Northcross Suites)
7685 Northcross Drive
Austin, TX 78757
Phone: 512-452-9391
Fax: 512-452-8773
www.northcrosssuites.com

The Organizing Committee made arrangements to reserve 50 rooms from November 7–12, 2009 in Hotel Allandale (formerly Northcross Suites). When you call or email them to make your reservation, please mention that you will be attending the 4th International Symposium on Submarine Mass Movements and Their Consequences at the Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin.

Hotel Allandale (Formerly Northcross Suites) will provide with complimentary high speed internet access in rooms, complimentary hot breakfast buffet each morning, free parking and a complimentary shuttle within a 5 mile radius from Mon-Fri (certain hours apply). They are offering 2009 state rates for one bedroom suites with either a king or 2 double beds and a state plus $30 rate for two bedroom suites (state rate for 2008 was $85/night). Reservations to be made by individual calls. Reservations must be received no later than: October 24, 2009.

TownePlace Suites
10024 North Capital of TX Highway
(512) 231-9360
www.marriott.com

Hampton Inn Austin-NW/Arboretum
3908 West Braker Lane
(512) 349-9898
www.hamptoninn.com

Staybridge Suites Austin Arboretum
10201 Stonelake Boulevard
(512) 349-0893
www.staybridgesuites.com

Summerfield Suites – Austin/Arboretum
10001 N Capital of Texas Highway
(512) 342-8080
www.hyattsummerfieldsuites.com

Renaissance Austin Hotel
9721 Arboretum Boulevard
(512) 343-2626
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/aussh-renaissance-austin-hotel/
Downtown Hotels

Downtown hotels are near the Austin entertainment district. Travel time from downtown to the conference venue by car is approximately 20 min but during rush hour it could take up to one hour or more.

- **Hyatt Regency Austin**
  208 Barton Springs Road
  (512) 477-1234
  [www.hayatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com)

- **Radisson Hotel & Suites Austin**
  111 E Cesar Chavez Street
  (512) 478-9611
  [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com)

- **Four Seasons Hotel Austin**
  98 San Jacinto Boulevard
  (512) 478-4500
  [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com)

- **Hilton Austin**
  500 East 4th Street
  (512) 482-8000
  [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

- **InterContinental Stephen F Austin Hotel**
  701 Congress Avenue
  (512) 457-8800
  [www.intercontinental.com](http://www.intercontinental.com)

- **Omni Hotels: Downtown Austin**
  700 San Jacinto Boulevard
  (512) 476-3700
  [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)

Conference Venue

The conference will be held in The Commons Center (Big Texas Auditorium) located at the Pickle Research Campus of The University of Texas at Austin. Please access the research campus through the Burnet Rd access (east entrance).

- **The Commons Center**
  10100 Burnet Rd.
  Austin, TX 78758-4445
  Webpage: [http://www.utexas.edu/commons/index.html](http://www.utexas.edu/commons/index.html)
  General Information: [http://www.utexas.edu/commons/faq.html](http://www.utexas.edu/commons/faq.html)
  Maps and Driving Directions: [http://www.utexas.edu/commons/maps/index.html](http://www.utexas.edu/commons/maps/index.html)
  Telephone: 512-471-5898
Area Restaurants and Shopping Centers

The Domain
The Domain is a shopping center located near the conference venue where you can find restaurants and a variety of shops.
Address: 3401 Esperanza Crossing Austin, Texas

The Arboretum
The Arboretum is a shopping center located near the conference venue where you can find restaurants and a variety of shops.
Address: 10000 Research Boulevard Austin, TX 78759

Medical Facilities

St David’s North Austin Medical Center
12221 Mopac Expwy. N., Austin, Tx 78758
(512) 901-1000

The Austin Diagnostic Clinic
Walk-in and Same-Day Appointments
Address: 2400 Cedar Bend Dr., Austin, Texas
Office Hours: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm (office open through lunch)
Monday through Friday: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10 am to 5:00 pm
* After 5:00 pm and on Saturday and Sunday additional charges may apply.
Schedule an EasyCare appointment at 901-4031 or walk-in.
Webpage: http://www.adclinic.com/Other_Specialties/EasyCare/easycareclinic.htm

Seton Northwest Hospital
11113 Research Boulevard, Austin, TX 78759
Phone: (512) 324-6000
Webpage: http://www.seton.net/locations/northwest/

Austin Regional Clinic Farwest
6811 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78731
Phone: (512) 346-8888
Daytime Urgent Care (this is NOT an emergency room)
**Registration Schedule**

- Sunday, 8-Nov-2009: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Monday, 9-Nov-2009: All day starting at 7:30 am
- Tuesday, 10-Nov-2009: All day starting at 7:30 am
- Wednesday, 11-Nov-2009: 7:30 am to 12:00 m

Note: No cash or checks will be accepted – only credit cards.

**Field Trip**

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

“Geology, Frontier History and Selected Wineries of the Hill Country Appellation, Central Texas Field Trip”

Field Trip Leader: Dr. Pete Rose

Meeting Place: Hotel Allandale (formerly Northcross Suites) – Parking lot in front of the reception area.
7685 Northcross Drive, Austin TX 78757
Phone Number: 512-4529391

Departure: 7:30 am (sharp!)
Note: Free breakfast is served at the hotel on Saturdays starting at 7:00 am, so participants are highly encouraged to have an early start that day since the bus will depart promptly at 7:30 am.

Returning: 6:30 pm (approximately!)