



SPECIAL RECEPTIONS

YOUR BADGE IS YOUR TICKET

Wear your badge for admission to these events; your meeting registration fee includes these receptions. If your guest would like to accompany you, a guest registration must be purchased (guests will receive a special badge). The \$75 guest fee includes the Sunday Welcome Reception, Sunday Awards Ceremony, Tuesday General Reception and continental breakfasts on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (breakfasts held at the Marriott Hotel, Stone's Throw Restaurant private dining room).

SUNDAY

WELCOME RECEPTION

7:30pm-9:00pm

INFORMS and the DC Organizing Committee welcome you to the 2008 Annual Meeting with an evening of fellowship and fun. The Welcome Reception is the perfect venue to meet with colleagues, visit the exhibits and enjoy some great food. Soft drinks and water are complimentary, with a cash bar available for other beverages.

INFORMS AWARDS CEREMONY & DESSERT RECEPTION

8:30pm-9:45pm

The INFORMS Board of Directors invites you to honor and celebrate the achievements of our colleagues at the annual Awards Ceremony. You can attend the Welcome Reception first and then take the escalator up to the Lobby Level for the Awards Ceremony. Following the ceremony, you'll have an opportunity to congratulate the awardees at a special dessert reception.

The society's 2008 awards will be bestowed on these deserving individuals:

INFORMS Prize for the Teaching of OR/MS Practice
James J. Cochran

INFORMS Expository Writing Prize
Henk Tijms

INFORMS Impact Prize
Thomas L. Saaty

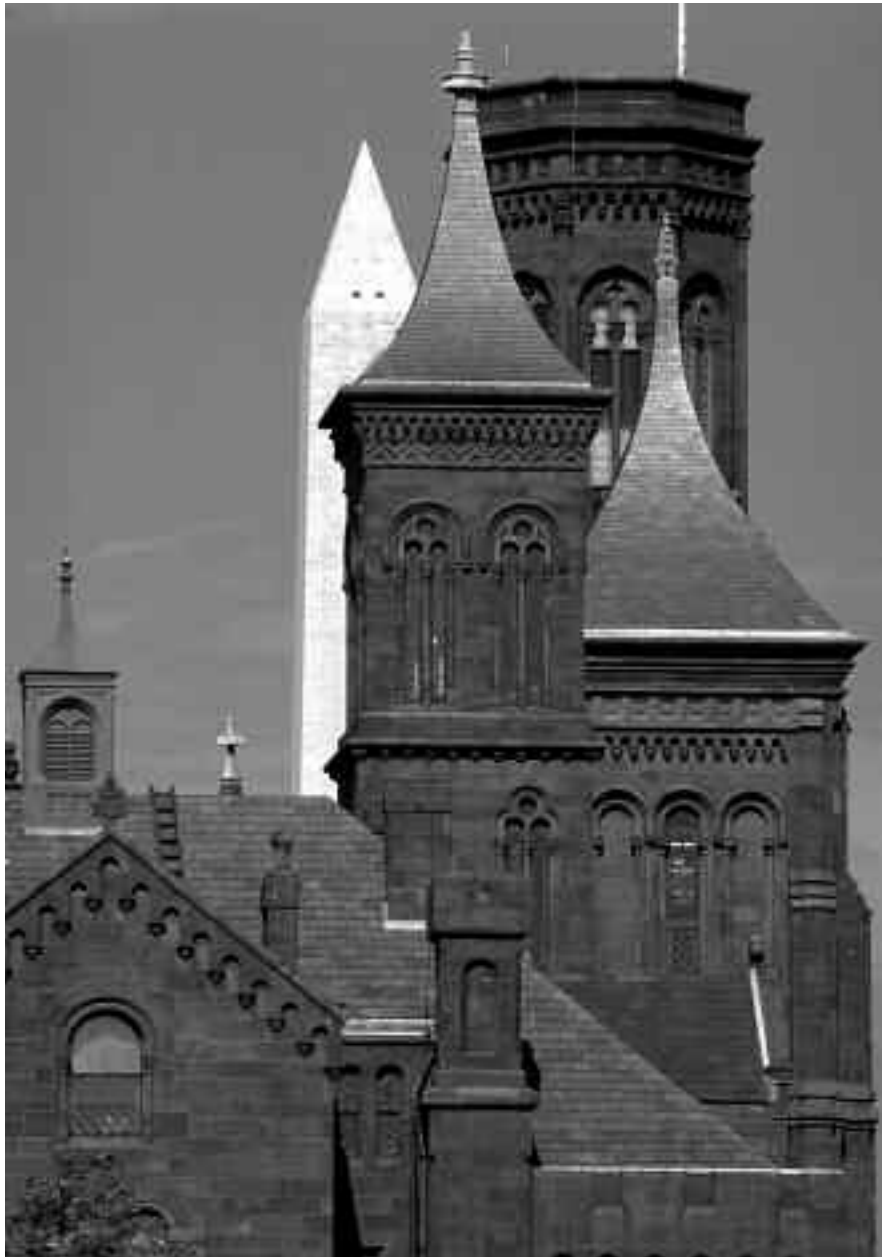
John von Neumann Theory Prize
Frank Kelly

George E. Kimball Medal
Kathryn E. Stecke
John Birge

Frederick W. Lanchester Prize
Warren P. Adams and Hanif D. Sherali
Lawrence M. Wein

INFORMS President's Award
Margaret Brandeau

Two student paper awards will also be announced during the ceremony: the George E. Nicholson Student Paper Competition and the George B. Dantzig Dissertation Awards. In addition, the winners of the Bonder Scholarships for Applied Operations Research in Health Science and in Military Applications will be presented.



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TUESDAY

GENERAL RECEPTION – SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

7:30pm-9:30pm (buses leave the Marriott, 24th Street Entrance, beginning at 7:00pm)

An icon in the museum world, the Smithsonian National Air & Space boasts the most dazzling array of flying machines ever assembled in one place. Soon after it opened in 1976, it became the most visited museum in the world – a distinction it still holds today. The artifacts in its 23 exhibit areas span the history of flight, from the shores of Kitty Hawk to the surface of the Moon and Mars.

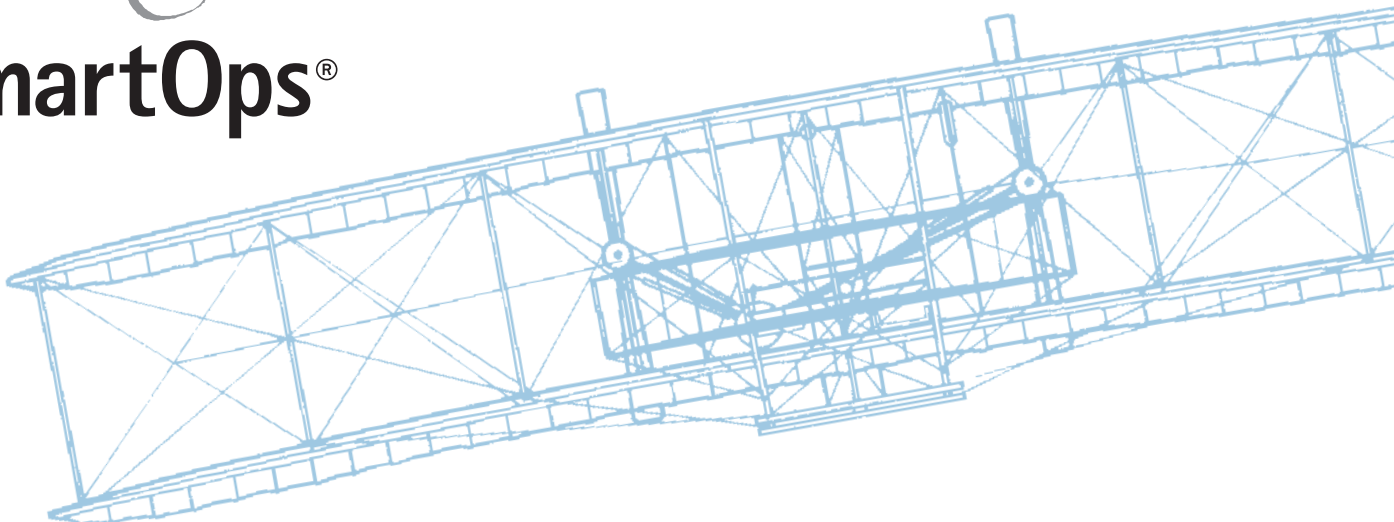
All the major exhibits of the museum are open to our attendees: the milestones of flight gallery, the space race, the golden age of flight, lunar exploration vehicles and much more. You can see Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, Chuck Yeager's Bell X-1, John Glenn's Friendship 7 spacecraft and the Apollo 11 command module. There will be two showings each of the IMAX feature, "To Fly," and of the Planetarium Show.

We'll be serving great food and drink throughout the evening. You will receive two tickets for complimentary beer or wine when you enter the museum. Soft drinks and bottled water are also complimentary.

PLEASE NOTE: Because the Smithsonian is a U.S. government property, purchase of alcohol is not allowed. Therefore, you will not be able to purchase additional tickets for beer or wine.

See important bus information at right.

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BUS INFORMATION

To Museum from Omni & Marriott

Schedule: Buses will leave beginning at 7:00pm. The last bus will leave the hotels at 7:45pm.

Departure Locations: Marriott—24th Street Entrance; Omni—Parkview Entrance. See maps on pages 47-48 for exact locations.

Trip: The drive to the museum is approximately 20 minutes. During the trip, you will receive information on the museum. When you enter the museum, you will receive two complimentary drink tickets for wine or beer.

Return from Museum

To Omni & Marriott:

Buses will begin departing from the museum at 8:30pm from the Mall Entrance, and will run continuously. **The last bus will leave the museum at 9:45pm.**

To Other INFORMS Hotels

If you are staying at another INFORMS hotel (see list below), you have two options for the return.

- Take a bus back to the Omni/Marriott and then travel to your hotel by cab or Metro. The Metro closes at 11:45pm.

- Take a bus direct to your hotel at 9:30pm. There will be only one trip scheduled for these routes, all leaving the museum at 9:30pm: *Bus 1:* Churchill Hotel, Windsor Park Hotel, and Carlyle Suites, *Bus 2:* Days Inn Connecticut Avenue and Savoy Suites, *Bus 3:* Hilton Rockville.

These 9:30pm buses will leave from the Independence Avenue Entrance of the Museum. Bus monitors will direct you to the correct bus.

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