

NETWORKING & SOCIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

INFORMS Membership Meeting & Reception

5:00pm-6:00pm

The INFORMS Board of Directors encourages all members to bring their ideas, opinions and suggestions to this annual membership meeting. Current business and future directions for INFORMS are on the agenda. Wine and cheese will be served.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Breakfast for New Members & First-Time Attendees

7:00am-8:00am (Ticket Required)

The INFORMS Board and Meetings Committee will host this breakfast to welcome and orient people who are new to INFORMS and the meeting. Representatives from a number of INFORMS subdivisions will be on hand to provide information about their member services. Continental breakfast will be served. New members and first-time attendees will receive a ticket for the breakfast with their registration materials.

Junior Faculty Interest Group Luncheon

[Click here to register for this event >>](#)

11:30am-1:00pm

\$15.00 – A limited number of tickets will be available on-site. Go to the INFORMS registration desk for information on availability.

All junior faculty are invited to participate. This event gives junior faculty in engineering and business schools the opportunity to discuss career development and exchange ideas. A buffet lunch will be served.

Sponsored by the University of New South Wales, Australian Graduate School of Management, University of Iowa and Lehigh University. University of Southern California is sponsoring the JFIG paper competition.

INFORMS Online Reception

6:00pm-7:00pm

Hilton – Ballroom Level, Continental Ballroom 9

Meet the INFORMS Online editorial staff and preview the next generation of the INFORMS Online Web site.

Welcome Reception

7:30pm-9:00pm

Wear Badge For Admission. Meet with colleagues and visit the exhibits while enjoying great food. Cash bar, complimentary soft drinks. Your meeting registration fee covers admission to this reception. If your guest would like to accompany you, a guest registration must be purchased. The \$65 guest fee also includes the General Reception and continental breakfast Sunday-Tuesday.

Minority Issues Forum Reception

8:00pm-9:00pm

Come meet old friends or make new ones while talking about minority issues and other intellectual issues and opportunities. Also, enjoy poster presentations from minority doctoral students from different departments from across the United States.

Reception is sponsored by the National Science Foundation; Northwestern University, Dept. of Industrial Engineering and Management Science; and Texas A&M University, Dept. of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Women in OR/MS Forum Reception

8:00pm-10:00pm

Please come join us for the WOMMS reception (open to all INFORMS members). The Ponzu restaurant is adjacent to the Hilton, and features contemporary Asian cuisine and one of the few female head chefs in San Francisco. The reception will feature a variety of hors d'oeuvres, a Naan table, desserts and wine.

Sponsored by the University of Maryland R.H. Smith School of Business, Georgia Institute of Technology, SAS and ILOG.

Student Reception

8:00pm-10:00pm

All students registered for the meeting are encouraged to attend this special reception for an opportunity to socialize and network with other students in your own field as well as those with different specialties and interests.

Sponsored by IBM Research.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Welcome & Awards Ceremony

11:40am-12:30pm

Join the INFORMS Board and Annual Meeting 2005 Organizing Committee to honor and celebrate the achievements of our colleagues and all they have contributed to the field of OR/MS. The following awards will be presented: INFORMS Prize, George B. Dantzig Dissertation Awards, John von Neumann Theory Prize, Frederick W. Lanchester Prize, Philip McCord Morse Lectureship Award, INFORMS President's Award, INFORMS Prize for the Teaching of OR/MS Practice, George E. Kimball Medal, George E. Nicholson Student Paper Competition Awards, INFORMS Expository Writing Award and the Bonder Scholarships for Health Care and Applied OR in Military Applications.

COIN-OR Members & Users Meeting

& Bag Lunch

12:15pm-1:15pm

Anyone interested in open-source software tools, open standards, and data and model repositories for OR is encouraged to attend the members and users meeting of the Computational Infrastructure for OR (COIN-OR). Bring your own lunch and your ideas. The agenda for the meeting is posted on www.coin-or.org/informs05.html.

CPMS Isolated Practitioner Workshop

& Reception

6:15pm-7:15pm

CPMS, The Practice Section of INFORMS, sponsors this workshop on topics of interest to isolated practitioners, the "Lone Rangers" of OR/MS. The 22nd workshop in this series will address timely issues that affect the isolated practitioner community. All are welcome to participate in the workshop, discussion and reception. Wine and cheese will be served.





General Reception: Spirit of New Orleans

7:30pm-9:30pm

Celebrate the indomitable Spirit of New Orleans at this year's General Reception. We will pay tribute to the original host city of the INFORMS Annual Meeting 2005 with an evening of music, food and entertainment in the inimitable Crescent City style. The buffet menu features andouille gumbo, red beans and rice, muffalattas and all the classic New Orleans fare. The Spirit of '29 Dixieland Band will provide the accompaniment, with fortune tellers, caricaturists and playing-card magicians on hand to entertain you. Cash bar, complimentary soft drinks and water.

Take the opportunity to contribute to the INFORMS Katrina Relief Fund (see box on this page for all the details) . . . and enter a drawing for great prizes. Dinner for two at Cityscape (Hilton's fine dining restaurant), fun New Orleans and San Francisco gifts, and a spa treatment are just a few of the prizes. You must be present to win.

Wear badge for admission. If your guest would like to accompany you, a guest registration must be purchased (guests will receive a special badge). The \$65 guest fee also includes the Welcome Reception and continental breakfast Sunday-Tuesday.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Women in OR/MS Forum Business Meeting & Luncheon

12:30pm-1:30pm

Interested in issues related to women professionals in OR/MS? Come join us for lively conversation at our business meeting and lunch.

Sponsored by Stanford University-Graduate School of Business, Stanford University-Management Science and Engineering, and the University of Florida.

Academic/Practitioner Interface Luncheon

12:30pm-1:30pm

\$25 – Ticket required - sign up at the INFORMS registration desk.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with colleagues, both in the practice and academic arenas. Members of the INFORMS Roundtable will facilitate roundtable discussions focusing on academic-practitioner collaboration during this sit-down luncheon. The event is organized and sponsored by the INFORMS Roundtable, an INFORMS subdivision whose purpose is to promote OR/MS excellence in practice.

Sponsored by the INFORMS Roundtable

INFORMS KATRINA RELIEF FUND

INFORMS has a special connection with the people and institutions of New Orleans, the original host city of the 2005 Annual Meeting. In acknowledgement of the personal and economic losses suffered by the city (conservatively, our meeting alone would have contributed at least \$2.5 million to the local economy) and admiration of the resiliency and spirit of its citizens, our organization has established the INFORMS Katrina Relief Fund to assist New Orleans as it begins rebuilding. The INFORMS Board of Directors earmarked up to \$25,000 to match donations made to the INFORMS Katrina Relief Fund.

Where will these donations go? Because the need is so great and there are many worthy beneficiaries, the selection of specific recipients was extremely difficult. The Board used the following four criteria to make these decisions:

- To make donations that are consistent with INFORMS' mission as a scientific/ technical professional society.

- To make donations that will address the unprecedented economic and social impact of the disaster.

- To focus on the long-term rebuilding and strengthening of New Orleans.

- To allocate funding where it will have the greatest impact, particularly by identifying beneficiaries that are less likely to receive significant government or private support.

The Board has selected three New Orleans institutions to be recipients of the funding:

Dillard University, a private, historically black university affiliated with the United Methodist Church/United Church of Christ.

Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, part of the state university health care services division, and the parent entity for Charity Hospital and University Hospital in New Orleans.

Xavier University of Louisiana, a private, historically black university affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

Donate . . . and Win Prizes!

We encourage you to contribute to the INFORMS Katrina Relief Fund during the Annual Meeting. You can make donations at the INFORMS booth in the exhibit hall (booths 6-7) during regular conference hours and at a table outside the General Reception on Monday evening. Cash, checks and credit card donations are accepted.

When you donate, you will be entered into a drawing featuring some great prizes: a three-night stay at the Hilton, with an upgrade to a Luxury Suite; dinner for two at Cityscape (Hilton's fine dining restaurant); complimentary registration to the 2006 Pittsburgh Annual Meeting; fun New Orleans and San Francisco gifts; a spa treatment, and more. You must be present at the General Reception to win (the drawing will take place at 8:30 pm).

