

Dear JSSS Members Attending the 2009 Conference,

Greetings from Cornell University in Ithaca New York. As you know, I will be hosting our JSSS conference this August 6 (Thursday) through 9 (Sunday) on the beautiful Cornell campus. The following information is for your use in planning your visit here for the conference. With the goal of cutting down on unnecessary costs to the JSSS, and to be environmentally conscious, this information will not be sent to you in hard copy through the postal system. Please download this sheet for your reference.

Registration: The registration for our conference is being handled securely on-line by the Cornell Conference Center staff; our specific contact is Ebony Scott, who has been a great help in arranging the many logistics details for the conference. The conference center is in the Robert Purcell Community Center on the north campus (see the map available at www.cornell.edu/about/visiting/).

The link to the registration form for our conference is now posted on the JSSS web site under the 2009 conference title. The registration form includes the conference fee and housing options.

Housing: Please make two notes: *there will be during the period of our conference very few or no hotel rooms available in Ithaca*, because of the annual NASCAR races being held in nearby Watkins Glen. On-campus housing is being provided for everyone in our conference in a new and air-conditioned dormitory, with hotel-level daily service. Currently, we are scheduled to be housed in the Mews dormitory (see the campus map cited above). Parking is available close by. The Purcell Community Center is next door, and it contains a convenience store where you can buy normal toiletries and some food.

Food Service: Our meals will be provided on a daily basis by Cornell Dining within the Purcell Community Center, which is considered one of the better college food services in the country. The arrangement is a "food court" with options for most tastes, including vegetarian, available. We will be sharing this eating space with persons attending other conferences.

Conference Program: The full conference program is available prior to your arrival here on the JSSS web site. Hard copy programs will be available in your registration packet, when you arrive on campus.

CEUs: The decision of the board of directors at the conclusion of the Burlington conference was that CEU's would not be sought for this conference. Nonetheless, those needing a certificate of attendance from me and/or Darrell Dobson, should contact one of us.

Technical Requirements: Please contact me personally at dlf10@cornell.edu if you have technical needs questions. The room where most of our presentations will be held holds about fifty persons, and is equipped with a LCD screen and projector. *You must bring your own computer*, if you plan to use one for your presentation. Technical help will be on-call in the building throughout our conference.

Air Travel: Ithaca has a modern and attractive airport, but it is only served by three airlines (NWA, USAir, and Continental), and flying into Ithaca is more expensive than flying into Syracuse, which is served by all major airlines. Syracuse is fifty miles away, so if you fly into Syracuse, you will need to rent a car for the trip to Ithaca, or travel on the van that runs between the two cities every day. Car rental is probably cheaper. The Ithaca airport is about three miles from the conference site, which can be easily reached by taxi or airport van. In making your flight plans, shop for the best fares. You may find that it is cheaper to fly into Ithaca, if you figure into the Syracuse flight fares the additional cost of a rental car or airport van. The Syracuse airport van cost is probably about \$150 for a round trip, and it travels only at specific times of the day.

Car Travel: Those of you traveling here by car will travel some part of the distance on Interstate roads (#90, #81, #84, or #88), but you must leave them to get to Ithaca on state highways. The specific routes are readily available to you on any good map of New York state, but here are a few pointers:

For those of you coming from the west on #90E, I recommend that you travel into Ithaca on state highway #89S, which takes you along the west side of Cayuga Lake and a series of wineries. Alternatively, use state highway #90S, on the east side of the lake, and plan to eat lunch on the terrace of the beautiful old Aurora Inn, about twenty-five miles north of Ithaca.

For those of you travelling here on Interstate #81S, exit at Cortland onto state highway #13W. If you are arriving on Interstate #81N, exit at Whitney Point onto state highway #79W (or N?).

For those travelling on Interstate #86E, exit at state highway #13E. Plan to stop in Corning at the Corning Glass Museum, a world-class museum, where you can also watch master glass-makers at work.

For those travelling on Interstate #88W (from Albany) or NYS #17 or Interstate #81N (both from New York City), exit onto Interstate #81N in Binghamton, then onto state highway #79W (or N?) into Ithaca.

Once in Ithaca, you will see Cornell's campus perched along the east ridge of Cayuga Lake. Follow the maps available to you at www.cornell.edu/about/visiting/, to arrive at the parking lots next to Robert Purcell Community Center on north campus. Enter the building and look for the conference registration center on your left. It is open all day.

On-Campus Parking: On-campus parking in a lot right next to the dormitories and the conference center is available once you arrive on campus; permits are available at the conference center registration desk. The fee is \$6/day.

Cornell University, Ithaca and Area Information: *The best place to start is* www.cornell.edu/about/visiting/.

There you will find maps, virtual tours, and descriptions of campus, Ithaca, and area highlights. Here are some tips.

High points of the Cornell campus: the deep gorges forming the north and south boundaries of the campus, the New York State Herb Garden, the Uris Library bell tower, and the Johnson Art Museum (with a panoramic view of the campus, town, and lake). All are within easy walking distance of the conference site. The bookstore is partially underground, next to the Willard Straight Union and Sage Chapel.

High points of Ithaca: the (Cornell) Sapsucker Woods Ornithology Lab (with the world's largest collection of bird songs) the Farmers' Market, over one hundred restaurants, Stewart Park at the end of Cayuga Lake.

High points in the surrounding area: many wineries (some with restaurants and rooms) on Cayuga Lake and the other Finger Lakes to the west of us, Taughannock State Park (with a long, deep gorge and the highest falls on the east coast--or so we are told), the Corning Museum of Glass, the Taughannock Inn, and the Aurora Inn.

Weather: Ithaca's August weather can range from hot and muggy to cool and damp; come prepared for both. Bring an umbrella. Our facilities are air-conditioned.

Addendum: As needed, I will post addenda to the information above.

Wishing everyone safe travels here in August,

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