

General Information

Meals All meals will be served buffet style. ***Your name badge is required for meal service!*** Those who did not register for a room and meals package and would like to eat with the group can purchase the meal package at the Maize Genetics Conference Registration Desk, and should do so by 11 AM Friday so that we will have an accurate count for meals.

Breakfast Friday and Saturday 7:00 - 8:30 AM; Sunday 7:30 - 9:00 AM; Trellis Court in the hotel lobby
Lunch Friday and Saturday 12:20 - 1:30; Hibiscus Court, or Trellis Court in case of rain
Dinner Thursday 6:00 - 7:30 PM; Friday 6:00 - 7:30 PM; Saturday 5:30 - 7:00 PM; Hibiscus Court, or Florida Exhibit Hall East in case of rain

Beverage breaks Beverage breaks will be in the poster area (Florida Exhibit Hall West); coffee, tea and soft drinks are available at no charge during beverage breaks.

Talks and Posters All talks and workshops will be presented in Paradise Ballroom III & IV. Posters will be presented in Florida Exhibit Hall West. Posters should be hung on Thursday evening and should stay up until the end of the Sunday morning session if possible; they need to be removed by Sunday noon.

Evening at Disney/Epcot Monsanto Company's Beautiful Science experience at Innoventions at Epcot invites guests from around the world to "Take A Closer Look" at plant biotechnology and the important benefits it can bring. Buses will depart the Hyatt Orlando Saturday at 7:15 PM. The evening is sponsored by Monsanto Company and the Maize Genetics Conference for all conference attendees. Guests of attendees who want to attend can purchase tickets for \$20 at the Conference Registration Desk. The evening includes refreshments, the IllumiNations Laser Show and a tour of Monsanto's Beautiful Science and Nestle's Living with the Land.

Informal meeting places Informal socializing will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in the poster area (Florida Exhibit Hall West). Refreshments will be provided until 2 AM. After 2 AM each night, we will have a private suite (location to be announced) for socializing. These are private party rooms and alcoholic beverages may be brought in. However, please stay in these rooms if you are carrying drinks and dispose of your trash and bottles in the private party room. ***Please do not take any glass to the pool area as broken glass will necessitate draining the pool!***

Steering Committee

Please share your suggestions and comments about the meeting with the Steering Committee.

Sarah Hake, co-chair	Torbert Rocheford	Karen Cone (ex-officio, treasurer)
Sue Wessler, co-chair	Patrick Schnable	Christine Chase (ex-officio, Florida coordinator)
Gunter Feix	Lynn Senior	Mary Polocco (ex-officio, abstracts coordinator)
David Jackson	Dave Weber	Marty Sachs (ex-officio, Wisconsin coordinator)
Bob Meeley		

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The Next Maize Genetics Meeting The 45th Annual Maize Genetics Conference will be held March 13-16, 2003 at the Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI. Local organizer is Marty Sachs, msachs@uiuc.edu.