

GENERAL INFORMATION

● Registration and Information Counters – Main Level – Atlas Ballroom Foyer

Conference registration will be open on the Main Level in the Atlas Ballroom Foyer, according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, March 30	3:30 pm–9:00 pm
Thursday, March 31	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Friday, April 1	8:30 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, April 2	8:30 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, April 3	Closed

Note that attendees must be registered before attending the Opening General Session on Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 pm.

● Speaker-Ready Room – Main Level – Terrace Salon 2

Speakers are asked to preview their PowerPoint or other computer presentations in Terrace Salon 2 using an LCD projector which will be provided, along with a screen. **All speakers must provide their own laptop computers.** No rented computers of any kind will be supplied for plenary and platform sessions, and workshops.

The Speaker-Ready Room will be open according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, March 30	3:00 pm–8:00 pm
Thursday, March 31	7:00 am–8:00 pm
Friday, April 1	7:00 am–8:00 pm
Saturday, April 2	7:00 am–6:00 pm
Sunday, April 3	7:00 am–10:00 am

All platform presenters should report to their session room with their presentation loaded on their own laptop computer 30 minutes in advance of the beginning of their session.

NOTE: 35mm slide projectors will NOT be available in session rooms unless specifically requested by the speaker or session moderator well in advance of the Conference.

● Poster Sessions and Exhibits – Lower Level - Exhibition Hall

All posters will be displayed in the Exhibition Hall. The Hall will be open to Conference registrants on a 24-hour basis beginning at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, March 30, until 11:00 AM, Sunday, April 3. **Security will be posted at the entrance to the Hall and only individuals with official Drosophila Conference registration badges will be admitted.** Guest pass applications may be made at the registration counter during regular registration hours.

Exhibit representatives will be in their booths:

Thursday, March 31:	2:00 pm–4:00 pm and 8:00 pm–11:00 pm
Friday, April 1:	2:00 pm–4:00 pm and 8:00 pm–11:00 pm
Saturday, April 2:	2:00 pm–4:00 pm

Authors are expected to be present at their boards according to the following schedule:

Thursday, March 31:	2:00 pm– 3:00 pm	Even-numbered Posters
	3:00 pm– 4:00 pm	Odd-numbered Posters
	8:00 pm– 9:00 pm	“A” presenters
	9:00 pm–10:00 pm	“B” presenters
	10:00 pm–11:00 pm	“C” presenters
Friday, April 1:	8:00 pm– 9:00 pm	“C” presenters
	9:00 pm–10:00 pm	“B” presenters
	10:00 pm–11:00 pm	“A” presenters
Saturday, April 2:	2:00 pm– 3:00 pm	Odd-numbered Posters
	3:00 pm– 4:00 pm	Even-numbered Posters
	8:00 pm–11:00 pm	Open poster viewing (Authors not required to be present)

All posters must be removed from poster boards no later than 10:00 am on Sunday, April 3. After that time, remaining posters will be removed by vendors and may be lost or thrown away. The GSA Administrative Office does not take responsibility for posters that are not removed by 10:00 am on Sunday.

- **Opening Mixer – Terrace Pavilion and Poolside (weather permitting)**

Meet friends and colleagues at the mixer on Wednesday, March 30, immediately following the Opening General Session. The Mexican Fiesta-themed Mixer will include Mexican and Southwest hors d'oeuvres, a taco bar and Mexican treats such as churros and flan. Cash bars will be open to Conference attendees until midnight. In case of inclement weather, the mixer will be held in the Atlas Ballroom.

- **FlyBase Demonstrations – Royal Palm Salons 1/2**

FlyBase invites all Conference registrants to come to the demo room to learn how to make the best use of our database and to view our latest tools and features. At times other than the scheduled group presentations from 2:30 pm–3:10 pm (noted below), FlyBase personnel are available in the demo room for one-on-one tutorials, troubleshooting and discussions. Any thoughts on improvements we can make to FlyBase are greatly appreciated!

Thursday, March 31	1:00 pm– 6:00 pm	Demo room open for tutorials and discussions 2:30 pm–2:50 pm: Navigating the genes and genomes of the sequenced <i>Drosophila</i> species 2:50 pm–3:10 pm: Query tools in FlyBase: Getting the most out of your searches
Friday, April 1	9:00 am– 6:00 pm	Demo room open for tutorials and discussions 2:30 pm–2:50 pm: Navigating the genes and genomes of the sequenced <i>Drosophila</i> species 2:50 pm–3:10 pm: Query tools in FlyBase: Getting the most out of your searches
Saturday, April 2	9:00 am– 5:00 pm	Demo room open for tutorials and discussions 2:30 pm–2:50 pm: Navigating the genes and genomes of the sequenced <i>Drosophila</i> species 2:50 pm–3:10 pm: Query tools in FlyBase: Getting the most out of your searches

- **FlyMine Demonstrations/Presentations – Royal Palm Salon 5**

Friday, April 1	9:00 am– 5:00 pm	Drop-in/Demonstrations
	10:30 am–11:00 am	Presentations
	2:30 pm– 3:00 pm	Presentations
Saturday, April 2	9:00 am– 5:00 pm	Drop-in/Demonstrations
	10:30 am–11:00 am	Presentations
	2:30 pm– 3:00 pm	Presentations

- **Employment Opportunities/Seeking Employment Notices – Main Level – Atlas Ballroom Foyer**

Individuals and institutions offering or seeking employment may post notices and résumés on the "Employment Opportunities" bulletin boards set up near the Registration and Information Counters in the Atlas Ballroom Foyer.

- **Message Boards – Main Level – Atlas Ballroom Foyer**

Message boards will be located near the Registration and Information Counters.

- **Badges**

Badges are **required** for admission to all sessions, the opening mixer, and the posters and exhibits in the Exhibition Hall. Security officers have been instructed not to allow individuals without badges to enter the Exhibition Hall. If you lose your badge, a replacement may be requested at the Registration and Information Counters during registration hours listed on the previous page.

- **Smoking**

Smoking is allowed only in designated areas and outdoors.

- **Parking**

Parking is available at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center at a cost of \$10 per day for individuals staying at the Town and Country, and \$2 per hour to a maximum of \$12 per day for visitors to the property.