

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ● Badges

Badges are **required** for admission to all sessions, the opening mixer, and the posters and exhibits in the Exhibition Hall. Security officers will not 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 posted registration hours. Badges may not be used by anyone other than the registered attendee. Each attendee must have his/her own badge.

### ● Employment Opportunities/Seeking Employment Notices – Level Four - Lanier Grand 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 Lanier Grand Ballroom Foyer.

### ● FlyBase Demonstrations – Level Three - Room 340 A-B

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 30	1:00 pm–6:00 pm	Demo room open for tutorials and discussions  2:30 pm–2:50 pm: New in FlyBase: Genomes, ontologies, a Web site, and more  2:50 pm–3:10 pm: Query tools in FlyBase: Getting the most out of your searches
Friday, March 31	9:00 am–6:00 pm	Demo room open for tutorials and discussions  2:30 pm–2:50 pm: New in FlyBase: Genomes, ontologies, a Web site, and more  2:50 pm–3:10 pm: Query tools in FlyBase: Getting the most out of your searches
Saturday, April 1	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Demo room open for tutorials and discussions  2:30 pm–2:50 pm: New in FlyBase: Genomes, ontologies, a Web site, and more  2:50 pm–3:10 pm: Query tools in FlyBase: Getting the most out of your searches

### ● FlyMine Demonstrations/Presentations – Level Three - Room 336

Friday, March 31	9:00 am–5:00 pm 10:30 am–11:00 am 2:00 pm–2:30 pm	Drop-in/demonstrations Presentations Presentations
Saturday, April 1	9:00 am–5:00 pm 10:30 am–11:00 am 2:00 pm–2:30 pm	Drop-in/demonstrations Presentations Presentations

### ● GSA Mentor Roundtable – Level Two - Pre-Function Area

This session will be held on Friday, March 31, from 12:45 pm until 1:45 pm. Principal investigators will discuss their work and give valuable advice and input on career opportunities. For interested graduate and post docs. Sign up at the Level Four registration desk by Thursday, March 30, at 5:00 pm.

- **Joint Steering Committee for Public Policy (JSC) – Level Two - Pre-Function Area**

On Saturday, April 1, from 12:45 pm until 1:45 pm, Lynn Marquis of the JSC will lead a discussion on why grants are in jeopardy and how scientists can tell their stories to their Congressional representatives. Sign up at the Level Four registration desk by Friday, March 31, at 5:00 pm.

- **Meals**

Please note that **only two meals are included in the meeting registration**: the Opening Mixer on Wednesday night (with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar) and the Continental Breakfast on Thursday morning. All other meals are not part of your conference registration. For all other meals you may choose from options within the hotel or at nearby locations. The Café, located on the Lobby Level, is the perfect place for a quick breakfast, lunch or dinner. For finer dining, try Spencer's or the SkyLine Grill, both located in the Hilton. For grabbing a quick bite between sessions, there are à la carte stations on Level Four as well as in the hotel lobby. There is also a food court located within walking distance of the hotel at The Park Shops in Houston Center, featuring favorites such as Chick-Fil-A, Subway, Starbucks, Manchu Wok, Longhorn Café and more.

- **Message Boards – Level Four - Lanier Grand Ballroom Foyer**

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

- **Parking**

Parking is available at the Hilton Americas - Houston at a cost of \$22 per day for valet parking and \$12 per day for self-parking.

- **Poster Sessions and Exhibits – Level Four - Lanier Grand Ballroom D–L 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 29, until 10:00 AM, Sunday, April 2. **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 30	2:00 pm–4:00 pm and 8:00 pm–11:00 pm
Friday, March 31	2:00 pm–4:00 pm and 8:15 pm–11:15 pm
Saturday, April 1	1:30 pm–3:30 pm and 8:00 pm–11:00 pm

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

Thursday, March 30	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, March 31	8:15 pm–9:15 pm	“C” presenters
	9:15 pm–10:15 pm	“B” presenters
	10:15 pm–11:15 pm	“A” presenters
Saturday, April 1	1:30 pm–2:30 pm	Odd-numbered Posters
	2:30 pm–3:30 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 2.** 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.

- **Registration and Book Pickup – Level Four - Lanier Grand Ballroom Foyer**

Conference registration and book pickup will be open on Level Four in the Lanier Grand Ballroom Foyer, as follows:

Wednesday, March 29	3:30 pm–9:00 pm
Thursday, March 30	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Friday, March 31	8:30 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, April 1	8:30 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, April 2	Closed

Note that attendees must be registered before attending the Opening General Session on Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 pm.

- **Speaker-Ready Room – Level 3 - Room 346 A-B**

Speakers are asked to preview their PowerPoint or other computer presentations in Room 346 A-B using the provided LCD projector and 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 29	3:00 pm–8:00 pm
Thursday, March 30	7:00 am–8:00 pm
Friday, March 31	7:00 am–8:00 pm
Saturday, April 1	7:00 am–6:00 pm
Sunday, April 2	7:00 am–10:00 am

**All platform presenters should report to their session room with their presentation loaded on their own laptop computer two hours 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 at least 30 days in advance of the Conference.

- **Smoking**

Smoking is allowed only in designated pre-function areas and outdoors.