Fall 2010 WG14 Meeting Information

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1 Overview

The Fall 2010 WG14 meeting has been arranged by the Computing Division of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. We are located roughly 40 miles west of Chicago, and the meeting venue is circa 3 miles north of the Laboratory.

The main Fermilab web site (among the oldest in the world) is http://www.fnal.gov/, where you will find a number of useful links. We recommend, in particular, http://www.fnal.gov/pub/visiting/index.html, which provides such visitor-oriented information as maps, travel directions, and local history. The venue's web site (see below) also provides a map and travel directions.

2 Dates

The meeting dates will be Monday, November 1, through Friday, November 5, 2009.

Please consult the meeting Agenda for meeting times. The meeting room will be at WG14's disposal all day.

3 Venue and lodging

The meetings will be held at the non-smoking Comfort Inn & Suites Geneva, 1555 East Fabyan Parkway, Geneva, Illinois (http://www.ComfortInnGeneva.com).

We have reserved a block of rooms at a special rate of US$75/night for a standard room and US$81/night for a small suite. A continental breakfast is included at no additional fee, as is internet connectivity (wired in the sleeping rooms, wireless in the public areas).

To obtain this special rate, please book before 2010-10-10 and mention "WG14":

- by voice +1.630.208-8811,
- by fax +1.630.208-7844, or
- by email <sales@comfortinngeneva.com> (no weekend replies).

You may also book online, but will not receive the special rate.

In case you would prefer different lodging, just let us know and we will be happy to make additional recommendations.

4   Travel

The greater Chicago area is served by two major airports: O'Hare (ORD) and Midway (MDW). Of the two, O'Hare is closer to the venue; plan on 40+ minutes driving time if there's no traffic. Driving from Midway will nominally take closer to an hour, and involves much more opportunity for traffic congestion.

Several companies provide airport shuttle service to/from the *Western Suburbs* (which includes the cities of Batavia, Geneva, and St. Charles) at one-way rates of circa $50 and up. Fermilab travelers use West Suburban Travelers Limousine, Inc., http://www.westsublimo.com; advance reservations are strongly recommended.

However, we recommend you consider renting a vehicle. While there are numerous local options for meals, very few are within walking distance of the Inn. A sample of local restaurants (one person's opinion) is posted at http://theory.fnal.gov/people/ellis/restaurants.html.

5   Local conditions

Central Daylight Time (CDT), which is UTC/GMT -5 hours, will be in effect during the meeting. (Central Standard Time will return on 2010-11-07, the Sunday after the meeting.)

The following statistics regarding November weather in the greater Chicago area may be of interest:

- Average daily low temperature: $32°$ F ($0°$ C)
- Average daily high temperature: $47°$ F ($8°$ C)
- Average monthly precipitation: 2.7 in (6.8 cm)
- Average monthly snowfall: 2.9 in (7.4 cm)

6   Summary

On behalf of the staff and management of Fermilab's Computing Division, we look forward to welcoming all WG14 participants. Please do let us know if we can provide further information or can help in any other way.