GENERAL INFORMATION

PLACE AND DATE: San Francisco, May 28 - June 2, 2006
All ISOPE-2006 Conference’s technical events, tea breaks and registration will take place at:

Grand Hyatt San Francisco
Group Reservation (ISOPE-2006)
345 Stockton Street
San Francisco, CA 94108, USA
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Note: Don’t be confused with other Hyatt hotels in San Francisco.

PARKING
Grand Hyatt San Francisco does not have its own parking facilities. Valet parking is available for a flat day rate of US$40 plus tip. Cars are parked at the seven-story Sutter & Stockton public garage, just across the street from Grand Hyatt Hotel. Applicable rates are: US$26/day and US$7/night adding up to US$33 for a 24 hour period. Hourly rates for short-term parking start at US$3/hr.

LANGUAGE
The language for the conference is English. No translation service will be arranged.

AIR TRAVEL
Nineteen non-US airlines from all around the world serve San Francisco International Airport (SFO) with 29 cities having direct non-stop service. SFO is located 28 km to the south of San Francisco and Grand Hyatt can be easily reached by taking BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) metro (see ground transportation).

Attention: In late May the flights are typically sold out early. If having difficulty with travel arrangements to SFO, two other airports serving San Francisco Bay area should be considered. These are: Oakland International and San Jose International Airports, 24 and 78 km away from downtown San Francisco, respectively.

AIRPORT TO HOTEL [www.isope.org for more details].

(a) SAN FRANCISCO International Airport
After the immigration and customs control, follow the signs to ground transportation. The choice is either the public rail service Bay Area Rapid Transit [BART] or the private or shuttle transportation services.

Public Rail Service: BART ride from the airport to the city will cost less than US$6/person and the trip to the Montgomery Station will take about 15 minutes
Exiting at Montgomery station, the hotel will be only 4 blocks away, 6 to 7 minute walk westward. If a large luggage is a problem, a taxi ride to the hotel will cost US$5.00.

Direct Service from Airport to the Hotel.
Taxi. Several people arriving together can take a taxi that will cost about US$40 (plus an expected $5 tip).
Shuttle service (e.g., Super Shuttle) cost about US$15/person paid to the driver.
*If you carry large luggage, shuttle or taxi may be more convenient.

BART is also an ideal form of transportation not only to reach the hotel from the airport but also to visit the surrounding areas around San Francisco Bay. University of California in Berkeley (23 km to the east) can be readily reached by BART. Stanford University in Stanford/Palo Alto (50 km to the
south) can be reached by CALTRAN commuter train from 4th and King Street.

(b) OAKLAND and SAN JOSE International Airports

From Oakland Airport (24 km to the east of San Francisco) a connecting bus and BART or a Taxi could be taken to reach the hotel. The total cost of public and private transportation should be under US$25/person.

From San Jose Airport (78 km to the south of San Francisco) it is best to take the taxi to the train station and take the commuter train to San Francisco. This route also offers two options. Existing at the last station (4th and King) a short taxi ride is feasible to reach the hotel. An alternate is to transfer from the train to BART at Millbrae station (just before SFO) and exiting BART at Montgomery station. The total cost of public and private transportation should be about US$30/person.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Cash dispensers (ATMs) that accept all major credit cards can be found just outside the Customs area at the SF International Airport as well as at many locations throughout the City. Currency exchange services will charge either a flat fee for small denominations or a percentage of the amount exchanged. Major credit cards — Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club, and JCB — are widely accepted at the major hotels, department stores and restaurants.

ACCOMMODATION (Find the reservation form in this program or download from www.isope.org)

Reservations should be made in February and early March, as the hotels in San Francisco may become fully booked early in 2006. Grand Hyatt San Francisco Hotel is the official venue for the Conference. Rooms at Grand Hyatt San Francisco Hotel are reserved at the ISOPE group rates for the Conference. You must use the Reservation Form for ISOPE group discount rate for booking.

CITY TRANSPORTATION

City Bus. Within the city it is best to take public transportation. City buses and Light Rail cars run regularly and can be taken to all points of the city. Bus ride will cost US$1.50 and a transfer ticket provided by the driver will allow transfer to other buses (including a return to the origin) within a 2 hour period.

Cable cars can be taken to visit Ghiradelli Square or Fisherman’s wharf at a single ride charge of US$5.00/person (no transfers).

BART trains are the fastest, most economical and most convenient to visit areas outside of the city.

For more information, click on http://www.sfvisitor.org

WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO

Much has been said and written about San Francisco but the statement made by author Gene Fowler may be the best: “Every individual should be allowed to love two cities-his/her own and San Francisco.”

Besides its friendly citizens, San Francisco is famous in four other areas:
1) Natural and Man-Made Beauty – Most prominent being San Francisco Bay, Twin Peaks, Micro Climate, Golden Gate and Bay Bridges.
2) Cultural Center – Famous SF Opera, SF Ballet, SF Symphony, and scores of theaters and museums.
3) Culinary Center - San Francisco has more than 4000 restaurants and less than 800,000 citizens (6 million in SF Bay Area).
4) Technology Center – Two great universities and thousands of start-up companies with cutting edge technology are located in San Francisco Bay Area.

Silicon Valley. Silicon Valley is “High-Tech Heaven.” Throw a dart at a list of high-tech companies, and the one you hit probably has at least an
office or a large campus in Silicon Valley. Many high-tech companies got their start in Silicon Valley, and there are many more in the process. It has the world’s largest concentration of high-tech companies, but they are all over the San Francisco Bay Area. Silicon Valley is typically defined as the area in about a 30-mile radius around San Jose, roughly 50 miles south of San Francisco.

SHOPPING, CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Grand Hyatt at Union Square is surrounded by fashionable shops, department stores, restaurants and theaters. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SF MOMA) is five blocks away and the Opera Building, Davies Symphony Hall ten short blocks away. Entry to China Town is two blocks away while Japan Town is farther out west some 14 blocks away.

Fisherman’s Wharf, Pier 39 and Ghiardelli Square are within easy walking distance, requiring no more than a leisurely 30 minute walk from the hotel. Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach can be reached in 15 minutes by bus (5 McAllister Trolley bus to GG Park and 38 Geary bus to Ocean Beach). See www.sfvisitor.org

ELECTRICITY. Outlets for 110 volts are common for most electrical appliances in the United States. Outlets for 220 volts are only used for certain appliances such as washers and dryers. Most hotel electrical outlets allow plugging in of both US (flat) and European (circular) plugs.

TIPPING. Tipping is necessary in most places as service charge is sometimes not added to the bill. However, the bill should be carefully reviewed as some places automatically add a 15% service charge for groups consisting of more than 4 to 6 people.

SPouse PROGRAM: A Half-Day Tour; Tuesday Morning, May 30

A van or a bus will pick you up at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in the morning, and take you to the popular landmarks of San Francisco including Chinatown, Fisherman’s Wharf, Golden Gate Park, etc. Sponsored by ISOPE, and first 35 tickets will be issued to the spouses with ISOPE badge only, free of charge.

WHAT TO SEE IN THE CITY

There are so many interesting places to go in this wonderful city that a whole week may not be adequate. To allocate time effectively, three different options may be considered:

a) Sightseeing: Golden Gate and SF Bay Bridges, Golden Gate Park, Twin Peaks, Ocean Beach and Cliff House, Coit Tower, Cable Car ride, Classic Street Car ride, San Francisco Civic Center (City Hall, SF Opera, Davies Symphony Hall), China Town and Japan Town.

b) Cultural: San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFOMA), Exploratorium, Asian Museum (both within Golden Gate Park), Stage Theaters (several on Geary Street within 8 minute walking distance from hotel) and Beach Blanket Babylon (must see for first timers in SF).

c) Culinary: Large number of restaurants in the vicinity of the hotel such as Faz (on Sutter Street – 3 minute walk), Waterfront and Sinbads (on Embarcadero waterfront – 15 minute walk) and Alioto’s and Scoma’s (Seafood at Fisherman’s Wharf – 30 minute walk).

SIGHT-SEEING TOURS

Various half-day and all-day sight-seeing tour programs for San Francisco and the Bay Area are available. You may book in advance through various tour agency web sites or on Sunday and Monday at the Tour Desk in the Registration area. Information will be also posted later on www.isope.org.

Visit Tour desk in ISOPE-2006 registration area at the hotel. Maps of San Francisco and brochures for places of interest will be available at ISOPE registration desks.
CityPass. CityPass is good for 9 days to visit six famous San Francisco attractions and you can avoid most ticket lines. Attractions include San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Blue & Gold Fleet Bay Cruise, Exploratorium, Legion of Honour, California Academy of Sciences, Asian Art Museum. It is also good for 7 days for Muni and Cable car rides. You can buy your CityPass for $42 at corner of Market & Powell, corner of Beach & Hyde, and at any of the listed attractions you visit.

San Francisco City Tour Bus. The city municipal bus system offers several tours, including one to the Golden Gate Bridge and another Baker Beach and Environmental Research Center. http://www.sfmuni.gov

CONFERENCE TOURS, Friday, June 2

* Wine Country Tour (Napa and Sonoma wineries, including wine tasting) – Approx. 9 hours; Depart from Hotel at 9:00 AM – about $59 per person; lunch not included.
Tour bus departs from Hotel at 9:00 AM. Discover the beautiful wine producing areas, Napa and Sonoma, and enjoy an opportunity to taste wines at selected wineries and learn the ins and outs of wine making. Will take about 9 hours, and lunch is not included in the price of approx. $59.

* Monterey Aquarium (www.mbayaq.org)& Carmel Tour (including Pebble Beach Golf Course & 17-mile-Drive)
Tour bus departs from Hotel at 9:00 AM and will take approx. 11 hours; Monterey Peninsula is one of the most beautiful places with breathtaking sceneries. It is home to Steinbeck’s Cannery Row, Pebble Beach Golf Course, and the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. You will also visit a charming and quaint Carmel with a wide variety of galleries and unique boutiques and restaurants; about $75 per person; meals not included.

For these tours, **you may book and pay on Sunday (May 28) and Monday (May 29) at the Tour Desk in the Registration Area.**

ADVANCE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BY MAIL OR FAX (use the Registration Form)
Remember to send via airmail or fax the Advance Registration (and Invoice) Form in this Program (It can also be downloaded from www.isope.org) by:

**DEADLINE:** Presenting Authors: March 6.
Non-Authors, non-presenting authors and co-authors: April 28.

In case one charges to a credit card via Fax, the **card number** should be **typed in bold face or written clearly** to be readable in the transmitted Fax copy. The ISOPE Fax number is 1-650-254-2038 USA.
Forms received after April 28 will not be processed and will be returned to the senders for on-site registration with a **surcharge of US$80.** Registrants will not be separately invoiced.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS
Requests in writing for cancellation of registration received by May 3, 2006 only will be granted a refund minus US$70 handling fee. No refund will be granted to one **“presenting”** author per paper, if the paper is already included in the proceedings. The registered **presenting author will receive a proceedings CD-ROM.**

REGISTRATION BADGE
Conference registration badges are required for admittance to all the conference activities, including the reception and banquet.

Advance Registration Fees: **Deadline for the presenting authors is March 6.**
US$80 surcharge applies after April 28 and for on-site registration fees.
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* The **1-day registration fee** includes CD-ROM of the 4-volume conference proceedings, the conference reception, tea breaks.

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Participants who miss the advance registration (before **April 28**) may register on site at the Conference Registration Desk, but there is US$80 surcharge. The registration desk will be open during the following hours:

- Sunday, May 28: 15:00-18:00
- Wednesday, May 31: 08:00-15:00
- Monday, May 29: 07:30-16:00
- Thursday, June 1: 08:00-13:00
- Tuesday, May 30: 08:00-16:00

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Presenting authors go directly to their session room 30 minutes before the session.

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CLIMATE AND CLOTHES
The weather in San Francisco Bay Area in late May is generally mild and the average temperature is 22 to 26°C. However, the wind and the fog affecting only San Francisco (i.e., micro climate) can often cause the temperature to drop to 12/14°C. It is always recommended to carry a sweater or a light jacket. Typically, it never rains from April 1st through October 30th. However, in recent years some light rain was observed in July and September.

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