



June 30 - July 1, 2008

**Natcher Conference Center
NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD**

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Conference Location:

The **2008 Diabetes & Obesity Disparities in Healthcare Systems Conference** will be held on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Campus in Building 45, the Natcher Conference Center, in the main auditorium, which is on the lower level of the Center.

Address:

Natcher Conference Center

Building 45, Main Auditorium
NIH Campus
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892
Phone: (301) 496-9966

Security:

- All visitor and commercial vehicles will be inspected.
- All visitors must show one (1) form of identification (a government-issued photo ID—driver's license, passport, green card, etc.).
- All Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) employees must present an HHS photo ID badge (for example, an NIH-issued ID badge).
- Because IDs are checked at the perimeter, employees and visitors will not be required to show their IDs again to gain access to the majority of the buildings on the NIH Bethesda Campus during the normal business day.
- Employees and visitors should continue to wear their identification prominently at all times while on Campus.
- Click here for more information: <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitorsecurity.htm>.

NIH Shuttle for out-of-town guests staying at the host hotel (Bethesda North Marriott Hotel):

The conference will take place on the NIH Campus in the Natcher Conference Center's Main Auditorium on both June 30 and July 1, 2008. A complimentary shuttle bus to and from the NIH Campus has been arranged for all out-of-town participants staying at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel. Hotel guests will gather in front of the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel at 7:00 a.m. on both days of the conference. An NIH security team will arrive at that time to conduct the security inspections of everyone's luggage so that the bus will not have to go through a further security check on Campus. Please have your photo ID available. The bus will leave at 7:15 a.m. for the NIH Campus and the Natcher

Conference Center. There also will be a shuttle bus to take the hotel guests back to the hotel following the conference on the first day, but not on the second day, so please plan to have all your luggage with you on the second day of the conference. On July 1, onsite meeting support personnel will help coordinate transportation to local airports or train stations for out-of-town guests following the conference, if needed. **Information about obtaining hotel accommodations can be found [here](#).**

Driving Directions to NIH Campus:

From Baltimore and All Points North of Washington, DC

Take I-95 South toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head West toward Silver Spring/Bethesda. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34, which is Route 355 (Wisconsin Avenue/Rockville Pike), and head South toward Washington/Bethesda. At the fifth traffic light, turn right onto South Drive and follow the signs to Visitor Parking.

From Virginia and All Points South of Washington, DC

Take I-95 North toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head North toward Silver Spring/Bethesda. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34, which is Route 355 (Wisconsin Avenue/Rockville Pike), and head South toward Washington/Bethesda. At the fifth traffic light, turn right onto South Drive and follow the signs to Visitor Parking.

Click here for more information: <http://www.nih.gov/about/directions.htm>

Parking at NIH:

Visitor Parking is *extremely difficult* to find at the NIH, so if at all possible, take public transportation. Short-term, metered parking and long-term, attendant-controlled parking are available to visitors at a cost of \$2 per hour for the first 3 hours, or \$12 per day. A pay parking lot in front of the Natcher Building is available for guests, but please be aware that it fills up early in the morning.

Taking the Metro to NIH:

Metro Map: <http://www.wmata.com/metro/metro/systemmap.cfm>

NIH Map: http://parking.nih.gov/visitor_access_map.htm

Take Metro's Red Line and exit at Medical Center Station. The station's escalators exit onto the NIH Campus. It is a 5-minute walk to the Natcher Conference Center.

NOTE: Guests staying at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel also can take the Metro to and from the NIH. The Metro Station nearest the hotel is the White Flint Station, which is two stops North of the Medical Center Station.

Deadlines:

Grant Writing Workshop Submissions: Friday, May 30, 2008

Hotel Accommodations: Friday, June 6, 2008

Conference Registration: Monday, June 23, 2008

Speaker Biographies & Abstracts: Monday, June 2, 2008

Speaker Presentations: Monday, June 16, 2008

To Register:

Click [here](#) to register for the conference. On the registration form for the conference, it is important that you select which **breakout session** you want to attend on the second day of the conference from the drop-down box on the form. You also will need to indicate if you plan to **purchase a box lunch on Day 1** of the conference. If you do plan to

purchase the lunch, you can pay online by credit card when you register. If you have any special food restrictions or choose not to have a lunch ordered for you at the conference, please indicate that on the form where asked. **NOTE: Registration is FREE for all participants to attend this government-sponsored conference.**

Onsite Registration and Check-In:

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Natcher Center's Main Auditorium foyer both days of the conference. There will be breakfast refreshments available for all participants in the lobby area of the Auditorium. All participants will receive a conference program book and badge upon check-in. The conference will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on both days. On June 30, the conference will adjourn by 5:35 p.m. and be followed by a reception until 7:00 p.m. The conference will adjourn on July 1 at 11:40 a.m. The Grant Writing Workshop for selected participants will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 1 in the same location.

Speaker Information:

Speakers will be asked to submit a **short biography** (1 paragraph - approximately 500 words or less) and a **1-page abstract** of their talk no later than **Monday, June 2, 2008**, as well as their final PowerPoint presentation by **Monday, June 16, 2008**, to Ms. Amy Amerson at aamerson@scgcorp.com. Both the biography and abstract will be included in the conference program book, so it is important for presenters to meet this deadline as it affects the printing deadline for the program book.

Logistical Support:

Ms. Amy Amerson, CMP, of The Scientific Consulting Group, Inc., is providing the logistical, administrative, and onsite services in support of this conference and will be your contact for any problems involving registration, travel, or lodging. However, all participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and their own hotel room reservations. Contact Ms. Amerson with questions via email (aamerson@scgcorp.com), telephone (301-670-4990), or by fax (301-670-3815).