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Abstract: SC32 established two Study Periods at its 2006 Plenary in Kobe, JPN. A meeting of those two study periods is being held in Clearwater, FL, USA, during the week beginning on Monday, 2007-02-05. The present document provides information that attendees should use when making their travel arrangements.

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1. Hotel Information

After considerable searching, interviewing, negotiating, *etc.*, I located a hotel that was reasonably priced, available during the desired period, and conveniently located.

The hotel at which the meeting of the two Study Periods will be held is a Holiday Inn Express in Clearwater, FL, USA (situated close to Tampa and St. Petersburg). I have arranged for a single meeting room adequate to seat up to 40 people in a hollow rectangle configuration (slightly fewer if a U-shaped arrangement is preferred).

Wireless Internet will be provided in the meeting room (to be honest, it's wired access in that room, but a wireless hub will be provided for your convenience).

The hotel offers a no-additional-cost "continental" breakfast for those staying at the hotel. For those not staying at the hotel, the breakfast is USD5.95/person/day.

A voluntary facilities fee of approximately USD75/person to USD100/person (assuming 35 attendees) will be solicited from each attendee, including invited speakers, to cover the cost of the meeting room. The fee will ensure that coffee, tea, and sodas are available in the meeting room throughout the day, as well as availability of a projection screen and power strips.

Please recall that power outlets in the USA require plugs with two parallel blades and optionally a third round pin. The configurations are illustrated at http://www.wonpro.us/Plug_Adapter_Country_Chart.htm as Type A and Type B. The power supplied is nominally 120 volts at 60Hz.

I have also arranged for a very good sleeping room price, particularly for that time of year, which is on the threshold of that area's high season: USD 139/night. In order to get this price, you *must* state that you are attending the "Future of Data Base" meeting that begins on 2006-05-02. I have *not* blocked any sleeping rooms for attendees, so I highly recommend that you book your sleeping rooms *very soon*. I was assured that the hotel is very unlikely to fill up earlier than the end-of-year holidays, but I still urge you to book your rooms immediately upon your decision to attend the meeting. If you wait too late and find that the hotel is full, you are likely to find it difficult to get a hotel room in the area at any reasonable price.

I have personally inspected the hotel, which was built only a year ago, and am pleased with the sleeping rooms, which are large and comfortable. There is not currently wireless Internet access in the sleeping rooms, but there is wired high-speed Internet access (and there is a small, but non-zero, possibility that they may have installed wireless by the time the meeting starts). There is no additional charge for use of the Internet.

There is no restaurant at the hotel (in spite of the availability of the continental breakfast mentioned earlier). However, there are a few restaurants located within a kilometer or so of the hotel. I should mention that walking to restaurants in that particular location is not really recommended, because the automobile traffic is quite heavy and there are few considerations made for pedestrians. Consequently, you should plan to either rent a car or to share a ride with somebody else when going out for meals.

The hotel is located at 2580 Gulf To Bay Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33765. The telephone number is +1.717.797.6300 and the facsimile number is +1.717.797.4900. You can also contact the hotel by email at mailto:hiexpress_clearwater@yahoo.com. Remember when you book your rooms to state that you are attending the "Future of Data Base" meeting in February, 2007. Additional information about the hotel can be found at <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ex/1/en/hotel/clwhs?requestid=16626>

2. Travel Information

Virtually everyone who is likely to attend this meeting will fly into Tampa International Airport (TPA). Twenty-one airlines fly into and out of TPA, and it is possible to fly directly to TPA from several countries in

Europe, South and Central America, and the Caribbean. (It is possible, if you are located in a very few selected locations, to fly in to St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport, PIE. However, because it's very unlikely that you live in any of those locations, I do not discuss that option further in this document.)

Once you have arrived at the airport, there are a number of car rental companies from which you can choose (but I highly recommend that you reserve your rental car well in advance, as shortages are known to occur at this time of year). Alternatively, you may choose to take a taxi (I estimate a cost of approximately USD20 from the airport to the hotel and a similar amount to return) or a shuttle (called a “shared van”, the cost is currently USD15 from the airport to the hotel and, presumably, another USD15 to return). I do not recommend that you attempt to use what is euphemistically called “public transportation”, because Tampa (and environs) is a typical American city, oblivious to all needs save those of the automobile driver.

Should you choose to drive (which is not a bad choice, as it might be in some cities), you will be very interested to know the directions from the airport to the hotel. The pithy version is: EXIT ON HWY 60 WEST TO CLEARWATER; HOTEL IS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF US 19 & RT 60. FROM CLEARWATER AIRPORT - NORTH ON BAYRIDGE, TURN LEFT ON HWY 60 WEST; HOTEL IS LOCATED ON US 19 & RT 60. A more complete version, complete with map and turn-by-turn directions can be found at

[http://www.mapquest.com/directions/main.adp?go=1&do=nw&rmm=1&2si=navt&1gi=0&un=m&2gi=0&1da=-](http://www.mapquest.com/directions/main.adp?go=1&do=nw&rmm=1&2si=navt&1gi=0&un=m&2gi=0&1da=-1.000000&1rc=A1XAX&cl=EN&qq=1ADqpk24ofC%252frPzydfFjjgprsuHCFVMM%252ft9r2HoRUOesxVzPYjanW3xqyJUIgbRug0o%252fV9Fqr5PWG5LhIkMxCkt8DMs6dWONmPV8LFu8FW8Zw%252b0c%252f%252frb5tVvoVNT36uxq%252bI20cxQUILVKAVAgzXcYTAvQIJe4rPbIiTh0sf9m3GaijdE1%252bFKxfNOPkbwyeQHw%252fHaQubv7IF1obsT6af9MZoJ1iKjDIzIHvc7cMsl3TLfwgsLv7iQ%253d%253d&ct=NA&1ct=NA&r=f&1si=gaz&2da=-1.000000&2rc=L1AAA&rsres=1&1y=US&1ffi=1&1l=DZoXvGPL2VQTvnVNpdxysA%253d%253d&1g=G9Kg1vHNkI0WdrcOTSNWYg%253d%253d&1pl=813-870-8700&1v=ADDRESS&1n=&1pn=Tampa+International+Airport+%28TPA%29&1a=5507+W+Spruce+St&1c=Tampa&1s=FL&1z=33607&2y=US&2ffi=&2l=&2g=&2pl=&2v=&2n=&2pn=&2a=2580+GULF+TO+BAY+BLVD&2c=CLEARWATER&2s=FL&2z=33765-4411&panelbtn=2)

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3. Local Information

The Tampa-St. Petersburg area is host to a large number of attractions, of which at least a few are likely to be interesting to each of you. Some of these are listed (but not described) at

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ex/1/en/hotel/CLWHS/whats-nearby>. Some of the ones that seem most interesting (to me, at least) are:

Clearwater Beach (a... wait for it... beach)

Busch Gardens (an amusement park and wildlife exhibit)

Florida Aquarium

Salvador Dalí Museum (even more interesting than it sounds)

Performing Arts Center of Tampa

And (I don't do sports, so don't ask me about this!)

Several sports stadia, including baseball, American football, and other stuff.