

Dear Colleagues

Based on the emails I have received in the past few weeks, I decide to discuss some logistics of the conference in this week's email.

The Gordon Conference format "dictates" that talks are scheduled in the mornings and in the evenings. Afternoons are reserved for recreational activities. After the evening sessions, there will be refreshments, beers, wines, games etc.

#### I. Discussions:

Lively discussions are the most distinguished character of the Gordon conferences. In the past when overhead projectors were used, presentations of one transparency by someone in the audience during the discussion often stimulate animated interactions between speakers and the audience. With the use of computers, the one-slide presentation had been abandoned. I would like to revive this old practice with a twist. If you anticipate certain questions or discussions after a talk, you should give your "one-slide" to Michael Famiano [michael.famiano@wmich.edu](mailto:michael.famiano@wmich.edu) at least 24 hours BEFORE the session. He will organize these slides and flash up your slide when your discussion time comes. Obviously, we have to make sure that no one abuses the one-slide discussion and turns it into a 5 min presentation. I hope this works. Let me know your opinions on this such as restriction of time. This will require trials and errors .

To ensure smooth transition between talks, I am also thinking about putting all the talks in one computer. The talks will be deleted right after a session.

#### II. Posters

There will be three poster sessions. Larry Phair has agreed to co-ordinate these sessions. More information will be forth coming to the poster presenters. Preliminary poster information can be found at <http://www.nscl.msu.edu/~tsang/GRC/posters.xls>.

#### III. Recreation/receptions

Afternoons are reserved for recreation activities. I have recruited some people to help. If you can help, please let me know or contact the person listed below directly.

1. Beer/wine/refreshment selections: Pawel Danielewicz, [danielewicz@nscl.msu.edu](mailto:danielewicz@nscl.msu.edu)
2. Sport: Wolfgang Trautmann, [W.Trautmann@gsi.de](mailto:W.Trautmann@gsi.de)
3. Nearby Tours (by car): Molgarzata Pfabe, [mpfabe@email.smith.edu](mailto:mpfabe@email.smith.edu)
4. Women Luncheon: Sherry Yennello, [yennello@science.tamu.edu](mailto:yennello@science.tamu.edu)
5. Hiking/biking/canoes: ??
6. Swimming/boating, ??
7. Other activities??

#### IV. Rainy days

Per Gordon's rules, no lecture halls and projectors are available in the afternoons. In case of raining in the afternoons, I have asked the GRC office for exceptions regarding loans of projectors and availability of rooms. I should know the results of this request a couple weeks before the meeting. If someone has a portable projector that you can bring to the conference, let me know.

#### V. Transportation to and from airports:

Conference buses are the main public transportation to and from airports on June 15 and June 20. If there are cars that will leave for Logan or Manchester airports before 9 am on June 20, some people may like to have a ride. I'll see if the on-site office is willing to coordinate this.

After the email a week ago about the possibility of changing sites, I have gotten some response. Ideally, we should have a couple volunteers who will visit the site and examine all the pros and cons of changing sites. Please let me know if you are interested. Those who would like to visit the Bates site should contact Brenda at [bpelleti@bates.edu](mailto:bpelleti@bates.edu) to arrange a personal tour. I may be able to reimburse some of the mileage.

Please register if you have not done so! The weekly mailings can be found at <http://www.nsl.msu.edu/~tsang/GRC/grc2008.htm>.

See you in June  
Betty