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The University at Albany is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12222; it is a city by itself. It is an urban institution located away from city center and city life. On one side, about a 5 minutes walk, there is Washington Avenue where motels (see map later) are located; on the other side, a 20 minutes walk, is Western Avenue, where there are many places to eat. The Colonial Quad, where most of you are staying, is the Tall Tower on the right when you view the University from Washington Ave.



Current Status of the Program

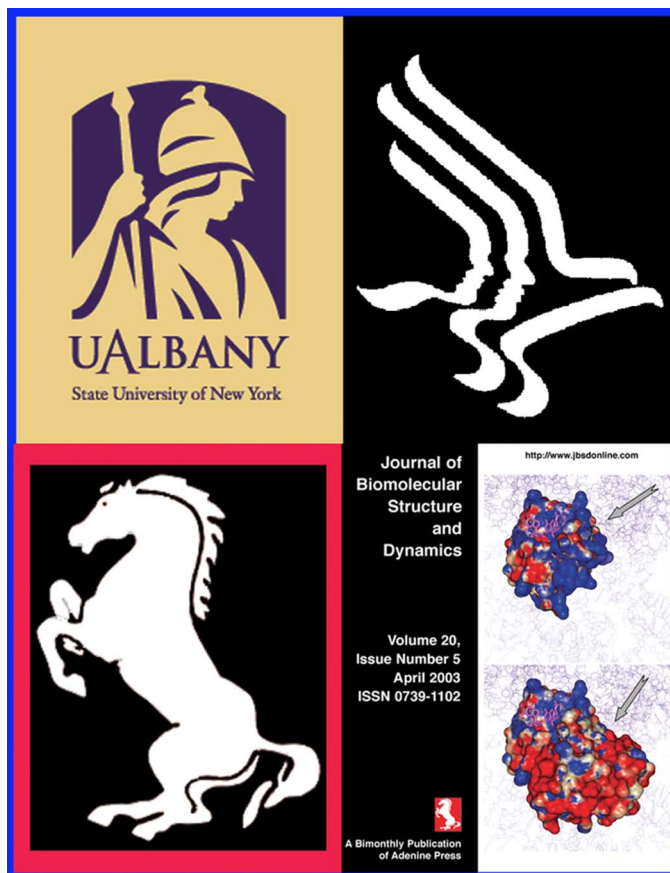
The configuration and scheduling of the lectures and posters was announced several weeks ago on the web site of the Conversation. On the next page there is a single page condensed version of the schedule. If a name is omitted or misspelled our apologies.

Do Not Misplace Your Name Badge

At the Conversation site you will be given an official name badge. Do not misplace this. The security at the symposium hall (LC-18) will not admit you without it. If the name is misspelled or the affiliation is wrong, please correct it with a pen before a new one could be made.

Please note the following:

- If you have any suggestions to improve the Journal of Biomolecular Structure & Dynamics (JBSD) or the Conversation program, please forward your comments to me. We can take up these issues during the JBSD + Organizing Cmte dinner on the 17th at 6:00 PM. For example, you may want to nominate a few new people to the JBSD board.



- There is a Pre-Conversation workshop (2:00-5:00 PM, June 17th, LC-18) on Nucleic Acid Structural Parameters. Details are at the web site. All are cordially invited to participate.

As usual the program is crowded, intense and moves at high velocity. In Albany we accomplish things in 3.5 days of what normally may take 7 days. This is possible because of precise organization of events; such organization cannot work unless all the detailed information is provided in advance. This is the purpose of this final communication. Of course, we want you to read it at least once, please. As you read this, you will come to know the various complications a gathering like this faces, and we try to anticipate these in advance. If you are one of those who may contribute to a complication, please respond to the request in this announcement.

Two Major Requests

- If you are scheduled to give a lecture, and certain emergencies precipitate and you cannot come, please let me know as soon as you are hit with the emergency. There are several people waiting and anxious to give lectures on some very important discoveries and they all are looking for space.
- If you have a poster abstract at the web site, and you are unable to come and present it as a poster, please let me know so that we can save a poster station. Please do not waste a station.

Where are you staying?

Most of you are staying at the University Residence Colonial Quad. The near-by motels are: Extended Stay, Fairfield Inn and Marriott Courtyard. See map on page 3 for their location and telephone numbers.

Tuesday, June 17th

2:00-5:00 pm Pre-Conversation Workshop Nucleic Acid Structure Analysis
 6:00-8:00 JBSD + Organizing Cmte Dinner, Sitar
 1:00-11:00 Mount your posters
 5:30-8:00 Dinner , Patroon Room
 8:30-11:30 Wine & Cheese Reception, Patroon Room & Lounge

Wednesday, June 18th

6:00-7:45 am **Breakfast, Colonial Quad Dining Hall**
 8:00-8:15 am Welcome by Dean Joan Wick-Pelletier, and Chemistry Chair John Welch
8:15-9:55 **Session 1: Single Molecules & Nanosciences**
Chair: Helen Hansma, UC Santa Barbara
 8:15-8:40 Carlos Bustamante, UC Berkeley (872)
 8:40-9:05 Sunney Xie, Harvard (937)
 9:05-9:30 Michael Elbaum, Weizmann, Israel (896)
 9:30-9:55 Laura Finzi, Univ of Milan, Italy (913)
9:55-10:55 **Coffee & Poster Session I**
10:55-11:45 **Session 2: Structural Genomics: DNA-Protein**
Chair: Wilma Olson, Rutgers University
 10:55-11:20 Janet Thornton, EMBL-EBI, Cambridge, UK (841)
 11:20-11:45 Victor Zhurkin, NIH (858)
11:45-12:35pm **Session 3: Hot Stuff**
Chair: Nick Ulyanov, UC, San Francisco
 11:45-12:10 Volker Doetsch, UC San Francisco (881)
 12:10-12:35 Ned Seeman, New York Univ. (925)
12:35-2:00 **Lunch, Patroon Room**
2:00-3:30 **Session 4: Alex Rich & Paul Doty on DNA**
Chair: Maxim Frank-Kamenetskii, Boston Univ.
 2:00-2:25 Alex Rich, MIT (933)
 2:25-2:50 Paul Doty, Harvard (945)
 2:50-3:30 Alex Rich, MIT (837)
3:30-4:30 **Coffee & Poster Session II**
4:30-6:00 **Session 5: Structural Genomics ab initio: Proteins**
Chair: Robert Jernigan, Iowa State Univ.
 4:30-4:55 George Rose, Johns Hopkins (906)
 4:55-5:20 Leonid Mirny, MIT-Harvard
 5:20-5:45 Alexei Finkelstein, IPR, Moscow-Pushchino, Russia (942)
 5:45-6:00 C-C Chang, National Dong Hwa University, Taiwan (907)
6:00-8:00 **Dinner, Ball Room**
8:00-10:00 **Session 6: High End Protein Crystallography**
Chair: Zippi Shakked, Weizmann, Israel
 8:00-9:00 Nobel Laureate R. Huber, MPI, Martinsried, Germany (891)
 9:00-10:00 Wolfram Saenger, Free Univ. of Berlin, Germany (855)
 10:00- ? Party at Sarma's, 2nd Floor Colonial Quad

Friday, June 20th

6:00-8:00 am **Breakfast, Colonial Quad Dining Hall**
8:15-9:55 **Session 13: Structural Genomics: Natively Unstructured Proteins**
Chair: Edward Trifonov, University of Haifa, Israel
 8:15-8:40 Volodya Uversky, UC Santa Cruz (857)
 8:40-9:05 Gary J. Pielak, Univ of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (840)
 9:05-9:30 Celeste Brown, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho (867)
 9:30-9:55 Keith Dunker, Washington State Univ., Pullman (866)
9:55-11:00 **Coffee & Poster Session V**
11:00-11:45 **Session 14: DNA**
Chair: Hiroshi Sugiyama, Tokyo Med. & Dent. Univ., Japan
 11:00-11:15 A. Vologodskii, New York University (885)
 11:15-11:30 Irina Smolina, Boston University (882)
 11:30-11:45 J. S. Müller, Institut. of Patho. & Molec. Med., Czech Rep (934)
11:45-12:30pm **Session 15: Molecular Dynamics**
Chair: David Langley, Bristol Myers Squibb
 11:45-12:00 Adel Hamza, Institut Pasteur de Tunis, Tunisia (877)
 12:00-12:15 Surjit Dixit, Wesleyan (848)
 12:15-12:30 Peter Varnai, IBP, Paris, France (845)
12:30-2:00 **Lunch, Patroon Room**
2:00-3:20 **Session 16: RNA**
Chair: David Shub, Univ. at Albany
 2:00-2:25 Jake Maizel, NIH (910)
 2:25-2:50 Nancy Greenbaum, Florida State Univ. Tallahassee (912)
 2:50-3:05 N. G. Walter, Univ of Michigan, Ann Arbor (913)
 3:05-3:20 F. Girard, University of Nimegen, The Netherlands (864)
3:20-3:45 **Coffee**
3:45-4:45 **Session 17: DNA**
Chair: H.A. Tajmir-Riahi, Univ. of Quebec, Canada
 3:45-4:00 Jean-Louis Leroy, ICSN, Gif-sur-Yvette, France (880)
 4:00-4:15 David Swigon, Rutgers (897)
 4:15-4:30 Daniel Coman, Wesleyan (904)
 4:30-4:45 Raphael Hazel, SUNY Stony Brook (893)
4:45-6:20 **Session 18: RNA**
Chair: William Duax, Hauptman-Woodward Inst.
 4:45-5:10 Tom Tuschl, Rockefeller Univ (919)
 5:10-5:35 Sam Butcher, Univ of Wisconsin, Madison (863)
Chair: Juli Feigon, UC Los Angeles
 5:35-5:50 Kamila Reblova, Brno, Czech Republic (896)
 5:50-6:05 R N Hannoush, Harvard Univ (836)
 6:05-6:20 Thorsten Dieckmann, UC Davis (840)
7:30-12:00am **Big Feast, Ball Room**
 9:00-10:00 Indian Instrument Music: Sitar, Tabla & Tanpura
 Artists: Veena Chandra, Devesh Chandra & Archana Chandra

Thursday, June 19th

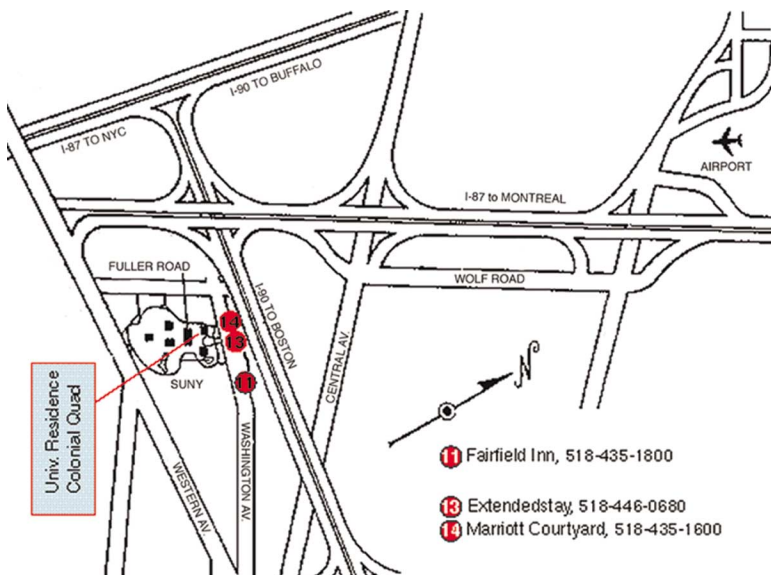
6:00-8:00 am **Breakfast, Colonial Quad Dining Hall**
8:15-10:00 **Session 7: Structural Genomics: Proteins & DNA**
Chair: Michael A. Kennedy, Pacific Northwest Labs
 8:15-8:40 Udo Heinemann, MDC, Berlin, Germany (926)
 8:40-9:05 Cheryl Arrowsmith, Univ. of Toronto, Canada (926)
Chair: Manju Bansal, IISc, Bangalore, India
 9:05-9:30 Bob Shulman, Yale (920)
 9:30-9:45 Susan Jones, EMBL-EBI, Cambridge, UK (946)
 9:45-10:00 Olga Ozoline, ICB, Pushino, Moscow, Russia (905)
10:00-11:00 **Coffee & Poster Session III**
11:00-12:30pm **Session 8: Structural Genomics: Evolution**
Chair: L. Harris, Abbott NW Hospital, Minneapolis
 11:00-11:25 Mark Gerstein, Yale (849)
 11:25-11:50 Igor N. Berezovsky, Weizmann, Israel (907)
Chair: Heinz Welfle, MDC Berlin, Germany
 11:50-12:15 H. Margalit, Hadassa Med. School, Israel (870)
 12:15-12:30 W. Duax, Hauptman-Woodward Institute (842)
12:30-2:00 **Lunch, Patroon Room**
2:00-3:40 **Session 9: Kees Hilbers Jubilee: Science**
Chair: Arthur Pardi, Colorado, Boulder
 2:00-2:25 Al Redfield, Brandeis (901)
 2:25-2:50 S. Wijmenga, Univ. of Nijmegen, The Netherlands (921)
 2:50-3:15 Juli Feigon, UC Los Angeles (845)
 3:15-3:40 Jody Puglisi, Stanford (911)
3:40-4:30 **Coffee & Poster Session IV**
4:30-5:15 **Session 10: DNA**
Chair: Lou-sing Kan, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
 4:30-4:45 Wolfgang Fritzsche, IPHT, Jena, Germany (887)
 4:45-5:00 Sarah Delaney, CALTECH (900)
 5:00-5:15 Olga Fedorova, NIBC, Novosibirsk, Russia (850)
5:15-6:30 **Session 11: Kees Hilbers Jubilee: Science**
Chair: David Kearns, UC San Diego
 5:15-5:40 Andrew Wang, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (927)
 5:40-6:05 Dino Moras, IGBMC, Illkirch, France (911)
 6:05-6:30 David Lilley, University of Dundee, UK (939)
6:30-8:00 **Dinner, Ball Room**
8:00-10:00 **Session 12: Kees Hilbers Jubilee: Ceremony**
Master of Ceremonies: Ad Bax, NIH
 8:00-8:10 Arthur Pardi, University of Colorado, Boulder
 8:10-8:20 Maurice Gueron, Ecole Poly., Palaiseau, France
 8:20-8:30 Juli Feigon, UC Los Angeles
 8:30-8:40 David Kearns, UC San Diego
 8:40-8:50 Bob Shulman, Yale
8:50-9:15 **Ad Bax, NIH, formally introduces Kees**
9:15-10:00 **Kees Hilbers, Birthday Lecture**
10:00-? **Party for Kees at Sarma's, 2nd Floor Colonial Quad**

Saturday, June 21th

6:30-8:30 am **Breakfast, Colonial Quad Dining Hall**
8:45-10:25 **Session 19: DNA Protein Complexes**
Chair: Mike Weiss, Case Western Reserve
 8:45-9:10 Tahir H Tahirov, RIKEN Harima Inst., Japan (926)
 9:10-9:35 Marlene Belfort, Wadsworth Center, Albany NY (834)
 9:35-10:00 Rasika Harshey, University of Texas, Austin (936)
 10:00-10:25 Haim Rozenberg, Weizmann, Israel (957)
10:25-10:45 **Coffee Break**
10:45-1:00 **Session 20: DNA-Cation Panel Discussion**
Moderators
 1. Struther Arnott, Imperial College, London, UK
 2. Maurice Gueron, Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France
 3. Thomas Cheatham, University of Utah

To provide an incipient structure to the panel discussion, the session will start with short lectures by Martin Egli, Vanderbilt Univ. (20 minutes), Stephen Neidle, University of London, UK (15 minutes) and David Gorenstein, University of Texas, Galveston, TX, USA (15 minutes). This will be followed by open discussion among the panel members for about 1.5 hrs, moderated by Struther Arnott, Maurice Gueron and Thomas Cheatham. The discussions may not conform to the published abstracts, but they provide some indication on the expertise and interest of the panel members. Note that a few of the panel members are also providing poster discussion papers.

Panel Members
 1. David Beveridge, Wesleyan (953)
 2. David Gorenstein, University of Texas, Galveston, TX, USA (955)
 3. Gerald Manning, Rutgers University
 4. Irina Shkel, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison (950)
 5. Jiri Sponer, Institute of Biophysics, Brno, Czech Republic (952)
 6. Martin Egli, Vanderbilt University (949)
 7. Nancy Stellwagen, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa (954)
 8. Nick Hud, Georgia Tech (948)
 9. Stephen Neidle, University of London, UK (953)
 10. Tali Haran, Technion, Haifa, Israel (951)
 11. Zippi Shakked, Weizmann, Israel (957)
1:00-1:05 **Struther Arnott Closes the Conversation**
1:05-2:30 **Lunch and Goodbye**



discipline and developing young scientists meet each other for the first time leading to long lasting scientific relationships.

If you are staying in a motel, it has no serious facilities to eat. The nearest places to eat are on Western Ave, a 20 minute walk from the symposium site, and it will create great distortion to your life, if you do not reserve your meals at the University.

The University meals package includes Wine and Cheese reception, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners and the big feast. The cost is US \$165. If you have not reserved your meals, you still can do so, by sending a check, made out to "University Auxilliary Services" (their Federal ID is: 14-1397537). to R. H. Sarma, Chemistry Dept, SUNY at Albany, Albany NY 12222 USA.

Special Meals: Kosher and Vegetarian. Those who need special meals (Kosher and Vegetarian) should inform about this at the front desk during registration.

Time & Place of Meals

Breakfasts at the Colonial Quad, all other meals at the Campus Center dining halls, the Patroon Room or the Ball Room. Time and place appears in the detailed program. (See page 2).

Meals during the Albany Conversation are an important event; it gives a great opportunity for you to meet and get to know others in an informal setting. This is where some of the legends in the

Meal Pass

A white name badge will admit you to the Conversation and all meals. A gold name tag means that you have elected to attend only the Conversation.

Sign Up for Big Feast

If you are having meals within the University, your cost for the Big Feast on Friday night is covered. However, if you are planning to come for the big feast, you must sign up for the big feast on the sheets displayed at the registration area.

Lecture Center 18

Lecture Center 18 (LC 18) is the place where we hold the symposium and it is located at the center of the University around a pool; the poster sessions will be held in the concourse around the pool. The maps on the left provide you the locations of concern to you.

Where do you register & pick up your stuff on the 17th of June?

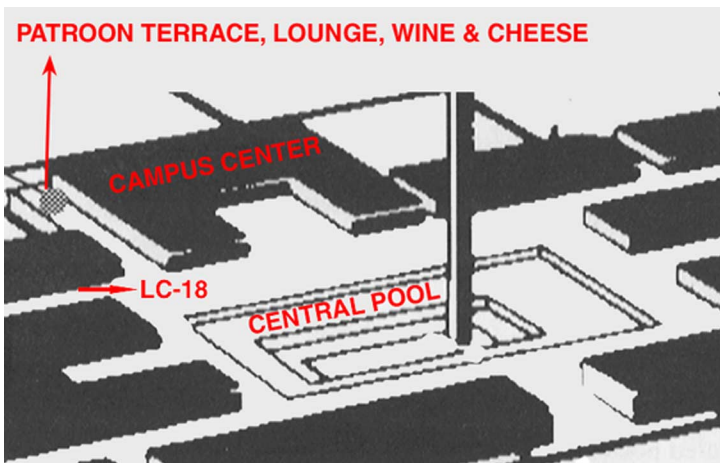
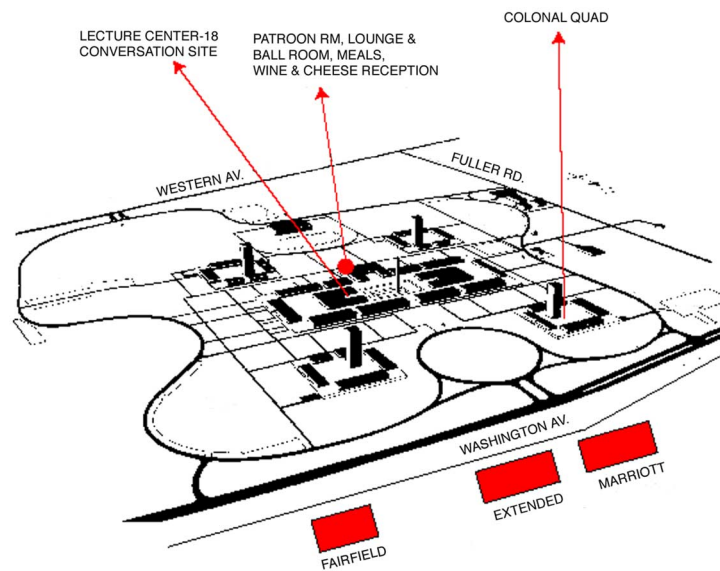
The registration desk is at Colonial Quad, Flag Room and it will open at 1:00 PM on Tuesday the 17th of June and will remain open till 11 PM on that day. Wherever you are staying, you must appear on the 17th of June at the registration desk at Colonial Quad and complete the formalities, pick up your name tag and the Book of Abstracts and the program.

Where do you register if you are coming after June 17th?

Go to LC 18 and register for the conference at the desk in front of this hall and pick up your materials.

Communications

There are public telephones all around the concourse of LC 18, in the campus center, and Colonial Quad. Public access computer rooms are in the concourse and in the Colonial Quad.



Blowup of the pool, Campus Center. To get to Patroon terrace and lounge, from the central swimming pool and big fountain, just climb open stairs to the Campus Center. You will meet a second fountain, walk left and go behind the Campus Center to Patroon Lounge. It faces the new library.

Parking

The University has very tight parking regulations. One cannot park on University property without parking permits. Those staying at the Colonial Quad can part at its parking lot for a fee of \$3.40 a day. These can be purchased at check in at the Quad. If you want to park within the University, you must park at the lot for visitors for a fee. As the map above indicates everything is within walking distance.

Date and time of arrival

All are expected to arrive on Tuesday June 17th, afternoon, if at all possible. Posters can be mounted on their stations after noon. See details later. We begin serving dinner at 5:30 PM in the Patroon Room. A Wine and Cheese Reception will be held for all delegates at the Patroon Terrace & Lounge, 8:30-11:30 pm. Even though all steps are taken to avoid inordinate delays for registration, it will help the system if the delegates can arrive between 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, rather than between 4:00 pm - 10 pm. Arriving early in the day also provides time to put up the poster displays. Some of you have to arrive a day early because of flight availabilities. Some of you have to stay over Saturday the 21st to save money on the airlines.

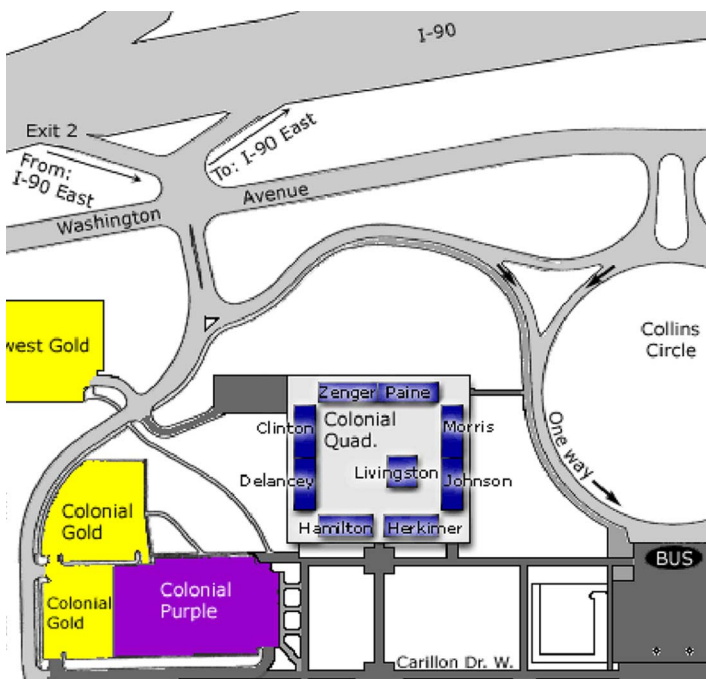
Are you arriving early? Are you leaving late?

If you are arriving earlier than the 17th you must inform the appropriate people: for the University Residence Colonial Quad, email: ekrzykowski@uamail.albany.edu, if you have not yet indicated this in the form. If you have to stay later than the 21st, just tell the front desk after your arrival.

How do you get to Albany, N. Y.? to Colonial Quad

The map shown earlier gives you the location of the University at Albany within the context of the various interstate highways that run through Albany and the Albany airport.

Many of you from Boston, New York, Montreal and Buffalo may be coming by car. The University is located at the very heart of the interstate highways 87 and 90. From Buffalo take 90 East and you are at Albany in 5 hrs. At Albany take exit 24, immediately you will see the signs for the University and 90 East, follow 90 East



and take exit 2; at the end of the exit you will be facing the Colonial Quad and the evocative architecture of the University; you can drive straight thru the lights into the University and follow the perimeter road on the right to Colonial Quad. If you are staying in a motel, at the end of exit 2 take a left (you are on Washington Ave) and within a minute you will see on the left the hotels Marriott Courtyard, Extendedstay America, and Fairfield Inn.

From New York, interstate 87 will deposit you at exit 24 and from there follow the above instructions.

From Montreal, when you reach Albany, follow 90 East (exit 1E and stay right) and you will be at exit 2 described above within minutes.

If you are coming from Boston, about 40 miles before Albany on 90 West, you will pay a toll. After this toll you will see, exits B3, B2 and B1. **Take exit B1 to continue on 90 West**, pay a toll again. The 90 West will continue toward Buffalo through down-down Albany. In the Heavens you will get a glimpse of the spectacular Rockefeller Plaza penetrating the skys in a serene sun dance; continue along the busy highway, pregnant with plastic sounds and signs, the fried chickens and Big Macs, until you see exit 2 (Fuller Road and the University exit) on your right side. Take this exit, and at the end of this exit, on Fuller Road, take a left turn and drive for a minute or so. You will be at the intersection between Washington Avenue and Fuller Road. Take a left, and you are on Washington Ave; at the first traffic light after the turn, take a right and you will be facing the Colonial Quad. Drive on the right along perimeter road to Colonial Quad.

If you are enchanted by a train, riding along the exuberant and happy Hudson, the deers in natural expression running wild in the June sun, you can have a memorable travel from New York City Penn Station and disembark at Rensselaer/Albany Station; a cab will take you through downtown Albany, where the rows of antique brown stones challenge the imperium of Rockefeller concrete, to Colonial Quad at the uptown Campus; it is a 15 minute trip through the old and new world, but ask the cabby the fare before you board, and tell him that you want to go to Colonial Quad at the uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave.

For those who fly into the Albany airport, the University is about 10-15 minutes away in a taxi. It is impossible for us to pick all of you up at the airport. So take a cab to Colonial Quad at the uptown campus of SUNY at 1400 Washington Ave.

Note that, as the map on page 3 indicates, the Colonial Quad, and the motels on Washington avenue are very close. Once you reach Colonial Quad, if you have a car, just park at the gold or purple lots (diagram left), just go in and check into the Quad; purchase your parking permit there, and then place the permit on the dash board of the car.

It may rain? Wake-up call? Valuables?

Even though the walk between LC18 and Colonial Quad as well as the motels is only a few minutes, and because the gods do not let us control the weather, please bring an umbrella, rain coat etc. Please bring an alarm clock. We strongly advise you not to keep any valuables inside your room. The hotels and the University are not responsible for any theft from your room. Give to the front desk for safe keeping.

Registered, but not going to show up

If you are registered, and not planning to come, please let us know. Also, let us know whether you are occupying poster space and accommodation space. There is a dire need for poster spaces now.

Have not yet paid the registration fee, despite reminders

If you have been reminded that the University has not received the fees, please take care of it. The forms are available at: <http://www.jbsdonline.com/index.cfm?d=3012&c=4090&do=list> Due to certain problems, a few scientists from certain foreign countries have made arrangements to pay the fee on arrival. **The University at Albany does not accept credit cards or wire transfer for registration and meals.**

Registered, but have not made arrangements for meals & lodging

Go to Colonial Quad on June 17th, get your symposium materials; pay \$165 and get meal passage; to make matters simple, a white name tag will admit you for the conference and meals; a gold name tag means that you are registered only for the conference. The Quad itself may have lodging available for you due to cancellations; or you could get this at the other motels/hotels on a "walk in" basis.

Unregistered, but want to come

Go to Colonial Quad on June 17th and register as a "walk in" & follow instructions just above.

Departure

On Saturday, June 21st, after lunch, you are ready to leave at about 2:30 pm. There are no organized trips to the airport. Interested parties should get together and organize appropriate cab trips to the airport.

Poster Session: General

The poster papers are an exciting component of the Albany Agenda. In order to assure their success it is imperative that the following procedures be followed:

All posters must be mounted on assigned stations on June 17th or before the start of the deliberations at 8:00 am next day morning. The posters shall remain in their stations throughout the symposium until Friday evening. Some 200 poster stations are in the concourse around LC18 and one will see large numbers of people milling around and reading the posters all the time. Posters are a continuing event at Albany. Because of this unusual aspect of the Albany Conversation one should prepare the posters as self-explanatory as possible. One should also leave blank sheets of paper to leave addresses to receive reprints and additional materials. Posters must be removed before 2:00 pm on Saturday. After that the University cleaning crew will throw them away.

Even though the poster session is a continuing event, the posters are formally presented at specific times as noted in the configuration and schedule. We anticipate the formal presentation of about 30 posters at each time. During the above periods the presenters are expected to "man" their posters instead of running around and reading other posters. We know that this is irresistible. Let us assure you that you are not going to miss any good stuff because all posters remain in their stations until Friday evening.

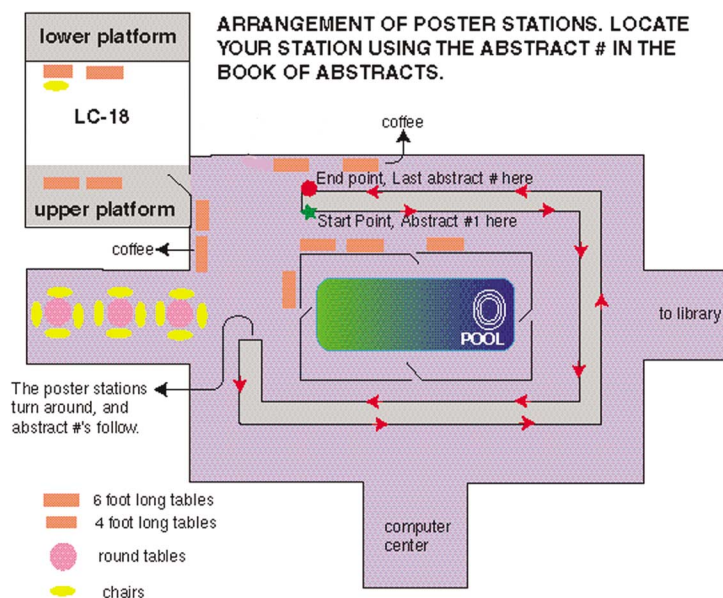
Poster Session: When and Where Should You Mount Your Poster?

All posters are mounted on June 17th at a station which displays the abstract number of your abstract in the Book of Abstracts. Poster abstracts are sequentially numbered in the book of abstracts appearing in the June 2003 issue of the *Journal Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics*; and about 30 posters are sequentially presented at one time in the poster session sequences, Monday through Friday. People should mount their poster only in the station designated by abstract # of their abstract. Note that in the abstract book, the abstracts are arranged in no particular order; it also contains abstract of lectures and there could be 'no show' poster abstract. Look up in the author index, locate the abstract #'s, then go to that poster station bearing your number.

You will not know your poster station number until you see the June 2003 issue of the *Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics*, which will be distributed free of charge in Albany. However, the 130 page book of abstracts, with poster station numbers, can be downloaded now from www.jbsdonline.com. If your institutional library does not have a subscription to the *Journal* and license for JBSD Online, you will have to pay by credit card for the download. This is a good time to ask your library to acquire a subscription to the *Journal*.

The area allowed for the poster is 4'x4'. Poster boards are peg boards with thousands of tiny holes. There are two ways to mount your poster: (1) Bring your poster all prepared on a light cardboard 4'x4' and hang them on the poster station from hooks or using strings. (2) If you bring your poster in bits and pieces on several pieces of paper, use heavy duty tapes to attach them. **You bring your own supplies to mount the poster. You can also use tapes in various colors to add a dash of brilliance to your station.**

The map below shows the configuration of the Conversation site including LC-18 and where posters are mounted. They all happen around the pool at the center of the University.



Publication of Manuscripts Based Upon Poster

It has been a continuing tradition to publish the original and dynamite unpublished researches reported in the posters in the

August, October and December issues of the *Journal of Biomolecular Structure & Dynamics*. The Journal does not relax any of its rules and regulations in order to publish these manuscripts. However, the availability of the Board of Editors and Advisors of the Journal at the symposium site, and the presence of large number of experts at the conference, enable to have the papers reviewed much faster, and thus to publish those accepted within a short period of time.

Many of you presenting posters have expressed an interest in publishing your results in the Journal. If this is the case, you should email a single PDF file of the complete manuscript (including text, tables and figures in one file) along with a list of 5 referees and their email addresses to rhs07@albany.edu. This can be done immediately before or after the Conversation.

Lecturers and Chairs of Sessions

All lectures will be held in Lecture Center 18 at the University. Speakers should set aside a few minutes discussion depending upon the length of the allotted time. The Chair of each session controls a light system of yellow (2 to 1 minutes left) and red (stop immediately, you are into discussion time). Chairs reserve the right to adjust the time of speakers in a session to avoid any inordinate delays in ending a particular session on time, for example morning sessions which eat up the lunch time. Within reason, Chairs have the right to terminate or shorten a speaker's time, if the speaker is incoherent and unable to communicate properly with the audience. Chairs are requested to make sure that during discussion periods, people who have questions should go to the microphone stands and identify themselves and then ask the questions; they are not allowed to shout questions at the speaker from their seats.

Lecture Facilities

In LC-18 one could use simultaneously two slide projectors and two overhead transparency projectors. This will enable to transmit a great deal of information within the allotted time. However if your stuff is in a MacIntosh, PC or Sun note books, LC-18 allows only a single projection, 18 feet wide and 20 feet high. People who plan to use projection from their note books are strongly advised to bring backup of their powerpoint slides on a CD and for conventional projection using slides or overhead transparencies.

The Conference, Journal Office at Colonial Quad and Sarma Party Center

The Conference & the Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics will have an office at the Colonial Quad, second floor during the tenure of the meeting. This office will be open to late evenings throughout the conference. This is the place where the evening Partys take place. **Bring a bottle of wine from your country or state to add diversity to what we offer.** As has been in the past, this office will continue as a social scene and no official meetings are held here. You can just walk in and join the various conversations and arguments that go on till the early mornings.

Final Check List

- Arrange your travel plans so that you reach Albany before 6:00 pm on Tuesday June 17th and leave after 2:30 pm on Saturday June 21st. Those travelling by planes, please take into consideration that they may never arrive or depart on time.
- If you are arriving earlier than the 17th of June let Univ Residential Life (ekrzykowski@uamail.albany.edu) know about it so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- Your poster, heavy duty tape and strings
- Slides and transparencies by lecturers and panel members; power note books and backups.
- Alarm clock, umbrella and rain coat.
- A copy of this communication & the attached maps.

In this communication, I have tried to cover most of the matters you may be concerned with respect to the 13th Conversation. If some matters are not clear to you, please write me.

We thank you for reading this communication.

We are delighted to be your hosts, June 17-21, 2003.

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