Dear Delegate,

We are pleased to confirm your place at The Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution Annual Meeting 2017. Taking place from 2nd – 6th July, 2017 in Austin, Texas, SMBE 2017 will explore a diversity of topics - genomics, proteomics, molecular biology and evolution and will see over 1,500 attendees from around the world.

Please find information inside which you may find useful. Should you have any questions please email the meeting secretariat at smbe2017@mci-group.com

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Transport

**Austin Bergstrom International Airport**

Austin Bergstrom International Airport has two Terminals:

**Barbara Jordan Terminal**
As the original terminal serving Austin-Bergstrom International Airport since it opened in 1999, the Barbara Jordan Terminal is accessed from SH-71.

- **Airlines** serving the Jordan Terminal

**South Terminal**
The new South Terminal is accessed only from the south boundary of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport campus. The south side of the airport is accessed by Burleson Road. From Burleson Road, take Emma Browning Avenue to the South Terminal. Currently, only Allegiant Air and ViaAir depart from the South Terminal. All other airlines depart from the Barbara Jordan Terminal.

- **Airlines** serving the South Terminal

**Travel from Airport to City Center / JW Marriott Hotel**

Overview Map to Barbara Jordan Terminal Austin Airport
Overview Map to South Terminal Austin Airport

**Transportation Network Companies**

- Fasten
- GetMe
- Lyft
- RideAustin
- Uber
- Wingz
- zTrip

For discount codes on transports and any other please [click here](#).

**Public Buses**
Capital Metro is Austin's regional public transportation provider. There are two main bus lines heading downtown and north Austin. The bus (100 Airport Flyer) is the most inexpensive way to travel to/from the airport. It costs only $1.25 (exact amount required), leaves every half hour, and stops at 4th Street and Trinity, which is four blocks from the meeting venue (2nd Street, between Bravos and Congress).

For more information please take a look at:

[100 - Airport Flyer: Connecting airport and downtown](#)
Super Shuttle – Austin Airport Service

In Austin, Super Shuttle is one of the leading airport transportation providers. Use Super Shuttle for transportation to and from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS). Prior reservation is required, fee: 15 USD (one way).

For more information take a look at https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/austinaus/

Rental Car Companies

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Taxis

There should be no trouble finding a cab in Austin. There are dozens of taxis and shuttles waiting at the Airport exits to offer passengers top-quality. Minimum fare for taxi customers is $12.30, this includes a $1.00 airport surcharge. All taxis have a four passenger maximum, excluding children 12-years and under. All taxis accept major credit cards. The estimated average taxi fare to get to the venue (JW Marriott) is around $30 (one way).

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<td>Austin Cab</td>
<td>512-478-2222</td>
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<td>Lone Star Cab</td>
<td>512-836-4900</td>
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<td>Yellow Cab</td>
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Accommodation

If you booked your hotel accommodation via the meeting registration link or through the Meeting Secretariat then you will have received a confirmation of your booking by email. Bookings are room only. Your booking will be under your name at your chosen hotel. Please see a list of contact details of the meeting hotels below.

JW Marriott Austin

Situated in the heart of the downtown area, the Austin luxury hotel is just a 15-minute drive from Austin International Airport.

Address:
110 E 2nd St
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: +1-512-474-4777

Accessibility: The JW Marriott is fully wheelchair accessible. 32 guest rooms are accessible with mobility features with entry or passage doors that provide 32” of clear width.
Accessible guest rooms have a 32 inch wide opening. Please make sure to confirm to the organizer if you need a wheelchair accessible room in order to guarantee availability.

**Smoking:** The JW Marriott Hotel is a non-smoking hotel. Smoking is prohibited in the hotel, except in designated smoking areas which will be outside the main entrance.

For more information please visit the Hotel's Website: [https://www.jwmarriottaustin.com](https://www.jwmarriottaustin.com)

**Hyatt Regency**
Discover the lifestyle comforts of home and modern essentials of staying mobile at the Hyatt Regency Austin. Relax, work, or entertain in the perfect hotel room in Austin.

**Address:**
208 Barton Springs Rd
Austin, TX 78704, USA
Phone: +1 512 477 1234
Fax: +1 512 480 2069
Email: ausra-rfp@hyatt.com

**Accessibility:** The public area of the hotel is fully wheelchair accessible. They also have wheelchair accessible room.
**Smoking:** The Hyatt Regency Hotel is a non-smoking hotel. Smoking is prohibited in the hotel, except in designated smoking areas which will be outside.
**Transport:** The meeting venue is a 12 minute walk from the Hyatt.

For more information please visit the Hotel's Website: [https://austin.regency.hyatt.com](https://austin.regency.hyatt.com)

**Student Accommodation – Austin Dorms**
Dobie Twenty21 Student Spaces is the only private dorm in Austin that is a part of the University of Texas campus. It is conveniently located across the street from the Six Pack, Darrell K. Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium, and the electrifying energy on the Drag.

**Address:**
2021 Guadalupe Street
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: +1 877 340-4072

**Smoking:** Dobie Twenty21 is a non-smoking student accommodation.
**Transport:** The meeting venue is a 30 minute walk from the Dobie Twenty21 and can be also reached by bus. Please take the bus line 3 Burnet/Manchaca to get to the venue. For more information please click [here](http://www.dobietwenty21.com).

For more information please visit the Hotel's Website: [http://www.dobietwenty21.com](http://www.dobietwenty21.com)
Local Area Map
Austin is well known for its vibrant restaurant and bar scene, and the most exciting Austin entertainment districts are all within walking distance from the conference hotel. Learn more about individual entertainment districts here, and find them on a map here.

Meeting venue
JW Marriott Hotel
110 E 2nd St
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: +1-512-474-4777
The JW Marriott Austin hotel opened in the beginning of 2015 is situated in the heart of Austin, just a 15-minute drive from Austin International Airport.

Here, you’ll experience the quiet luxury of a JW Marriott hotel with 1,012 elegant, oversized guest rooms, countless amenities and a superior location near some of the best attractions and entertainment options Austin has to offer – including the Sixth Street Entertainment District, University of Texas and the Texas State Capitol. Both business and leisure travelers alike will appreciate the variety of on-site restaurants, extensive state-of-the-art fitness center, outdoor pool and deck and much more, the perfect location for SMBE2017.

Local Information
A number of local staff will be available at the SMBE 2017 registration & information desks located in the main lobby for the duration of the Meeting.

The JW Marriott Hotel Concierge is also located in the lobby of the hotel and is available from 9am – 5pm to help with local information, directions and tours.

The Bellman/ Bell Station located at the main lobby entrance can assist you in ordering taxicabs. After 11pm guests can go to the front desk which is open 24 hours.

Pool Access
Access to the pool area of the meeting venue is for hotel guests only. This area is manned by security. Your meeting badge does not grant you access to these restricted areas.

Smoking
The JW Marriott Hotel is a non-smoking hotel. Smoking is prohibited in the hotel, except in designated smoking areas which will be outside the main entrance.

Accessibility
The JW Marriott is fully wheelchair accessible. 32 guest rooms are accessible with mobility features with entry or passage doors that provide 32” of clear width. Accessible guest rooms have a 32 inch wide opening. Moreover, public areas and elevators in the hotel are fully wheelchair accessible. For more information call the general manager of the hotel.
Emergency Numbers and Dialing Codes
Should you require contacting the emergency services in Austin (police, ambulance or fire) the number to dial is 911. If there is no 911 service, the contact numbers that can be used are:

Emergency Numbers

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<th>Police Station</th>
<th>City of Austin Police Department</th>
<th>Phone: +1 512-974-5000</th>
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<td>715 E 8th St, Austin, TX 78701, USA</td>
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<td>919 E 32nd Street</td>
<td>2020 E Riverside Dr.</td>
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<td>Austin, TX</td>
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<td>Phone: +1-512-476-7111</td>
<td>Phone: +1-512-326-5228</td>
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Paramedics will be available on the 4th floor of the conference and events area.

Amenities in the JW Marriott Hotel:

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The Venue Floorplan

Level 4 - JW Marriott Austin
SMBE 2017 - 07/02/2017

Nursing room

- Office
- Parallel 2
- Parallel 4
- Speaker Ready Room
- Breakout/Meeting 2 (if required)
- Conference Storage
- Parallel 1
- Parallel 3
- SMBE Council Meeting room
- Breakout/Meeting 1 (if required)
- Childcare Rooms
- Nursing Room
Registration and Payment
SMBE 2017 Meeting Secretariat
MCI Dublin
1 Clarinda Park North
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin Ireland
Email: smbe2017@mci-group.com
Tel: +353 (01) 2802641
Fax: +353 (01) 2805405

SMBE 2017 registration and information desks will be located in the foyer area of level 4 of the meeting and events space for the duration of the Meeting. The SMBE team will be available at the times listed below for general meeting queries and information.

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Registration Details
The SMBE registration includes:

- Access to all sessions during the conference
- Morning break, lunch and afternoon break
- Welcome Reception ticket
- Access to the conference web based App (including the conference program, speaker profiles and abstracts)
- Wireless internet access in the conference area
- Delegate Bag

Payment for the Meeting
Full Payment is required in order to gain entrance to the meeting. You will be asked for credit card details at time of registration if your account has not been paid. Please note that cash is not accepted. If you have not yet paid please do so by calling the SMBE 2017 Meeting Secretariat at +41 44 80 94 200

The SMBE Meeting Secretariat can be contacted for any information regarding the meeting:
Tel: +41 44 80 94 200 / Email: smbe2017@mci-group.com
Onsite Registration

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<td>SMBE Member</td>
<td>USD 625.00</td>
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<td>SMBE Non - Member</td>
<td>USD 725.00</td>
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<td>Student Member</td>
<td>USD 495.00</td>
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Receipt of Payment
If you registered online or by bank transfer an official receipt was sent to you once full payment was received. If you require a copy of your official receipt of payment please email the Meeting Secretariat at smbe2017@mci-group.com and we will email you a copy after the event. We do not have the facility to produce receipts at the registration & information desks onsite.

Meeting Information

Language
English is the official language of the meeting.

Childcare
SMBE will have onsite childcare for young children. **All onsite childcare must have been pre-booked during registration.** Specific details will be sent directly to those availing of the service. There are plenty of opportunities at local Summer Camps for slightly older children. Our friends at the JW Marriott have recommended the following site for more details - Camp Guide.

Delegate Badges
Upon arrival at the meeting venue you will be required to pick up your delegate badge and any accompanying person tickets (if you have previously purchased them) at the SMBE registration & information desk. Registration will be by last name and signage at the registration desk will direct to you the correct desk. Badges must be worn visibly at all times in view of security for access procedures.

WIFI Access
There is complimentary wireless internet available to all SMBE meeting attendees in the meeting rooms and foyer areas. There is also complimentary wireless internet available to all SMBE guests staying in the JW Marriott Hotel.

Please find below the WIFI Access information:

**Network:** JW Marriott Conference
**Password:** smbe2017
**Social Media**
Join the conversation on Facebook, and Twitter using the official SMBE community hash tag #SMBE17 and engage with our online community in the following days.

- Share the best content and key takeaways of the sessions with delegates and the extended community
- Follow @OfficialSMBE and engage with other members
- Ask the online community for advice
- Share your challenges and case studies
- Share your pictures and videos by using #SMBE17

**Catering**
Lunch and Coffee Breaks are included in your delegate fee and will be served in the Griffin Hall on the second floor of the conference and events area. The printed program details the times of the lunch and coffee breaks each day.

**Welcome Reception**
*Date:* Sunday, 2nd July  
*Venue:* JW Marriott Hotel / Level 3 – Lone Star Ballroom  
*Time:* 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
*Amount:* Free of charge for meeting attendees

**Fireworks**
*Date:* 4th July  
*Location:* Downtown Austin at Vic Mathias Shores (Formally Auditorium Shores)  
*Time:* 9.30 pm  
*Amount:* Free of charge – public event

**Conference Dinner**
The conference dinner will be held in the Alumni Center of the University of Texas. It is an informal evening aimed to get to know the other delegates in a relaxed, informal environment.  
*Date:* Wednesday, 5th July  
*Venue:* University of Texas Alumni Centre  
*Shuttle Buses:* Buses will be available from the J.W Marriott to the Alumni Centre.  
*Departure times:* Will be noted on the app & in the registration area.  
*Time:* 7:00 pm (for 7:30 pm)  
*Amount:* $75.00 for full delegates – tickets must be pre-booked  
*The Conference dinner includes:*  
- 2 drinks  
- 1 buffet meal  
- Cash bar available for additional drinks

There are still tickets available for the Conference Dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the new registration/queries desk no later than Tuesday 4th after the lunch break. Please note only credit card payment is accepted.
Conference Dinner – After Party
Venue: Antone’s Nightclub / Location: 305 E 5th Austin, TX 78701
Shuttle Buses: Buses departing the Alumni Center after the Conference dinner will stop at this venue for delegates who wish to attend the after party.
Departure times: Will be noted on the app & in the registration area.
Time: 9pm till close
Amount: Upstairs room free for all SMBE 2017 attendees. Cover charge for downstairs music show is $2.50 with SMBE 2017 badge. Drinks available for purchase.

Dietary Requirements
If you have confirmed a specific dietary requirement during the online registration process you will find a label on your badge to show to catering staff. If you have not confirmed this information prior to the Meeting we cannot guarantee availability. Alternatively, there are a number of restaurants located in and around the hotel including Starbucks.

Delegate Program
Please note that the final program is correct at time of printing. For any changes please refer to the SMBE 2017 meeting website, the notice board and Twitter. https://twitter.com/OfficialSMBE

Conference App
There will be a Conference App available during the SMBE Conference. To access the SMBE Conference App, go to www.eventmobi.com/smbe on your device (works on phones, laptops and tablets). There’s no need to download anything, and the app will allow you to personalize your schedule, connect with other delegates, explore posters and get all the latest updates from the SMBE 2017 team.

Certificate of Attendance
Certificates of attendance will be emailed to delegates post meeting.

Evaluation Forms (Online)
We value and respect our attendee feedback on all aspects of the meeting. An evaluation form will be available online from the meeting website, and can also be filled out by the app from Thursday July 12th. The link to the online evaluation form will be emailed to all meeting delegates and will also be available on the SMBE Website. Your feedback contributes to the enhancement of future SMBE meetings and we appreciate your help in completing this evaluation form

SMBE 2017 Abstracts
Your delegate bag will contain a printed delegate program. It does not contain a printed abstract book. SMBE 2017 abstracts are available online only. There are no facilities at the meeting to print abstracts.
Oral and Poster Presentations

**Presenter Guidelines**
All oral and poster presenters have been sent presenter guidelines. Please ensure to read these carefully so you know what is required of you on arrival to the meeting venue. They are also available on the website at [http://www.smbe2017.org/poster-guidelines/](http://www.smbe2017.org/poster-guidelines/).

**Poster Printing in Austin**
Poster printing is available in Austin. There are two FedEx Offices near the venue, one of them is even located in the JW Marriott Austin.

**FedEx Office at the JW Marriott Austin**
The FedEx Office Print & Ship Centre in the JW Marriott Austin offers you virtually everything you need to meet your convention exhibiting needs. The services include:

- Saturday Service
- Accepts Cash
- Purchase packaging supplies
- Make a merchandise return
- Express
- Ground

Please submit your orders online and they’ll have them waiting for you at the JW Marriott Austin when you arrive. For more information on their services please click here.

**Poster Printer Contact Details:**
Fax: +1.512.499.0124
Email: usa5679@fedex.com

**FedEx Office Print & Ship Center**
The FedEx Office Print & Ship center in the Congress Avenue offers you a wide variety of services. The services include:

- Saturday Service
- Accepts Cash
- Purchase packaging supplies
- Make a merchandise return
- Signs and Graphics
- Direct Mail Services
- Copy and Print Services
- Hold Express package at location for pickup
- Hold Ground package at location for pickup
- Express
- Ground

For more information on their services please click here.
Poster Printer Contact Details:
327 Congress Ave 100
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 472-4448

If using silk printing, the adhesive will not stick and the poster will fall down.

SMBE2017 Exhibition
The Griffin Hall on level 2 will house the Industry Exhibition, Posters and Catering. Please avail of this opportunity to speak to all exhibitors, whose attendance supports this meeting.
**Exhibition Timetable**

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<td>Exhibition Open / Career Fair Day</td>
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**Career’s Fair Day – Connecting talent with jobs**

The SMBE Careers Fair day will showcase and highlight careers in genomics, computational biology, bioinformatics, personalized medicine, and related areas.

**Date:** 5\(^{th}\) July  
**Location:** Griffin Hall  
**Time:** 10 am – 6:00 pm

**General Information**

**Entry Requirements**

All visitors from abroad who are planning to visit the USA must have a passport valid for at least six months longer than their intended stay in the United States.
Depending on your nationality and the purpose of your journey, you may need a visa for entry into the United States. If a visa is required, please contact your local American Embassy or Consulate.

**Note:** Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. Travelers are advised to look for complete information about the U.S. visa process. For more information click [here](#).

**Health Insurance**
It is strongly recommended to arrange your own health and travel insurance prior to travelling to Austin. The meeting organizers are not liable for any injuries or damages that may occur during the meeting.

**Travel Insurance**
It is recommended that participants obtain adequate cover for travel, health and accident insurance before they depart from the country in which they reside.

**Emergency Numbers and Dialing Codes**
The numbers for police, ambulance, and fire and rescue services are all 911. The international dialing code for the United States is +1 followed by the appropriate area code.

**Currency**
The US dollar is the currency used in Austin. Most establishments accept all major credit cards and ATM’s can be found throughout the city.

**Language**
American English is the official language, but Spanish is spoken by many residents, too. English is spoken by about 2/3 of the population, whereas Spanish is spoken by 1/3. Throughout the history of Texas, English and Spanish have been the primary dominant languages used by government officials.

**Climate**
For our visitors from Europe, please be aware that the latitude of Austin is comparable to Northern Africa (Cairo, Egypt), and the sun is strong. If you are outside during the day, we recommend you wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

**Smoking**
Please be aware that smoking is prohibited in public in Austin.

**Banks and Exchange Offices**
Regular banking hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, although many branches have extended hours. ATM machines are readily available and accept many international cards like American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner’s Club, Discover, Visa and MasterCard.

**Tipping**
While tipping is not mandatory, it is usually customary in all sit-down restaurant establishments. Suggested tipping varies on service satisfaction, but typically averages about 15% of the total meal cost.
**Electric Supply / Adapters / Chargers**

120 Volts AC | 60 Hz - Electrical sockets in the United States are a two prong. Most electrics will function with an appropriate adapter.

**Shopping and Dining**

Referred to as The Main Street of Texas, Congress Avenue is the heart of downtown Austin. Between the Capitol and Lady Bird Lake you will find numerous shops, restaurants, museums, and theaters, all along one of downtown’s three National Register Historic Districts. For a comprehensive guide of Austin’s downtown core, please [click here](#).

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Austin map

JW Marriott Meeting venue
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