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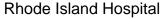
## **Host Institutions**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics is being hosted by Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital.

Located on beautiful College Hill on the East Side of Providence, RI, Brown University was founded in 1764 as the *College in the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*, prior to American independence from the British Empire. Brown is the third-oldest institution of higher education in New England and seventh oldest in the United States. The school has the oldest undergraduate engineering program in the Ivy League.

Rhode Island Hospital is a private, not-for-profit hospital which serves as the clinical teaching affiliate of the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. A major trauma center for southeastern New England, the hospital is the largest of the state's general acute care hospitals, and a tertiary referral center which provides comprehensive health services for both adults and children. A true academic medical center, Rhode Island Hospital ranks 13th among independent hospitals that receive funding from the National Institutes of Health, with research awards of more than \$27 million annually.

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### **Conference Facilities**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics will be held in the Rhode Island Convention Center (RICC), which is conveniently located in the heart of historic Providence, Rhode Island. Opened in December 1993, the center is a beautiful glass structure that offers space from 304 to 137,000 square feet, and can accommodate 10 to 9,000 people.



The entire Ballroom floor of the RICC (Attachment 1) will

be occupied by the ASB meeting. The large center ballroom (Ballroom A) will be used for the Keynote Sessions, business meeting, and one of the three concurrent podium sessions. Ballroom A accommodates 756 people in "classroom" configuration (i.e. with chairs and narrow tables). Ballrooms B/C and D/E, each of which accommodate 324 people in classroom configuration, will be used for the remaining two concurrent podium sessions and the smaller ancillary rooms will be available for speaker ready rooms, meeting rooms, etc.

The scientific posters will be distributed between the "prefunction space," which is a large (~13,000 ft²) open area immediately in front of the Ballroom entrances, and several adjacent meeting rooms. The south wall of the prefunction space is constructed of floor-to-ceiling windows, which offer a tremendous view of downtown Providence and creates a very open, light-filled space, which will be an ideal location for attendees to visit, meet, view posters, and interact with the exhibitors.

The *Exhibitor Booths* will be located in the foyer for the Ballrooms (Attachment 1) and photo, below), along the margins of the main corridor for foot traffic to and from the podium sessions. This should ensure repeated, high-volume exposure as the conference attendees arrive and depart each day, and at the session breaks. In addition, we plan to place the food service buffet tables in the prefunction space, which should retain the attendees in the vicinity of the exhibitor booths to a degree during the breaks and lunches.



Photograph of the prefunction space of the Ballroom Level of the Rhode Island Convention Center, towards the foyer of the meeting rooms

### **Accommodations**

There are four hotels located within a block or two of the Rhode Island Convention Center (below). The mid-summer room rates for these hotels is estimated to be in the range of \$140.00 to \$180.00. We are working to get a conference rate at one or more of the hotels.

Westin Providence: <a href="https://www.westinprovidence.com">www.westinprovidence.com</a>
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Courtyard by Marriott: <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvddt-courtyard-">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvddt-courtyard-</a>

providence-downtown/

Hilton Providence: http://www1.hilton.com/en\_US/hi/hotel/PVDPRHF-Hilton-

Providence-Rhode-Island/index.do

There are also several other hotels within easy walking distance, for example:

Hotel Providence: <a href="https://www.hotelprovidence.com">www.hotelprovidence.com</a>

Renaissance Hotel: www.renaissanceprovidence.com

Hampton Inn: <a href="https://www.hamptoninn.com">www.hamptoninn.com</a>

## Travel

#### By Air

Downtown Providence is only 20 minutes from T.F. Green Airport, which offers more than 160 direct flights daily via most major carriers.

#### By Rail

Providence is located on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, between Washington, DC or New York City and Boston. The Providence Amtrak station is located downtown, about a 5 minute walk from the Rhode Island Convention Center and adjacent hotels. The train from Boston to Providence takes approximately an hour, The high-speed Acela Express train service transports passengers from New York City to Providence in about two and a half hours.

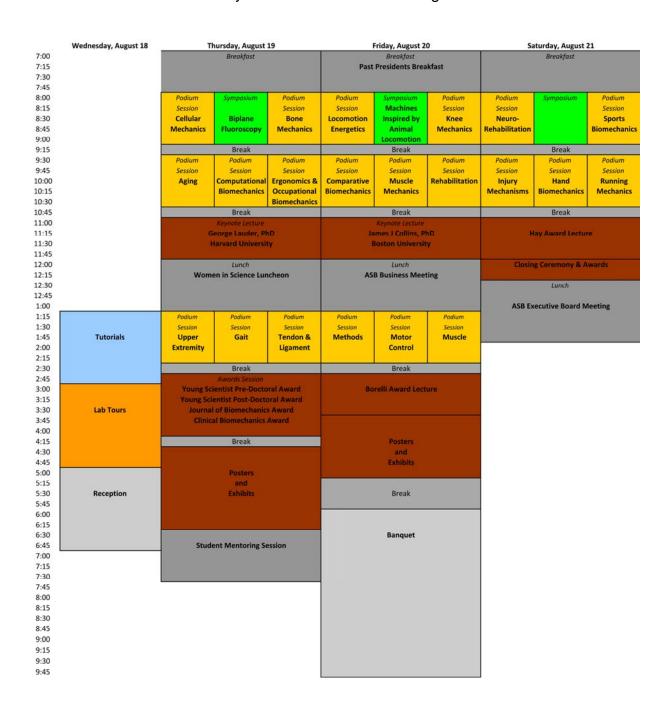
#### Automobile

Located at the intersection of I-95 and I-195, Providence is 50 miles south of Boston and 185 miles northeast of New York City.

### **Tentative Schedule**

The tentative meeting schedule is similar to the schedule for past ASB meetings. Exhibitor Registration and Set-up will take place on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m.

All of the food service will be set up in the prefunction area (see Attachment 1), so attendees will be in the vicinity of the exhibit booths during the breaks and lunches.



#### **Social Events**

In keeping with long-standing ASB traditions, there will be two meeting-wide social events: an Opening Reception and a Banquet Dinner.

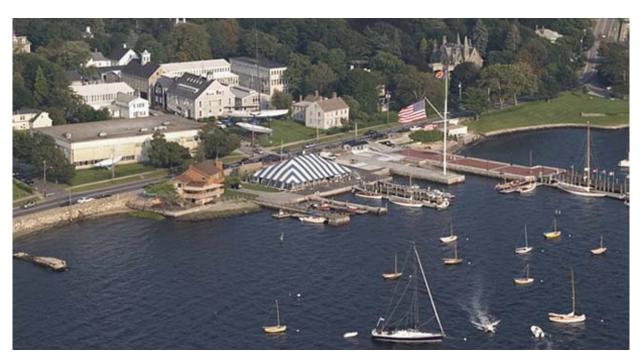
#### **Opening Reception**

The Opening Reception, which will take place on the evening of Wednesday, August 18, will be held in the Art Museum at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD Museum, <a href="www.risdmuseum.org">www.risdmuseum.org</a>). The RISD Museum is Southern New England's premier museum of fine and decorative art. Beer, wine and hors d'ouerves will be served.

#### **Banquet Dinner**

In keeping with the Rhode Island location, we plan to host a traditional New England Clam Bake for the Banquet Dinner, with steamed shellfish, corn on the cob, lobster, potatoes and barbequed chicken (vegetarian dishes will also be provided). The Banquet Dinner will be held on Friday, August 20, at the Herreshoff Marine Museum.

Located on the Narragansett Bay in historic Bristol, Rhode Island, the Herreshoff Marine Museum (<a href="www.herreshoff.org">www.herreshoff.org</a>) is a repository for artifacts and antique boats from the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, which produced fine, cutting-edge yachts from 1863 to 1945, including five victorious America's Cup defenders. The Museum is located on the Bristol waterfront overlooking Bristol Harbor and also houses the America's Cup Hall of Fame, both of which will be open to meeting attendees.



# Provided for Exhibitors at 2010 ASB Meeting in Providence, RI

#### **Facility**

- Bright, modern, naturally lit Convention Center (www.riconvention.com)
- Access to entire 5<sup>th</sup> level, with numerous available meeting rooms

#### **Shipping**

- Handled through General Services Contractor
- Delivery and pickup at booth\*
- · Saturday shipping can be avoided

### **Booth Space\***

- 10'w x 8'd (n=10), 10'w x 6'd (n=6), 8'w x 8'd (n=4)
- Power: 10 Amps, 110 Volts
- 6' Tabletop
- 3 chairs
- Wireless Internet access
- Overnight security
- Fully air-conditioned environment

#### Layout

- Booths located in high traffic areas
- Close proximity to meeting rooms
- Close proximity to posters
- Close proximity to food
- See tentative floor plan and photos (Attachment 1)

#### Registration

- Meeting registration included for two representatives
- Lunches and break food included for two representatives
- Opening Reception and Banquet included for two representatives

#### **Program**

- Food service during all breaks will be in close proximity to Exhibitor Booths
- Box lunches

<sup>\*</sup>Note: All of the noted items are tentative and may change slightly as planning progresses.

**Attachment 1: Tentative Floor Plan** 

