
PLUTONIUM FUTURES —THE SCIENCE CONFERENCE



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**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT
CALL FOR PAPERS**



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This conference, third in a series, will provide an international forum for presentation and discussion of current research on physical and chemical properties and environmental interactions of plutonium and other actinide elements. A number of issues surrounding plutonium and other actinides deserve and receive significant national and international attention, including the safe storage and long-term management of surplus weapons materials, and the management of large inventories of actinides from civilian nuclear power generation. The technical basis for addressing these issues requires intensive and increasing understanding of the underlying plutonium and actinide science and technology.

The previous conference held in the summer of 2000 in Santa Fe, N.M., was attended by more than 400 people, representing more than 60 institutions and 15 countries. More than 180 papers covered endeavors in materials science, actinide process chemistry, nuclear fuels, transuranic waste forms, actinides in the environment, actinide separation and analysis, and condensed matter physics.

Issues surrounding plutonium can be very politically charged, and while this conference focuses on the science of this fascinating element, the science is certainly influenced by policies and politics around the globe. Plutonium science provides exciting opportunities for researchers and engineers to apply their talents to technical issues of international importance.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

This is the formal call for papers for the 2003 Plutonium Futures – The Science Conference. If you wish to submit papers, please submit an extended summary describing the work, significance, and relevance to plutonium and actinide science. The official language of the conference is English. To facilitate a quick review by our program chairs, we must receive your summary by February 1, 2003. The Program Committee will notify you by March 15 if papers are accepted. All technical papers accepted will be presented in the main event of the conference poster session. The Conference Organizing Committee will choose about two dozen papers from across the subject areas. These and a few invited papers will be presented as oral presentations. All attendees will receive a copy of the conference proceedings. All presenters and conference attendees are required to register for the conference. Conference subject categories are listed on page 9.

Submitters should follow these guidelines:

CONTENT

- Introduction
- Results
- Discussion—why this work is important
- References—must be published and cited works

LENGTH

- Minimum is 500 words not including references, tables, and figures.
 - No more than 1,000 words including tables and figures
 - Use no more than three figures or tables.
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FORMAT

- Title of paper followed by name of authors and their affiliations on first page
- Summary is double-spaced
- References listed at the end with superscript numbers in the text

FONT

10- or 12- point font is requested

Fill out the Summary Cover Coupon (which is also available on the website at www.lanl.gov/pu2003) and attach it to the original and one copy of the summary. Submit two complete sets with cover sheets by February 1, 2003. You may submit your summary electronically, but please include a hard copy in the mail, as there are sometimes conversion problems. Be sure to include contact information including phone numbers or email addresses with any correspondence.

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SUBJECT CATEGORIES

For Contributed and Invited Sessions

1. Plutonium Properties
2. Material Science
3. Nuclear Fuels/Isotopes
4. Separations and Process Chemistry
5. Detection and Analysis
6. Plutonium Chemistry and Compounds
7. Actinide Compounds and Complexes
8. Actinides in the Environment
9. Condensed Matter Physics
10. Life Sciences

POTENTIAL TOURS

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
Atomic Museum

EXHIBITS

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Seaborg Institute
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



CONFERENCE EVENTS

Sunday, July 6, 2003

Registration
Actinide Primer
Reception

Monday, July 7, 2003

Opening and Welcome
Plenary Sessions

Speakers:

Pierre D'Hondt, Director Reactor Safety, SCK·CEN
"Advances in MOX Technology"

Roland Schenkel, Institute for Transuranium Elements
"Recent Highlights of Actinide Research at ITU"

Teresa Fryberger
DOE, Office of Science
"Actinides in the Environment"

And other distinguished guests

Panel Discussions with all plenary speakers
and other distinguished guest speakers

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Presentations
Technical Sessions

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Presentations
Technical Sessions

Banquet with Speaker: Dr. Helen Caldicott
Founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility
"Medical Implications of Plutonium"

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Presentations
Technical Sessions

ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION

The Marriott Albuquerque, a three-star hotel, is conveniently located between two shopping malls in the uptown business district of Albuquerque.



For reservations, call within the United States toll free 1-800-228-9290. For international reservations call 1-505-881-6800. Or fax the Marriott at 1-505-881-1780. Conference attendees may also make reservations on the Internet at www.marriott.com/ABQNM or access the Marriott's website for more information.

The conference has reserved a block of rooms with a special room rate for conference attendees. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning in July 2002. A group code will be needed for Internet reservations. The code is LNPLNPA. Please use this code when you register.

DIRECTIONS

From the Airport:
Take I-25 North to I-40 East.
Take the Louisiana Boulevard North exit - Hotel is 1/2 mile on the west side.



ATTRACTIONS & LANDMARKS

Albuquerque is 5,314 feet above sea level. The area is steeped in Native American and Spanish



traditions. Albuquerque is New Mexico's largest city and was named to honor a Spanish duke. A group of colonists founded the city in 1706 with the permission of King Philip

of Spain. Old Town, in the heart of Albuquerque, still retains some of the original buildings with quaint shops and traditional native New Mexican dining.

At the western edge of the city, the Petroglyph National Monument is an impressive collection



of ancient Indian and Hispanic petroglyphs from 1300 A.D. Thanks to a year-around moderate climate, Albuquerque is a premier hot air balloon-

ing spot. Every October, the city hosts the world's largest balloon fiesta with more than 1,000 balloons from more than 50 countries. Only 60 minutes away by car, or 20 minutes by the Sandia Peak Tramway, the world's longest aerial tramway, a person can experience the Sandia Mountains for hiking or mountain biking during the summer months.



Albuquerque also is home to the National Atomic Museum. The mission of the museum is to serve as America's resource for nuclear history and science. The museum has exhibits and educational programs that convey the diversity of individuals and events that shaped the nuclear age. For more information call 505-245-2136.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

- Bio Park & Aquarium (5 mi)
- Albuquerque Zoo (5 mi)
- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (5 mi)
- Natural History Museum (5 mi)
- Old Town (5 mi)
- Sandia Peak - hiking, mountain biking (10 mi)
- Santa Fe (65 mi)
- University of NM (5 mi)



SPORTS & RECREATION

Tennis (0.5 mi)

Golfing:

- Arroyo Del Oso Golf Course (18 holes; 72 par; 6 miles)
- Los Altos Municipal Golf Course (18 holes; 71 par; 4 miles)
- University of New Mexico South (18 holes; 7200 yards; 72 par; 11 miles)

REGISTRATION AND STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Early registration, before June 5, 2003, costs \$350 (\$300 for American Nuclear Society members). After June 5, 2003, the cost will be \$450 (\$400 for ANS members). The registration fee will be waived for all students and postdoctoral fellows. The banquet costs are included in the registration fee. An additional cost of \$45 will be added for those not registered for the conference, but who wish to attend the banquet. Financial assistance is available for students and postdoctoral fellows who present papers. For more information, please visit the conference Web site.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airports and travel arrangements have become more inconvenient since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

If you are traveling from overseas and need assistance or a list of foreign consular offices and locations in the United States, access the website: <http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/>.

Foreign citizens who wish to stay in the United States temporarily must generally have a visa issued by the U.S. Department of State.

To obtain a visa, or more information on this topic, contact the U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate in your country of residence.

TRAVELING TO THE ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL SUNPORT

The Albuquerque International Sunport, along with all other U.S. airports, continues to operate at an enhanced level of security. Stricter




security measures are expected to continue indefinitely and will impose some constraints on passengers and visitors to the Sunport.

Sunport passengers and visitors should be aware of and follow these guidelines:

Give yourself some extra time and be patient. Every effort the airport and airlines undertake is in an effort to ensure that your travel is safe, secure and efficient.

Check directly with your airline before going to the airport. Make absolutely sure your flight has not been cancelled, rescheduled or delayed.



Allow plenty of time for check-in prior to your scheduled departure time. Anticipate longer lines at airline ticket counters, increased security screening and other potential delays. Your airline can advise you how much extra time to allow—many advise at least a two-hour advance time. Call your airline in advance for a recommendation.

Picture ID is absolutely essential for flight check-in at the ticket counter and other locations prior to boarding your aircraft. Please be prepared to present your ID at the security checkpoint and at the gate area.

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New carryon baggage restrictions allow only one (1) carryon bag and one (1) personal item such as a purse, briefcase or laptop computer per passenger. If you have more items than allowed, you will be asked to go back and check the extra items at the ticket counter.

Please take time to check with your airline if you have any questions regarding flights, restricted carryon items, carryon baggage limits or security checkpoint exception access requests.

Family members, friends and others waiting on arriving passengers or accompanying departing passengers will have to stay outside the security checkpoint area. People who meet and greet passengers are no longer allowed access to the gate areas.

Sharp objects of any description, composition, or length are strictly prohibited beyond the security checkpoint. This includes knives and scissors of any kind. Cutting objects such as box cutters and straight razors are not allowed past the checkpoint. Metal nail files, corkscrews, ice picks, letter openers, nail clippers with a comb knife, and screwdrivers are among other restricted items.



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For a registration form,
check the Pu Futures website
listed below or contact Kathy DeLucas

CONFERENCE WEBSITE INFORMATION

www.lanl.gov/pu2003

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1, 2003
Summaries Due

March 15, 2003
Committee notifies those selected

June 5, 2003
Early registration ends



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