BLAST XI REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Webpage:  www.regonline.com/BLAST11

Registration Dates:  BLAST XI registrations will be accepted from October 22, 2010 through December 5, 2010. Late registrations (after December 5) will be subject to availability of hotel rooms.

Payment Methods:  Payments may be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or by check.

Meeting Costs:  The BLAST XI registration fee is:

- $1,195 — double occupancy rooms
- $1,580 — single occupancy rooms

The Registration fee covers the following:
- Hotel accommodations (Sunday, Jan. 16th check-in — Friday, Jan. 21st check-out).
- Meals, receptions and coffee breaks
- Internet connection in sleeping rooms

Please note that this is a set fee and there are no refunds or price reductions for fewer nights at the hotel.

Additional Nights at Hotel:  Additional nights before or after the conference are available for $159.07 per night, inclusive of sales and occupancy taxes. You may choose the additional nights during registration.

Ground Transportation:  This year, we have not arranged for chartered bus transportation from the Louis Armstrong International Airport to the hotel. You may pre-arrange your ground transportation at this website (http://www.myairporttrip.com/default.aspx?code=astorweb). Reservations can be made individually or for groups.

Parking:  The Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel has valet parking available for $31.60 per day. There also is a self-parking lot about four blocks from the hotel, on the corner of Iberville and Burgundy Streets, that costs $14 per day.

Optional Tours/Show:  There will be no afternoon nor evening meetings scheduled on Wednesday, January 19. The following optional tours are available for additional costs:

1. **Post-Katrina/City Tour** — A unique and informative sightseeing tour of New Orleans that combines the history, beauty and splendor of New Orleans with an up close view of the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. View sights where the levees broke and journey through the lower 9th ward, witnessing the transformation as residents rebuild. *(Approx. 2½ hour tour)*
   - $40.00

2. **Bayou Tour** — The backwoods of Louisiana have long been a popular part of the area culture due to its unique habitat, strange creatures and nearly inaccessible areas. And with a tour of the Louisiana bayou you'll have the chance to uncover the mystery surrounding the New Orleans' swamps. You'll be led by a knowledgeable guide along waterways that cut through the heart of the swamplands and present an up close look at the swamp's inhabitants, including the ever popular American Alligator. *(Approx. 2½ hour tour)*
   - $40.00

3. **Oak Alley & Laura Plantation Tour** -- Journey back in time to the Antebellum South with a tour of two separate plantations. First, visit Oak Alley Plantation, which has been called the "Grande Dame of the Great River Road". Next visit Laura, a Creole Plantation and her historic slave quarters surrounded by sugar cane fields. The guided tour transports you with dramatic detail into the charmed yet tragic lives of four generations of Creole owners and their slaves. *(Approx. 5.5 hours)*
   - $60.00
4. **Dinner/Jazz Cruise** -- When night falls, the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen rises to the occasion. Step on board and cruise into the night where the sleepless activity of America's busiest port buzzes. The sounds of a lively jazz band fill the air as you enjoy a lavish Creole buffet in elegantly appointed dining rooms. After dinner, enjoy your favorite cocktails and sweet river breezes on the promenade deck as the city skyline slips by under a canopy of stars. This Dinner Jazz Cruise is pure New Orleans, pure pleasure! *(Approx. 3 hours)*

$59.00

**Note*** To pay for the optional tour, using a different payment method than used for the meeting registration (example: meeting registration paid on business or university credit card and tour paid on personal credit card), please use the following registration method. When you initially register for the meeting, select “none of the above” for tours, and complete the meeting registration process, using the business card for payment. Then, go back to the registration webpage and update your registration, selecting the appropriate tour, and use your personal card for the payment.

**Spouse/Guests:** If you plan to bring your spouse or a guest, who will not attend the meeting, and will share a room with you, there will be no additional charge for your spouse/guest. The BLAST meeting participant should select a single room, to pay the full cost of the room. In the comments section of the registration page, please indicate that you are bringing a spouse/guest. If your spouse/guest would like to join us for meals or participate in one of the tours, please email us at blast10@uic.edu for further information and to make payment arrangements.

**Changes/Cancellations:** You may update or change your registration information until December 10, 2010, using the online registration webpage.

**Cancellations** can be made through December 10, 2010, with a full refund (minus administrative costs).

**Partial refunds** will be made for cancellations received after December 10, 2010 and for no-shows. The partial refund will be calculated based on the charges we incur for late cancellations or no-shows.