

# ***Advances in Optics for Biotechnology, Medicine and Surgery XI***

**June 28 – July 2, 2009  
Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center  
Burlington, Vermont**

To: Participants in the **Advances in Optics for Biotechnology, Medicine and Surgery XI** conference  
From: Barbara Hickernell, CAE, ECI Director

We're looking forward to your participation in this conference. Please read this note as there are items in it which may be helpful to you before your arrival at the conference.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Sheraton Burlington Hotel, 870 Williston Road, Burlington, VT 05403. Phone: +1-802-865-6600. Do check out their web site ([www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=606](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=606)) as it will give you an overview of the property and, for those who are driving, a map.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Once you have retrieved your luggage, go to the hotel phone bank (located just behind the Vermont information desk) and call the hotel and ask for the shuttle to pick you up. The shuttle should arrive within ten minutes. If the shuttle cannot handle all participants who came on a particular flight, the shuttle will return shortly. It's only about 5 minutes to the hotel.

If you are driving from I-89 north, take exit 14W to merge onto US-2/Williston Road toward Burlington. The hotel is on the right.

**SUNDAY ARRIVAL AT THE HOTEL:** Hotel check in is at 3 pm; however, the hotel will check people in as rooms become available. ECI conference check is from 4 pm to 6 pm near the Emerald Ballroom.

*The conference will begin on Sunday at 6 pm with dinner. The first technical session will begin at 7:30 in the Emerald Ballroom.*

**MONDAY:** Breakfast on Monday is from 7:00 am to 8:00 am and the technical session begins at 8:00 am. At the beginning of the session on Monday morning is when we'll make the pertinent announcements.

**WEATHER:** You can check [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) and get the latest information for Burlington. We always suggest that you bring a sweater for the conference room if not for the cool of the evening. An umbrella will be insurance against rain.

**SPEAKER INFORMATION:** We assume that all speakers will be making a Power Point presentation. The session room is equipped with a laptop PC and computer projector. A laser pointer and cordless microphone will be provided. Files can be transferred to the laptop from a memory stick. Please be certain that your presentation is loaded onto the computer the day before your presentation in order not to have interruptions.

Please provide your session chair with a *brief* biography for your introduction.

It is essential to the conference schedule that you keep to your given time – and be certain that you allow enough time for questions/discussion. Keeping in the tradition of these conferences, please be available during the conference for discussion and questions. Meals and social hours are perfect for discussions and questions.

**POSTER PRESENTER INFORMATION:** The poster boards will arrive on Monday morning. All poster presenters should hang their posters on Monday afternoon. Tacks will be provided. Posters will be available for viewing all week; however, the conference chairs will announce the times that presenters should be by their posters for discussion/questions.

**POSTER BOARDS:** The Poster Boards are 4 ft by 8 ft.

**FINAL PROGRAM:** This can be found at [www.engconfintl.org/9ap.html](http://www.engconfintl.org/9ap.html).

**E – MAIL:** There is internet access available on site.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** The following are a few housekeeping items which you need to be aware of:

- If you have special **dietary needs** (e.g., vegetarian, allergies, etc.), please make sure we are made aware of them during registration so that we can give the Chef this information. Vegetarians will be given a card to identify themselves to the waitstaff.
- There is an indoor pool.
- If you require **photocopying**, please make your arrangements at the hotel desk - the cost will be billed to your room incidentals. Major photocopying can be done at Staples (across the road).
- We encourage you to utilize **telephone calling cards** when you make long distance telephone calls as calls directly from any hotels are expensive.
- If you plan to stay for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, make your reservations now. Burlington has a fireworks display on Saturday night.

\* A **questionnaire** will be distributed on Wednesday. Please complete and return it, as your comments will be very useful to the planners of the next conference in the series.

Note: If you have not yet paid your conference fee, please fax the payment form with your credit card number to **Tressa Gaffaney** at 1-212-514-6030 or send her an email at [Tressa@engconfintl.org](mailto:Tressa@engconfintl.org)

The ECI representatives on site will be **Dick Fein**, the technical liaison from the ECI Conferences Committee, and **Tressa Gaffaney**.

We thank the conference chairs, **Stephen Boppart, Jeremy Hebden and Laura Marcu** for putting together an excellent program and we are looking forward to a superb conference with a great deal of interaction among participants..

We wish you a safe journey and look forward to seeing you at the conference.

**LINKS FOR GENERAL THINGS TO DO: IF YOU CAN COME EARLY OR STAY AFTER THE CONFERENCE, THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO DO! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEEKENDS ON EITHER END OF THE CONFERENCE FOR SOME RECREATION.**

NY Times Travel Article on Burlington:

<http://travel.nytimes.com/2008/11/02/travel/02hours.html?ei=5070&emc=eta1>

Burlington Waterfront Festival (July 2-14): <http://celebratechamplain.org/content/view/167/106/>

Lake Champlain's 400th Anniversary: <http://www.champlain400.com/>

Vermont Vacation: <http://www.vermontvacation.com/>

Discover Our Town - Burlington: <http://www.discoverourtown.com/VT/Burlington/Recreation-2319.html>

**Food & Restaurant Info (For individual listings go to Restaurant Listings link):**

General Guides: <http://hungryburlington.com/search/all.php>

Seven Nights/Days Guide (Burlington):

<http://www.7nvt.com/7n/results.htm?regionId=0&keywords=&regionIds=2>

Church Street Marketplace: <http://churchstmarketplace.com/>

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND PLACES TO VISIT:**

### **ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center**      <http://www.echovermont.org/>

Open every day, 10-5. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, formerly the Lake Champlain Basin Science Center, has been renamed as well as rebuilt. The new name reflects the Ecology, Culture, History and Opportunity of the Lake Champlain Basin - the core mission of the new lake aquarium, science center, and community resource

FREE - Toddler (2 and under); \$7.50 - Children ages 3 – 17; \$8.50 - Seniors (age 60+) and College Students with ID; \$9.50 - Adults ages 18 – 59

### **ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center**

Leahy Center for Lake Champlain

One College Street - Burlington, VT 05401

Phone: 1-802-864-1848 - Toll-Free: 1-877-ECHOFUN

### **Vermont Lake Monsters:**

<http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t462>

Single A league baseball at its finest. The Lake Monsters are an affiliate of the Washington Nationals.

### **Shelburne Farms:**

<http://www.shelburnefarms.org/>

Open 10-4, admission is \$8. Shelburne Farms is a membership-supported, nonprofit environmental education center and National Historic Landmark on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shelburne, Vermont. It has nearly 400 acres of woodlands and a grass-based dairy with 125 purebred, registered Brown Swiss cows. Shelburne Farms was created as a model agricultural estate in 1886 by William Seward and Lila Vanderbilt Webb.

Shelburne Farms - 1611 Harbor Road - Shelburne, Vermont 05482

### **Shelburne Museum:**

<http://www.shelburnemuseum.org/>

Open 10-5; admission is \$20. Shelburne Museum is one of the nation's finest, most diverse, and unconventional museums of art and Americana. Over 150,000 works are exhibited in a remarkable setting of 39 exhibition buildings, 25 of which are historic and were relocated to the Museum grounds. A number of special exhibitions are also underway including: (1) Louis Comfort Tiffany: Nature by Design will explore the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany within the context of Art Nouveau style and the Aesthetic Movement focusing on nature in his designs. Tiffany was the foremost proponent of the use of natural motifs in furniture, ceramics, metalwork and jewelry in America. (2) Full Throttle: Vintage Motorcycles, Custom Choppers and Racing Machines among others.

5555 Shelburne Road - Shelburne, VT 05482 == Phone: 1-802-985-3346 E-mail: [info@shelburnemuseum.org](mailto:info@shelburnemuseum.org)

### **Vermont Wildflower Farm:**

<http://www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com/>

Open 10-5. The Vermont Wildflower Farm, is a famous destination for wildflower gardeners, with 6 acres of wildflower gardens on US Route 7, just 12 miles south of Burlington, VT. Established in 1981, The Vermont Wildflower Farm's extensive Seed Shop offers premium proven wildflower seed mixtures for all regions of North America, plus wildflower seeds of over 125 individual wild perennial and annual flowers.

Vermont Wildflower Farm - 3488 Ethan Allen Highway - Charlotte, Vermont 05445 == 1-802-425-3641

### **Ben & Jerry's**

<http://www.benjerry.com/>

Factory tours are available at the Waterbury, VT, Factory.

Physical Address: 1281 Waterbury-Stowe Road - Waterbury, VT

Driving Directions:

Take Exit 10 off of I-89 in VT. Go 1 mile north toward Stowe. They're located on the left.

Phone: 1-802-882-1240

Hours: July-Mid-August 9:00am-9:00pm. Last tour leaves at 8:00pm

Call 1-802-882-1240 x2300 for specific dates and times

Cost: \$3.00 Adults \$2.00 Seniors, kids 12 and younger free

Factory Tour Package Deal: \$21.00 includes a tour, a pint coupon or novelty and a Factory Tour t-shirt.

Tour Info: Tours are 30 minutes in length and leave at least every 30 minutes. Tour tickets are sold first come first serve daily

Tour capacity: 40 people. Tour info line:1-866-BJ-TOURS

**Vermont Teddy Bear Company**      <http://www.vermontteddybear.com>

More than 150,000 people a year visit the Vermont Teddy Bear Company to find out how a teddy bear is made from scratch, and to make their own teddy bear in the Make A Friend for Life® Cubhouse or select one already made and dressed in the Bear Shop. The factory is open year-round (7 days a week) except Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day. It's one of the most popular Vermont activities!

6655 Shelburne Road - Shelburne, VT 05482 == 1-802-985-3001 / 1-800- 829-BEAR

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Summer Season (July 1st - Oct. 25th) = Bear Shop Hours: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

TOUR INFORMATION: Tours last approximately 30 minutes.

Adults: \$2.00; Kids (12 and under): FREE

Factory Tour Hours: Summer Season (July 1st - Oct. 25th): 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:**

**Hiking:**

**Green Mountain Club:**      <http://www.greenmountainclub.org/>

**Local Motion:**

<http://www.localmotion.org/>

Open 10-6 daily; Local Motion is a member-supported non-profit organization forging a culture of active transportation and recreation in northwestern Vermont. NOTE: Bike rentals are on a first come, first serve basis and with the waterfront festival ongoing in Burlington, bikes may become scarce for walk-in customers. They will take reservations on rental equipment but only at the full day rate or for multiple days. Reservations must be prepaid and since the details of each rental will be very personalized (e.g., size, bike type, etc) it is recommended that you make this reservation yourself. To reserve a bike with a credit card, call 1-802-652-2453.

Bike rentals run from \$18/1h to \$28/d.

On the Burlington Waterfront Bike Path == 1 Steele St. #103 - Burlington, VT 05401 == Phone: 1-802-652-2453 == [info@localmotion.org](mailto:info@localmotion.org)

**Boating:**

Waterfront Boat Rentals:      <http://www.waterfrontboatrentals.com/Location.html>

Open from 10 AM until dusk every day. Waterfront Boat Rentals is located on the Burlington Waterfront at the bottom of Maple Street, right by the King Street Ferry Dock. Boat rental rates run from \$10/1h for a row boat to \$64/8h for a double kayak.

Phone: 1-802-864-4858 - Toll Free: 1-877-964-4858

**Fishing:**

**Champ Charters:**      <http://www.champcharters.com/>

Champ Charters provides fishing enthusiasts with Full-Time Charter Service on Lake Champlain which begin at Vermont's Burlington Harbor, the widest and central part of Lake Champlain. This area of Lake Champlain is noted for its Spring through late Summer fishing.

Captain Paul H. Boileau

78 Main Street - Burlington, Vermont 05401

1-802-864-3790 (Office) = 1-802-777-0940 1st Cellular Boat Phone = 1-802-802-355-7678 2nd Cellular Boat Phone

E-Mail: [info@champcharters.com](mailto:info@champcharters.com)

**Golf:**

**Kwiniaska Golf Club:**      <http://www.kwiniaska.com/>

5531 Spear Street - Shelburne, VT 05482 = 1-802-985-3672