

**MACBS**  
**Saturday, March 29, 2008**  
**Conference Information**

The conference will be held at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County. All sessions and events will all be held in the Commons building.

***Parking and Directions***

During the weekend, parking meters and restrictions are not enforced. You can park in the metered spots of the visitor parking areas for free. You can also park in any (legal) space on campus for free.

Directions, Parking Information, an interactive Campus Map, and a regional overview map are available as part of the [UMBC Visitor's Guide](http://www.umbc.edu/AboutUMBC/visitor.html) at [www.umbc.edu/AboutUMBC/visitor.html](http://www.umbc.edu/AboutUMBC/visitor.html). Also see Driving Directions below.

***Hotel Information***

La Quinta Inn & Suites--Baltimore/BWI Airport.

1734 W. Nursery Road

Linthicum, MD 21090

Phone: (410) 859-2333

Fax: (410) 859-2357

Website:<http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ2045&propId=2045>

A block of 15 single and 5 double rooms has been booked under the code "MACBS" (or use "UMBC"). The room rate is available for both the nights of Friday, Mar 28 and Saturday, Mar 29. The rate is \$89 + 12% tax. This rate includes a continental breakfast. The hotel also has free wireless internet and a cardio fitness room. A 24-hour complimentary hotel van is available from BWI Airport. If you are arriving by train, there is a free shuttle between the BWI Train station and the airport (which is 5 minutes away). Here you can pick up the complimentary hotel van.

\*YOU MUST BOOK BY MARCH 14, 2008 to receive the guaranteed MACBS rate of \$89. After that date our block of rooms will be released to the general public.

## ***Baltimore***

The Baltimore region is rich with tourist attractions, including the Inner Harbor, the National Aquarium, the Maryland Science Center, the Walters Art Museum, and other cultural attractions. The Inner Harbor can be reached without car by taking the hotel's courtesy shuttle to the airport terminal and the Light Rail from there; about \$1.60 and 20 minutes later you arrive at the Convention Center stop. Walk 5 minutes to the right along Pratt Street past the Convention Center until you see water on your right.

## ***Travel***

UMBC is located southwest of Baltimore, off of I-95, and less than 10 minutes from BWI/Thurgood Marshall Airport and BWI Airport Rail Station.

## ***Arriving by Plane***

BWI Airport is served by all major airlines as well as discount carriers such as Southwest and AirTran. To get directly to campus from the airport, you can take a taxi, which will cost about \$15 plus tip. To get to the hotel from the airport, use the hotel's courtesy shuttle from the baggage claim area (see the hotel information above).

## ***Arriving by Train***

Amtrak has two train stations in the Baltimore area; you want the BWI Airport Rail Station. (The other station is Baltimore Penn Station in the center of the city of Baltimore, which is not close to UMBC.) To get directly to campus you can take a taxi, which will cost about \$16 plus tip. To get to the hotel from the train station, use the free shuttle to the airport terminal and then the hotel's courtesy shuttle from the baggage claim area (see hotel information above).

## ***Detailed Driving Directions***

### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE UMBC MAIN CAMPUS:**

The UMBC main campus is located southwest of the city of Baltimore off of Interstate I-95.

#### ***Note if driving from the North:***

When approaching Baltimore, use the Fort McHenry Tunnel on I-95 to bypass the Baltimore harbor. Do *not* use I-895 Harbor Tunnel Throughway, which will re-join I-95 too far South to reach UMBC!

### **FROM I-95 TO UMBC MAIN CAMPUS:**

To get to the UMBC campus from Interstate I-95, use Exit 47B for Maryland Route MD-166 to Catonsville and follow the signs for UMBC. Note: There is one exit ramp for exit 47A to BWI Airport and exit 47B for UMBC. From the north you will need to stay right off of the exit ramp and from the south you will need to stay left, to take Exit 47B for UMBC. Once off of the exit ramp get to the right and take your first right merge toward UMBC.

You will go through a stop sign and then see the campus loop, called Hilltop Circle, and buildings in front of you. The conference will be held in the Commons building. Proceed to the right on the campus loop and then take your second left onto Commons Drive and park on the street or in the Commons Parking garage near the Commons building.

For detailed directions see the campus directions and map available on the UMBC Visitor's Guide [<http://www.umbc.edu/AboutUMBC/visitor.html>].

#### **FROM I-95 TO THE HOTEL:**

The La Quinta Inn is reached from I-95 by Exit 47A, 195 East (toward BWI airport). Take 195 East to 295 North. Once on 295 North take Nursery Road exit. At traffic light make a right and continue a mile. The hotel is on the right.

#### **FROM THE UMBC MAIN CAMPUS TO THE HOTEL:**

From the campus loop, or Hilltop Circle, make a left onto UMBC Blvd. and follow signs pointing to I-95 and 195. Merge onto the two main travel lanes of 195 East and underpass I-95 (do not get on Interstate 95). Take 195 East to 295 North. Once on 295 North take Nursery Road exit. At traffic light make a right and continue a mile. The La Quinta Inn is on the right.