

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**VENUE.** The conference venue is the US Grant Hotel, a historic property. The meeting is located among three levels: lower, lobby, and 2<sup>nd</sup> level. Both stairs and elevators connect all three levels.

**PROGRAM.** The abstracts for the talks and posters appear in this book and are arranged in the order of presentation. The author index references the day and type of presentation.

**POSTERS AND EXHIBITORS.** Posters are located in Bivouac Ballroom, Lower Level, with exhibitors. Monday posters should be mounted between 8-8:30am on Monday, Tuesday posters should be mounted between 8-8:30 am on Tuesday. Exhibit booths will be in place from Sunday evening welcome reception through Tuesday at 3 pm (conclusion of Tuesday Poster Session)

**Posters are presented/attended:**

- Monday posters on Monday 1:30-3:00 pm
- Tuesday posters on Tuesday 1:30-3:00 pm

**TALKS.** There are two session rooms on different levels.

- Palm Court, Lobby Level (parallel session only)
- Presidential Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Level (plenary and parallel session)

**All speakers** must appear at least 20 minutes **prior to the start of their sessions.** Speakers using their own laptops will use this time to connect laptops and assure compatibility with the projector. Speakers using the conference PC computer will use this time to load their files.

**INTERNET ACCESS.** WiFi is available for conference attendees in the meeting areas. Look for walk-in slides and signage for details on network ID and password.

**EVENING WORKSHOPS.** All conference attendees are welcome to attend the workshops. There is not a separate registration.

Sunday 4:30-5:30 pm there will be a special Grantwriting workshop in Grant AB, Lower Level.

Monday 6:30-8:00 pm there will be three workshops immediately following an informal mixer with exhibitors. See program schedule for titles and locations.

**LUNCH SEMINARS.** Free lunch seminars are hosted on Monday and Tuesday on the lower level in Grant AB and CD. All attendees are invited to attend, but are encouraged to RSVP at host company exhibit booths. See program schedule for details.

**JOB BOARD.** Located in Bivouac Foyer, Lower Level. Use this area to post opportunities or your CV if you are seeking a position.

**PHONES AND OTHER DEVICES.** Please **TURN OFF** all devices (phones, tablets, etc) when in lecture rooms. This courtesy is requested on behalf of presenters as well as fellow audience members.

**NO PHOTOGRAPHY or RECORDING** of posters or talks is permitted.

**FUN RUN/WALK.** Tuesday morning, meet at 6:45 am in Hotel Lobby. Participants will be directed to outside gathering spot. Main group to depart at 7am. This is at your own pace and preferred distance. Route is out-and-back and turn-around at any point is encouraged. The goal is to get out and move with colleagues and friends, not a race. Please sign up at Registration Desk (even if you indicated your participation online).

**CONFERENCE T-SHIRTS.** Custom t-shirt is quick-dry jersey and appropriate for exercise or everyday wear. Advance online purchases (\$8) will be accommodated first, but there are extra available for purchase onsite (\$10). Come to registration for purchase or pick-up of your pre-order.

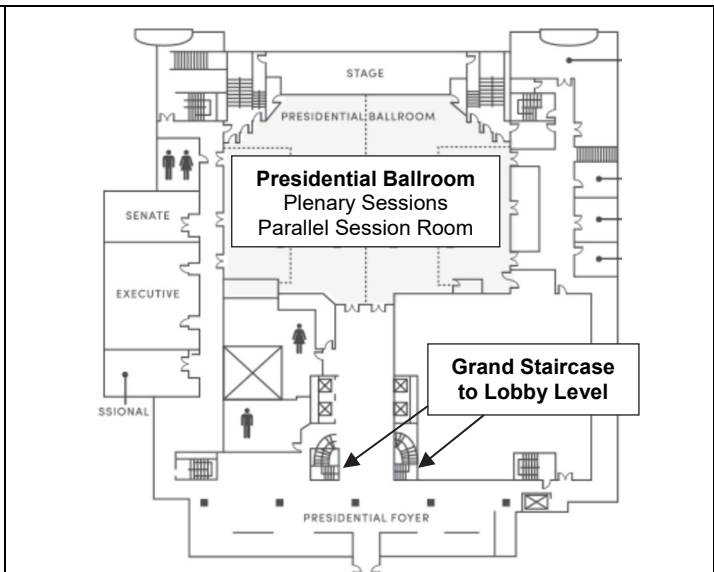
**SPECIAL TUESDAY JOINT EVENT + PROGRAM.** Together with AACC (American Association of Clinical Chemistry) Southern California Chapter a dinner reception and program are offered on Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 pm in the Presidential Foyer and Ballroom. See program schedule for additional information. This event + program is free to all conference attendees though RSVP is requested.

**US GRANT HOTEL - THREE LEVELS FOR CONFERENCE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> LEVEL**  
 Accessible by grand staircase on lobby level and elevators.

**PRESIDENTIAL BALLROOM**  
 Parallel Session Room on Monday-Wednesday  
 All Plenary Lectures on Monday-Wednesday  
 Workshop Room on Monday

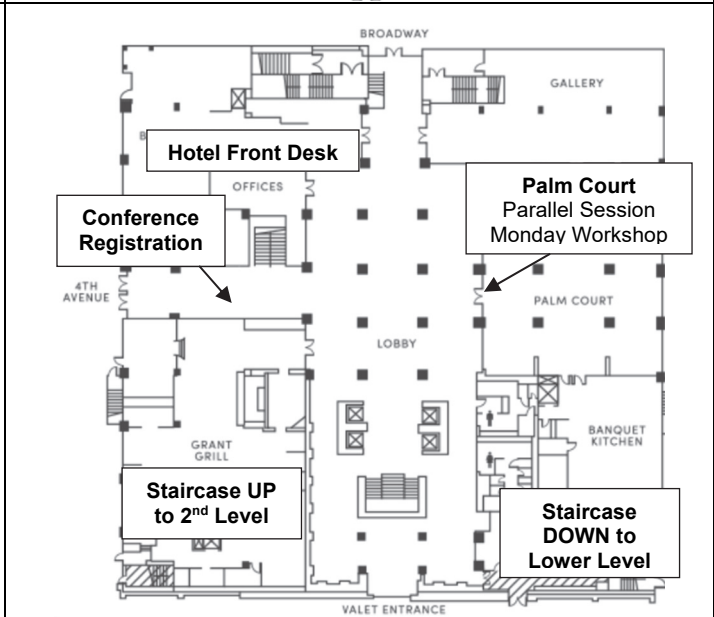
**PRESIDENTIAL FOYER**  
 Tuesday Evening Event



**LOBBY LEVEL**

**PALM COURT**  
 Parallel Session Room on Monday-Wednesday  
 Workshop Room on Monday

**REGISTRATION**  
 Registration desk for conference



**LOWER LEVEL**

**BIVOUAC BALLROOM**  
 Exhibit Booths + Posters  
 Sunday Welcome Reception  
 All Monday-Tuesday Coffee Breaks  
 Monday Evening Mixer

**GRANT A B C D**  
 Short Courses on Saturday- Sunday  
 Lunch Seminars on Monday-Tuesday  
 Workshop Room Sunday-Monday

**CRYSTAL BALLROOM**  
 Committee Meeting Room

