



The 2008 ICE 'Americas' Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Friday October 3 - Sunday October 5, 2008

The 2008 Convention is the first ever ICE Regional Convention to be held in the Americas. The event will provide an opportunity for networking in both a social and professional setting and will include a range of high-profile speakers, alongside ICE President David Orr, ICE Director General Tom Foulkes, ICE Country Representatives and the newly-elected ICE Council Member for the Americas.

The Convention program(me) includes:

- Friday Night 'Ice Breaker' Cocktail Reception.
- Saturday presentations on the topical theme of 'Sustainability', including the 7th ICE International Brunel Lecture given by Peter Head.
- Saturday Night Gala Dinner.
- Technical Engineering Tour of the Hoover Dam led by the United States Bureau of Reclamation.
- Viewing of construction of the O'Callaghan / Tillman Memorial Bridge at Hoover Dam (to be the longest concrete bridge span in North America when complete), including a Presentation by the Construction Managers.

Convention Venue

The Desert Research Institute,
755 E. Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Convention Hotel

Embassy Suites Hotel Las Vegas
4315 Swenson Street
Las Vegas, NV 89119

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com>

ICE has arranged a special Convention Rate at the Embassy Suites Hotel of \$159 per night plus tax for the nights of Thursday October 2 through Sunday October 5, 2008. The hotel is located just a mile from Las Vegas Airport; is the venue for the 'Ice Breaker' Reception and the Gala Dinner; and is located just 200 yards from the Desert Research Institute. The Hotel is about 5 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip. A variety of local tours and events at discounted rates will be available in the Convention package provided to hotel guests. The Las Vegas tourist season is in full swing in October, and we are promised comfortable 80 degree F / 27 degree C temperatures!

The Embassy Suites Hotel features two room suites, a fitness center, a large outdoor swimming pool and a complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast every morning. There is also a 'Manager's Reception' featuring complimentary cocktails, beverages and light snacks each night from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Convention Cost

Attendance at the 'Americas' Convention;
Members - free
Non-members - \$50

Gala Dinner, Embassy Suites - \$25
(Members and non-members)

Site Visit, Hoover Dam & O'Callaghan / Tillman
Memorial Bridge - \$25
(Members and non-members)

Accommodation; when booking at the Embassy
Suites Hotel, just ask for the 'Institution of Civil
Engineers Rate'.

How to Register for the Convention

Please register for the Convention as soon as
possible by email to:

- Neil Bailey, ICE Americas Area Manager at neil.bailey@ice.org.uk , or to
- Simon Gray, ICE Country Representative, Western USA at simon.gray@hatchmott.com, or by fax at USA (916) 399-0582

Deadline for Convention registration is **Friday August 29, 2008**. After this date, we cannot guarantee Embassy Suites Hotel accommodation will be available or available at the preferred rate. Please make your accommodation booking directly with the Hotel, specifying that you attending the Institution of Civil Engineers' event.

Hoover Dam Technical Engineering Tour Registration

We have just 40 spaces available for a 10:30 am morning tour, and 40 spaces for a 2:30 pm afternoon tour of the Dam on Sunday October 5, 2008, so please let Neil or Simon know when you register for the Convention that you wish to go on the Hoover Dam Tour. Please register early to ensure you have a space! As we need to gain security clearance for all Dam visitors, please ensure that you register by Friday August 29, 2008, and provide your full name, citizenship and passport / Green Card number (if not a US citizen) or driver's license details (if you are a US citizen) when you register.



Provisional Americas Convention Program(me)

Professional Development Hours applied for

Friday October 3, 2008: Embassy Suites Hotel

ICE Business Day for Country Representatives, Embassy Suites Hotel Riviera II Room, 14:00 – 17:00

'Ice Breaker' Cocktail Reception, Embassy Suites Hotel Atrium, 19:00

Saturday October 4, 2008: Desert Research Institute & Embassy Suites Hotel

Embassy Suites Hotel breakfast

8:30-9:00: Coffee and Registration at the DRI Auditorium

9:00-9:30: Welcome and Introductions:
Simon Gray, ICE Country Representative, Western USA
David Orr, ICE President
Bob Peirce, British Consul General, Los Angeles
Chris Maples, DRI Chief Science Officer & Executive VP (Research)
Morning Session – Moderator: Haro Bedelian

9:30-10:30: Peter Head, Director, Arup - The 7th International ICE Brunel Lecture;
"Entering the ecological age: the engineer's role"

10:30-10:45: Coffee Break

10:45-11:15: Peter Goodwin, Professor, Hydrology, Ecohydraulics, University of Idaho:
"Human, Physical, and Natural Capital Investment in Patagonia: a Predictive Approach
under the Sustainability Criterion"

11:15-11:45: Gary Lawrence, Urban Strategies Leader, Arup, "The Problem of Conventional Wisdom"

11:45-12:15: Jimmy Jen Yoon Leong, Engineering Manager, Black & Veatch, & Jim Devlin, Engineering
Manager, Clean Water Coalition: "Systems Conveyance and Operations Program, Las Vegas"

12:15-12:30: Question and Answer Session

12:30-14:00: Buffet Lunch, Embassy Suites Hotel
Afternoon Session – Moderator: Simon Gray

14:00-14:30: Tim Quinn, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies, "California Water
– Managing Crisis and Opportunity"

14:30-15:00: Chris Maples, Chief Science Officer, Desert Research Institute, "DRI and Sustainability"

15:00-16:00: ICE Country Representatives' Presentations on Sustainability

16:00-16:30: Question and Answer Session

16:30: Americas Convention Close

19:00: ICE Americas Gala Dinner, Embassy Suites Hotel Ballroom
Dress code: Business/ Lounge Suit

Sunday October 5, 2008: Hoover Dam and Bridge Site Visits

Embassy Suites Hotel Breakfast

10:30 and 14:30 Hoover Dam Technical Engineering Tour and viewing of construction of the O'Callaghan
/ Tillman Memorial Bridge at Hoover Dam (to be the longest concrete span in North
America), including a Presentation by the Construction Managers.