



## **2007 SAIS Conference**

**March 9-10, 2007**

**Jacksonville, Florida USA**

### **Conference FAQ**

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Southern Association for Information Systems (SAIS) Conference. The Conference will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, with the conference hotel situated right on the Jacksonville Beach. The SAIS Conference is an intimate gathering of around one hundred participants, ranging from doctoral students to senior faculty and recognized scholars in the information systems field. Past SAIS conferences have attracted scholars from around the US and around the globe, and we again invite scholars from all regions of the world to help us celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. SAIS is an official chapter of the Association for Information Systems (AIS).

#### **Hotel**

The conference hotel is the Sea Turtle Inn located on the beach just outside Jacksonville, Florida. Conference Room Rates are \$129.00 for a single or double not including tax of 13%. Please note that the parking fee is waived for conference attendees. The conference rate is available until February 6, 2007. To receive this rate, you must call the hotel directly at 1-800-874-6000 and identify yourself as being with the Southern Association for Information Systems (SAIS) conference. Please visit the hotel web site for more information: <http://www.seaturtle.com>

#### **Getting There**

The conference hotel is located in the city of Atlantic Beach just outside Jacksonville, Florida. Driving directions can be found at: <http://www.seaturtle.com/location.html> .

The Jacksonville International Airport is the closest airport. The website for the Jacksonville airport is [www.jaa.aero](http://www.jaa.aero)

#### **Transportation from the Airport**

One of the challenges of having the conference hotel on the beach is getting there. The Sea Turtle Inn is about 26 miles or a 45 minute ride from the airport. There are 3 options

to get there. Car rental is one as there is parking at the hotel (the parking fee is waived for SAIS conference attendees). Cabs are another (cost is about \$60 one way). The third option is with Bob's Airport and Limo Service. We have made arrangements with them to provide transportation from the airport to the Sea Turtle Inn. Specific information:

Cost is \$45 one way plus a \$7.00 tip. The price is for 1-3 people. Additional people are \$5.00 each.

You will need to call for advanced reservations – 1-800-849-4262 and identify yourself as being with the SAIS conference. They will try to combine passengers to reduce your costs. Your best bet, however, is to coordinate with others you know who are attending the conference, and reserve a limo together. It will be much easier to coordinate the trip back to the airport as we can set up a message board at the conference.

The cost increases by \$10 if you need a limo before 6am or after 9pm.

Please make note that you will need to make advanced reservations – you probably won't have much luck if you wait and try to schedule transportation after you have arrived in Jacksonville. Further note they require advanced reservation guaranteed by credit card and have a 24 hour cancellation policy.

In case of an extreme event (delayed planes, etc.), we will make sure that you won't be stranded. Please keep the hotel phone number with you. We will provide more information and contact numbers after you have registered for the conference.

### **Presentations**

Papers are allotted approximately 25 minutes for presentation and discussion. Panels and workshops will be allotted an entire session which generally is about an hour in length. Each session has a Chair who is responsible for keeping the session on track and on time. Please assist the Chair by planning your presentation to fit the allotted time. Sessions will be equipped with laptops running Windows™ and loaded with PowerPoint™ and computer projection units. Authors should bring their presentations on USB Flash Drives. [Please do not bring floppies.] We recommend saving your presentation in PowerPoint 2003 format to ensure compatibility. Note that there will NOT be traditional, transparency style overhead projectors.

### **Attire**

In keeping with the spirit of recent AMCIS conferences, the typical attire of SAIS attendees is business casual. While some prefer to be a bit more formal (e.g. suit and tie), you will not feel out of place in business casual attire.

### **Friday Evening Anniversary Celebration**

We will be holding a buffet dinner anniversary celebration on Friday evening. We welcome all attendees. Guests are also welcome and can be registered for the dinner through the registration process. This will be a good opportunity to see old friends and

make new ones. The Anniversary Celebration is in honor of everyone who has contributed to the success of the Southern Association for Information Systems.

### **Within Walking Distance**

The conference hotel is located in Atlantic Beach, a community of many quaint shops and restaurants. This area, known as Town Center is within walking distance of the hotel. A listing of businesses in the area can be found at: <http://www.jaxbeach.com/towncenter.htm>

### **Activities for Travel Companions**

Jacksonville, a metropolitan center of over one million people, is a friendly and relaxed place – a coastal community of neighborhoods as unique as the people who live in them. Outdoor activities abound in this region with 68 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline, 300 miles of river, and every imaginable topography in-between. Jacksonville Beach is also near Amelia Island, St. Augustine, and Ponte Vedra and other intriguing Florida landmarks and provides easy access to water sports, shopping and golf. To explore this area further, visit <http://www.seaturtle.com/visitorinformation.html>  
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