

**International Conference of the System Dynamics Society**  
**July 26 - 30, 2009**  
**and**  
**Bonus Day - Friday, July 31, 2009**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

The web **SUBMISSION SYSTEM IS OPEN** to accept conference paper and workshop submissions. Submission deadline is March 31. Full submission system instructions can be found at:

<http://www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/instruct/intro.html>.

The **REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION:** The registration brochure with accommodations form is available on the website and the hardcopy will be mailed by January 20. The registration fee for the conference is set at \$450.

Hotel room reservations will be arranged through the Albuquerque Hotel directly.

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| Single Occupancy | <b>\$156.72</b> (\$139.00 + 12.75% taxes included) |
| Double Occupancy | <b>\$156.72</b> (\$139.00 + 12.75% taxes included) |
| Triple Occupancy | <b>\$173.64</b> (\$154.00 + 12.75% taxes included) |
| Quad Occupancy   | <b>\$190.55</b> (\$169.00 + 12.75% taxes included) |

**CONFERENCE WEBSITE:**

<http://www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/current/index.htm>.

**PRECONFERENCE PLANNING:** A trip to the Albuquerque Hotel has been scheduled for late February. Negotiations are underway with the hotel to lower the guaranteed room block. All other expense items are being negotiated.

**CONFERENCE BUDGET:** The budget planning is based on a range of estimates for attendance, from a low of 404 to a high of 493. The conference could receive high attendance because of program and location, but we recognize that difficult economic times may discourage attendance. The budgeting deliberations account for a wide range of uncertainty. The 2009 team believes the current budget will allow for a good delivery of the main activities; additional amenities will be provided as additional resources are secured. We have successfully filed tax exempt paperwork for New Mexico.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM:** Activities in the program this year:

- o New Bonus Day: Designed as a special day for interest groups to hold substantive meetings.
- o New sessions: 1 - 2 Discussant-type parallel sessions per thread
- o New Threads: Challenges of Terrorism/Insurgencies, Gender Issues, Infrastructure Dynamics and Resiliency, and Participatory Approaches to Modeling and Simulation
- o K-12/Education Convened Sessions
- o Return of the very successful Poster Symposium and Buffet (or coffee break)
- o An informal gathering of the policy council Saturday evening (tentatively planned)
- o Chapter/SIG Poster Session on Monday

- o Newcomer Orientation Session, Health Policy SIG: Discussion and Business Meeting

**INFORMATION** on all important dates and deadlines, the PhD Colloquium, the Modeling Assistance Workshop, Poster Symposium, Newcomer Orientation Session, Early Decision for Visa or Funding, Carbon Neutral Initiative, group tours information, and other topics is available on the conference website. Watch for future announcements regarding a variety of events.

**TRAVEL:** Please see information on group tours below, and for full information please go to:

<http://www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/current/grouptourinfo/grouptour.html>. There is a dedicated email address to promote these event <localtours@systemdynamics.org>.

The true Southwest awaits you in Albuquerque -- rich culture and heritage, rooted in centuries of history. Whether you want to shop for authentic Native American arts and crafts, enjoy the great outdoors, try hot air ballooning, explore living history museums, attend events and festivals, sample local cuisines or hit the golf courses and spas, visit <http://itsatrip.org/> to learn more.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:** Nominations are invited for the Jay W. Forrester Award, the Dana Meadows Student Paper Prize, and the System Dynamics Applications Award. External Awards: The Barry Richmond Scholarship Award and the Lupina Young Researchers Prize will be presented this year. Please refer to the Society website for more details and deadlines on all awards.

**CONFERENCE HOSTS:**

Sandia National Laboratories  
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### **Tourist Information**

for the Albuquerque Conference  
Conference dates: July 26 – 30, 2009  
(Bonus Day – Friday, July 31)

**Come visit the “Land of Enchantment”**

#### **LOCAL TOURS FOR PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS**

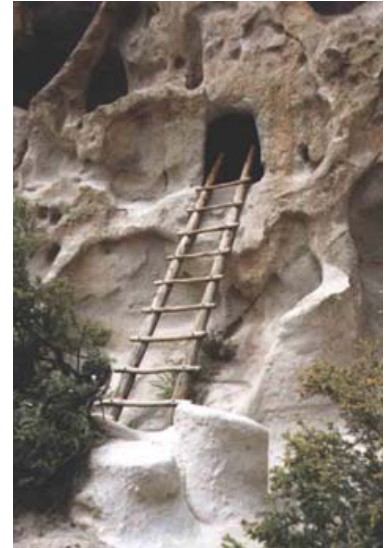


The Conference Organizers and the Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) encourage you to experience a true vacation in Albuquerque and the Southwest. This brochure barely scratches the surface of possibilities. Please refer to the conference website and also contact the ACVB for more information. Tentatively planned conference group local tours include: **Hiking at Tent Rocks – Saturday, July 25**. Visit the geological site featuring massive, cone-shaped formations in the cliffs of Peralta Canyon.

**Feast Day at Santa Ana Pueblo – Sunday, July 26**. Experience life in a Native American Pueblo.

**“Sky City” – Thursday, July 30**. Acoma Pueblo, atop a sandstone mesa, is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States.

**Bandelier National Monument – Friday, July 31**. An archaeological site with Anasazi ruins and cliff dwellings dating back to 1100AD.



For additional information and updates please send an email to **localtours@systemdynamics.org**.

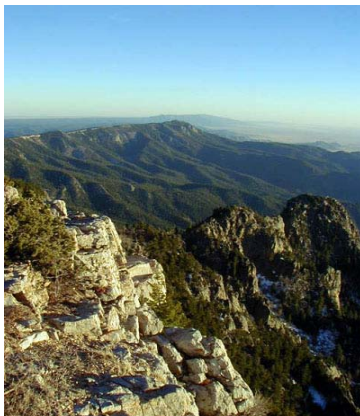
These tours are not included in conference registration fees and must be paid for separately.

**Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau** offers a wealth of information to help you plan your vacation.  
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**E-mail:** info@itsatrip.org / **Website:** <http://itsatrip.org/>

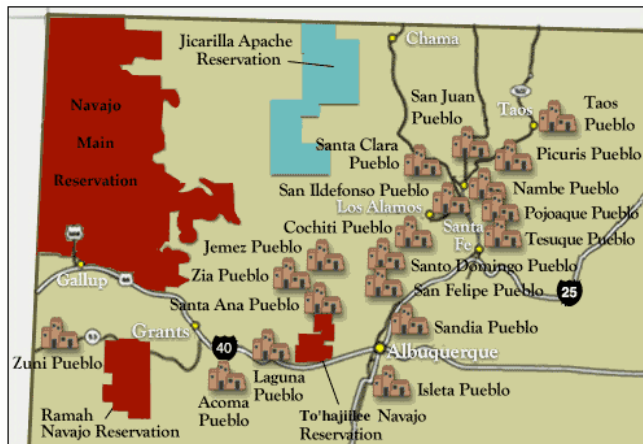
#### **UNIQUENESS AND ATTRACTIVENESS**

**New Mexico** is a blend of ancient cultural traditions and striking environmental diversity - America’s “Land of Enchantment.”

**Albuquerque** is located at the heart of New Mexico. The surrounding area is classified as high desert, but the climate is surprisingly varied.



The chosen venue for the Conference, the **Hotel Albuquerque**, is 8.5 miles from the airport. It is nestled in **Old Town**, the heart of Albuquerque’s historical center. Now 300-years old, the village is formed in the traditional Spanish pattern of a central plaza surrounded by a church, homes, and government buildings. Some of the old homes are still standing and many have been renovated into businesses, art galleries, and shops, selling jewelry, pottery, clothing, and a modern generation of contemporary fashion and arts, all inspired by the Native American and Southwest traditions of hand crafting.



Many centuries before European explorers found their way to the western hemisphere, the **Pueblo Indians** developed a distinctive and complex civilization. These peace-loving people created an urban life in harmony with the environment and with each other. The Pueblos have occupied the same spots for centuries. This historic connection to the people imbues them with a special sense of timeless, seamless continuity. Visit one to learn about Pueblo life; you do not have to travel far to sample the customs and art of New Mexico's 19 Pueblos. They are also represented nearby the conference hotel, at the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**.

### ATTRACTIONS: SHORT WALKING DISTANCE

**Art Museum** – Concentrates on contemporary and historical works by regional artists.

**Explora Museum** – Designed to engage visitors of all ages in activities fostering opportunities for thought, curiosity, imagination, growth, and lifelong learning.

**Natural History Museum** – The exhibits take the visitors on a journey through time providing snapshots of New Mexico from the formation of the universe to the present day.

**Old Town** – Attractive and nearby, it is the ideal location for enjoying the Southwestern culture, shopping, and dining.

**Rattlesnake Museum** – This museum houses the world's largest collection of different species of live rattlesnakes.



### ATTRACTIONS: LONGER WALK OR A 5-MINUTE DRIVE

**Aquarium** – Takes you on a journey down the Rio Grande from Albuquerque to its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Botanic Garden** – An oasis in the desert, it encompasses 20 developed acres, including a 10,000 square foot glass conservatory. Also available, the seasonal Butterfly Pavilion and the Heritage Farm.

**Downtown Route 66** – Peppered with restaurants, bars, movie theatres, and night life, historic Route 66's colorful neon signs are featured prominently along downtown's Central Avenue.

**KiMo Theatre** – An architectural gem with elaborate Pueblo Indian ornamentation and murals, the theatre is a vibrant part of the city's performing arts community.

**Rio Grande Bike Path** – This easy, relatively flat ride near the banks of the Rio Grande goes through the largest continuous cottonwood forest and accesses many tourist destinations. The path is shared by bikers, runners, walkers, and roller bladers.

**Zoo** – Founded in 1927, its 64 acres offer visitors close encounters with more than 250 species animals.



### OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN TOWN

**Albuquerque Isotopes** – The professional baseball team, an affiliate of the Florida Marlins, plays at the newly-renovated Isotopes Park.

**Balloon Museum** – The world's premiere facility dedicated to the art, culture, science, history, sport, and spectacle of ballooning.

**Casinos** – Casinos, established in reservations, offer dining and entertainment, including concerts.



**Golf courses** – Enjoy world-class golfing in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and beyond.  
**Nob Hill Route 66** – Eclectic and unique shopping and dining are available in this cozy community.  
**Nuclear Science Museum** – Established in 1969 as a place to learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research of nuclear development through today's peaceful uses of nuclear technology.  
**Petroglyph National Monument** – People who have lived along the Rio Grande for many centuries come alive through images they carved on shiny black rocks.  
**Sandia Peak Tram** – Enjoy a scenic ride along the world's longest aerial tramway to the top of the Sandia Mountains, and a breath taking view of the City of Albuquerque and of the Rio Grande Valley.

#### DAY TRIPS AND EXTENDED VACATIONS

**Santa Fe** – Renowned for its culture, art, traditions, and cosmopolitan sophistication; conveniently reachable from Albuquerque by commuter rail (59 miles).

**Indian Pueblos** (distances vary) and historic sites of ancestral culture: **Bandelier** (100 miles), **Chaco Canyon** (160 miles), **Mesa Verde** (Colorado, 250 miles).

**Roswell** – Visit the UFO Museum (200 miles).

**White Sands** – Dunes of sparkling white gypsum covering nearly 300 square miles (230 miles).

**Grand Canyon** – Its beauty and size are a humbling experience. (Arizona, 400 miles).



**Best Regards,**

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