Lodging and Travel

The meeting will take place on the UTMB campus on Galveston Island on the Texas Gulf Coast, about one hour south of Houston. Average temperatures in late April are about 79°F (daytime high) and 70°F in the evening, with surf temperatures in the low 70s. There are a number of family-oriented attractions in the area, as well as many historic homes, buildings, and museums open to the public.

Hotel accommodations
Attendees will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations. There are a number of hotels in Galveston that offer various amenities. Please refer to http://www.galveston.com/islandhotels/ for recommendations. We suggest the Tremont Hotel, Harbor House Hotel, and the Hotel Galvez, as they are in close proximity to the meeting site and are located on Galveston’s East End. Hotels may offer complimentary shuttle service to campus; please check with individual hotels.

Parking
Tokens for parking in either of two public parking garages on campus will be provided during registration. If you require handicap-accessible parking and have a placard, please contact Angela Culler (email at aculler@utmb.edu or by telephone at 409-747-2464).

Airline information
Two major airports serve the greater Houston/Galveston area, George Bush Intercontinental (airport code IAH) and William P. Hobby (airport code HOU). Please be advised that Bush Intercontinental Airport is located on the north side of Houston, and a shuttle to Galveston can take as long as 2 hours (depending on traffic). Hobby Airport is located in south Houston and is closer to Galveston. It takes approximately 50 minutes to travel from Hobby to Galveston. Please refer to the Houston airport page, http://www.fly2houston.com/, for detailed information on carriers that serve these airports.

Ground transportation
Private taxis from either Houston airport are available, but are prohibitively expensive. For this reason, we recommend you rent a car. Please refer to the following sites for rental car services from both airports:

- George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) Airport car rental services (http://www.fly2houston.com/iah-Rental-Cars)
- William P. Hobby (HOU) Airport car rental services (http://www.fly2houston.com/hou-Rental-Cars)

Several shuttle services and limo services are available. Please refer to their web sites for details:

- Totally Texas Limousine Service (http://www.txlimos.com/)
- Galveston Limousine Service (http://galvestonlimousineservice.com/)
- SuperShuttle (http://www.supershuttle.com/)
- Island Breeze Shuttle (http://islandbreezeshuttle.com/)