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**IAU GA Almost Here**

The IAU XXIX General Assembly is almost here! We want to make sure your experience at the meeting is outstanding, so please "dive-in" to these quick facts for a good time in

**Get to the Hawaii Convention Center!**

1801 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii

**Shuttles and Rental Car Services**

**SpeediShuttle** is the only authorized, on demand shuttle service provider at the Honolulu airport, and has Greeters stationed throughout the terminal. Travelers arrive curbside, check in with a

Honolulu, Hawaii.

## Mobile App Puts IAU GA Meetings in Your Pocket!

Be sure to download our mobile app for the IAU General Assembly. It puts the entire conference program in your pocket and ensures that it's always up to date. Get the app for your smartphone or tablet today. Additional details and instructions on how to download the app can be found here:

To get the guide, choose one of the methods below:

- Download 'IAU Meetings' from the Apple App Store, Android Marketplace, or Play Store.
- Visit **IAU Meetings** from your phone's browser

You can also access **IAU Meetings** via your desktop browser or non-compatible devices.

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Keep in Touch!  
Enhance and share your experience at the IAU General Assembly via social media! Use the hashtag #IAU2015 on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram

## Security

The safety and security of attendees and exhibitors at the IAU XXIX General Assembly is of the utmost importance to the conference organizers and the IAU leadership. To ensure that only conference participants have access to the conference, security staff will be monitoring conference attendee and exhibitor badges at multiple locations. It is of the utmost importance that all conference attendees wear their conference badge at all times. Photo identification will be required to pick up registration materials as well. If you lose or misplace your badge, a

SpeediShuttle Greeter, and are escorted to one of the exclusive pickup locations. +1-808-242-7777 or [hrw@speedishuttle.com](mailto:hrw@speedishuttle.com). Approximately- \$15 one way / \$29 - round trip per person.

**The Cab** provides pre-arranged full-service airport packages and other services. Reservations are available at +1-808-422-2222 or via the website. Taxi fares are approximately \$35 - \$40 per person one way.

**Budget Rent-A-Car** and **Hertz Car Rental** are conveniently located on the lobby level of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa in the Pualeilani Atrium Shops.

The City and County of Honolulu provides an online service to research when and where you can catch the next city bus. Visit the **Ride Honolulu Bus Company** to learn more.

### Parking at the Hawaii Convention Center

On-site vehicle parking is available at the Hawaii Convention Center. The parking garage is located on the 2nd floor of the facility and the entrance is located on Kalakaua Avenue. ADA accessible parking is available in Row A of the garage. Parking is allowed during business/event hours only. The parking lot opens one hour before and closes one hour after an event. Overnight parking is not allowed. The daily parking rate is \$10.00 per entry.

## General Assembly Hotels

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa  
2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI 96815  
Tel: 808-949-4321

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa  
2424 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815  
Tel: 808-923-1234

Sheraton Waikiki Resort  
2255 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815  
Tel: 808-922-4422

Sheraton Princess Kaiulani  
120 Kaiulani Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815  
Tel: 808-922-5811

Please direct reservation questions or concerns to the hotel holding your reservation.

## Registration Information

### Registration Desk Main Lobby, Hawaii Convention Center

- Sunday, 2 August - 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- Monday, 3 August - Friday, 7 August - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Saturday, 8 August - Closed
- Sunday, 9 August - 1:00 - 5:00 pm

new one can be obtained at the registration desk. If you see someone at the conference who is not properly badged, please notify meeting staff.

Although security is provided at the conference facility and at the conference hotels, attendees are responsible for their own security and safety when away from the meeting venue. Honolulu is a very safe city by any standard, but attendees should take remain cautious and careful. Petty theft can occur in any large city and Honolulu is no exception. Avoid walking alone late at night if possible and just be aware of your surroundings.

Due to the protests on Hawaii related to the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope, similar protests may take place in Waikiki or even at the Convention Center. Security staff and the local authorities are aware of this risk and are prepared to take appropriate action. Protests in Hawaii are usually non-violent in nature, but attendees should exercise caution if protests are taking place. Do not engage in discussion with protestors or challenge their opinions. They have a right to peacefully protest and have their opinions heard. Confronting them or arguing with them should be avoided.

Medical staff are on site to provide first aid if necessary. If you need or see someone who needs medical assistance, contact meeting staff immediately.

## Sponsors of the GA



- Monday, 10 August - Thursday, 13 August - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Friday, 14 August - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Already Registered?

If you have already registered for the meeting, your badge will be printed at the "Badge Pick Up" desk, where a volunteer will be happy to assemble your badge and answer any questions you may have.

### Need to Register or add an event to your existing registration?

If you would like to register for the meeting, but have not yet done so, we are happy to process your registration at the On-Site Registration Desk. You can also add any available meeting events to your existing Registration. We will have you in and out of the line in no time!

## Presenter Instructions

### Submit Your Presentation

If you are presenting an oral talk, stop by the Speaker Ready Room in Room 317A to upload your presentations to the speaker ready server. You can also check out the laptops and run-through your talk at one of our practice presentation podiums. The upload process can take as little or as much time as you are comfortable with, but the technicians do like to brag that you can upload your talk and be on your way in 30 seconds!

Don't want to go to the Speaker Ready Room? Feel free to **upload your presentation** via the web. Presentations will be accepted through this upload portal until 5:00 pm Hawaii-Aleutian time Sunday, 2 August 2015.

Poster presenters may hang posters in the Exhibit Hall starting Monday morning at 10:00 am on the week of your presentation. Badges are required to enter the Exhibit area at all times.

The maximum size your poster may be is 44" x 44". Push pins will be provided. Don't want to travel with your poster? The **local FedEx** is offering a 40% discount on poster printing. Simply **email** the store and mention "**2015 IAU General Assembly**" to place your order.

## Gather 'Round

There is still time to register for the following events. Stop by the On-site Registration Desk and we will be happy to assist you.

### Opening Ceremony

Monday, 3 August  
Rooftop Garden, Hawaii Convention Center

Attendees and Registered Guests are invited to join us as we kick off the XXIX General Assembly!"

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**Polynesian Banquet - \$130**  
Wednesday, 5 August 2015  
Great Lawn, Hilton Hawaii

In keeping with IAU tradition, we invite you to join us for a special General Assembly luau. A luau is a traditional Hawaiian party or feast. We will gather with friends, family, and colleagues to celebrate the 29th General Assembly and all that beautiful Hawai'i has to offer.

**Networking Reception - \$75**  
Wednesday, 12 August 2015  
Rainbow Room, Hilton Hawaii

The Networking Reception is a great opportunity for those who were unable to participate in the Polynesian Banquet. Register for this additional time to meet in an informal setting, take the opportunity to socialize with your peers, and meet new friends.

**Closing Ceremony** Friday, 14 August 2015  
Ballroom, Hawaii Convention Center

Say farewell to another IAU General Assembly!

## Got Internet?

Wireless internet for casual web-browsing will be available throughout the meeting space. Please be courteous to your fellow attendees and avoid from streaming video or transferring large files. When connecting to the wireless, look for an **SSID of IAU**.

## Getting Out and About

Honolulu has many dining options all within walking distance of the Honolulu Convention Center. In anticipation of your arrival, many local businesses are offering **discounts to IAU attendees**.

The Hawaii Convention Center is also located near several beaches, public parks, museums and theatres just a short distance away, such as the Bishop Museum, Ala Moana Park (Stargazing Party on 4 August & 13 August), Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head Theater and many others.

## Honolulu Weather

Honolulu, HI will be balmy and tropical. Average air temperature ranges from 74 degrees F (23 degrees C) to 88 degrees F (31 degrees C) with moderate humidity of 53% during the day. Gentle trade winds keep even the warmest months comfortable. Ocean temperature is in low 80s. We recommend dressing in layers in the air conditioned convention center.



## Embassies and Consulates in Honolulu

The following website provides contact details and addresses for the consulates and embassies located in Honolulu. **Hawaii Embassy Guide**



Thank you for attending the IAU XXIX General Assembly in Honolulu, Hawaii. We appreciate your participation and encourage all to attend the various aspects this meeting has to offer. The schedule is action-packed with important science, interesting workshops, and esteemed invited discourses. Travel safe, and we will see you in Honolulu.

The American Astronomical Society is honored to be the host organization on behalf of the US astronomy community and the University of Hawaii's Institute for Astronomy for the XXIX General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union.

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