

# Attendee Resources

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## Attendee Resources

SfN aims to provide high service levels. The Society has compiled a series of resources to help all attendees navigate Neuroscience 2009.

### Airport Shuttle

Go Airport Express provides airport transportation between Chicago and two area airports: Midway Airport and O'Hare International Airport. Fares vary according to the airport and final destination. For more information on fares, visit [www.airportexpress.com](http://www.airportexpress.com). When you arrive at the airport, claim your luggage and visit the Go Airport Express representative in the baggage claim area of each airport. Return trips to the airport can be prearranged by dialing (888) 284-3826. To arrange transportation from the airport to your hotel prior to your arrival in Chicago, visit [www.airportexpress.com](http://www.airportexpress.com). Go Airport Express accepts American Express, Visa and MasterCard. For further information, contact Go Airport Express at (888) 284-3826 or visit [www.airportexpress.com](http://www.airportexpress.com).

### Annual Meeting Offices

#### Annual Meeting Headquarters Office Logistics and Programming

McCormick Place: South Hall A

#### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17 — Wednesday, Oct. 21  
7 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Office addresses all questions concerning annual meeting logistics and programming for the 2009 and 2010 annual meetings.

#### Society Executive Meeting Room

McCormick Place: Room S502B

#### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17

Noon–4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Wednesday, Oct. 21  
8 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Society Executive Meeting Room addresses matters for the council, committees, and past presidents.

#### Press Offices

McCormick Place

Press Room, S501ABC

Press Conference Room, S501D

Press Interview Room, S502A

#### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17 — Wednesday, Oct. 21  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Members of the press must register and pick up their badges in the Press Room.

### ATM Machines

There are automatic teller machines (ATMs) located in each building. In the South Building, ATMs are located on Level 2.5 in the Convention Center and in the North Building on Level 2, near the McDonalds. Lobbies of the Hilton Chicago and the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel also have ATMs.

### Business Center

Shipping, mailing, faxing, photocopying, and other services are available at McCormick Place and provided by FedEx Kinko's, located on Level 2.5 of the Grand Concourse in the South Building. A satellite store also is located on Level 2 in the North Building. The Hilton Chicago and the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel also operate full-service business centers.

### Certificate of Attendance

McCormick Place: South Hall A

Every attendee is advised to obtain a certificate, available at a designated booth in the registration area. Signed and sealed by SfN staff, certificates of attendance are proof to home institutions that attendees were present at the meeting. The document is often required for reimbursement of meeting expenses. Attendees must pick up the certificate in person at the meeting. There are no exceptions.

### Child Care Arrangements

McCormick Place: Room N427

On-site child care and youth programs will be available at Neuroscience 2009 for children ages 6 months to 12 years. This service will be provided through KiddieCorp, a national firm with more than 20 years experience in on-site conference child care. KiddieCorp services provide attendees with flexibility in meeting schedules and with a reliable,

affordable, and trustworthy option for child care during the annual meeting. Details, pricing, and reservation information are available on the KiddieCorp-Neuroscience 2009 Web page, [www.kiddiecorp.com/neurokids.htm](http://www.kiddiecorp.com/neurokids.htm). All policies and fees are established by KiddieCorp, and all questions should be directed to them. Space is limited.

### Coat Check

McCormick Place: West Transportation  
Lobby and Gate 4 Entrance

Friday, Oct. 16, 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17 — Tuesday, Oct. 20,  
7:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Limited space will be available for coat check on a first-come, first-served basis at the convention center.

### Continuing Medical Education

CME registration must be completed before or during the annual meeting. Those who do not register at these times will not receive the necessary documentation should they request it after the meeting. CME registrants will receive, via e-mail two weeks before the meeting, the CME Supplemental Program, which contains important information regarding the CME Program, including disclosure information and instructions for obtaining CME credits. Visit [www.sfn.org/cme](http://www.sfn.org/cme) or see page 58 for details.

### Disabilities and Special Needs

For assistance with special needs or disabilities on-site, visit the SfN headquarters office in South Hall A. SfN staff will provide information and assistance, but without prior notification of need, SfN cannot ensure availability of appropriate accommodations. Scooter and wheelchair rentals are available by contacting ScootAround, Inc., toll-free at (888) 441-7575, by e-mail at [info@scootaround.com](mailto:info@scootaround.com), through their Web site at [www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com), or by fax at (204) 478-1172. For additional information, e-mail [meetings@sfn.org](mailto:meetings@sfn.org).



## Event Locations

Lectures, exhibits, scientific sessions, symposia, poster sessions, SfN-sponsored socials, registration, and headquarters offices will be located in McCormick Place. Satellite and ancillary events will be held at McCormick Place, the Hilton Chicago Hotel, the Hyatt Regency Chicago, and other Chicago facilities.

**McCormick Place**  
2301 S. Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, IL 60616

**Hilton Chicago**  
720 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60605

**Hyatt Regency Chicago**  
151 E. Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601

## Exhibits

McCormick Place: South Hall A

### **HOURS:**

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Wednesday, Oct. 21  
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Exhibits provide attendees an opportunity to learn about the latest products, publications, and services available. Pick up a copy of the *Exhibit Guide* at any program pick-up kiosk. The *Exhibit Guide* includes a listing of exhibiting companies and a cross-referenced listing of companies by type of product exhibited. Links to exhibiting

company Web sites are available through the Neuroscience 2009 Web site, [www.sfn.org/exhibits](http://www.sfn.org/exhibits). The hyperlinks will remain live for six months after the meeting.

**Inquiry cards:** Your badge will serve a double purpose: (1) as a name badge and (2) an exhibit inquiry card. Your demographic information will be encoded onto the front of the badge. E-mail addresses will only be included if you selected the option box when registering. Council encourages all annual meeting attendees to present their badge at each exhibit booth they visit. Exhibitors determine the success of their participation in the annual meeting by the number of leads they accumulate from attendees visiting their exhibit booths. We appreciate your cooperation — a successful exhibit program helps defray the cost of running the annual meeting and keeps registration fees at a minimum.

For further information, visit the exhibits section of the SfN Web site at [www.sfn.org/exhibits](http://www.sfn.org/exhibits) or contact Allison Burns, Exhibits Manager, at [exhibits@sfn.org](mailto:exhibits@sfn.org) or (202) 962-4000.

## First Aid and Emergencies

**McCormick Place: Level 2.5S**

During session hours, one first aid room at the convention center is open and staffed by an ACLS-certified registered nurse and/or paramedic. Mercy Hospital and Medical Center Hospital can be reached at (312) 567-2000. Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center can be reached at (312) 791-2000.

## Food Courts

McCormick Place: South Hall A, Level 2.5

### **HOURS:**

Saturday, Oct. 17  
11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Wednesday, Oct. 21  
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

## Important Phone Numbers

### **Headquarters Office**

HQ Office/Logistics  
(312) 791-6600

HQ Office/Programming  
(312) 791-6615

### **Press Offices**

Press Room  
(312) 791-6619

Press Conference Room  
(312) 791-6627

### Exhibit Management

(312) 791-6649

### First Aid and Hospital Numbers

First Aid Room, Level 2.5S

(312) 791-6060

Mercy Hospital and Medical Center

2525 South Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60616

(312) 567-2000

Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center

2929 S. Ellis Avenue

Chicago, IL 60616

(312) 791-2000

### Infant Changing Facilities

McCormick Place: Room S400B

An infant changing room designated for the privacy of parents and guardians caring for infants is available at the South Building of McCormick Place. The room is equipped with chairs and tables in private areas for changing diapers or nursing, as well as electricity and a water cooler (room temperature). Parents and guardians are responsible for providing infant care supplies. The infant changing room is unsupervised. SfN is not responsible for accidents or injuries that may occur in this room.

### Information Booths

McCormick Place

Gate 3 Lobby, Level 1

Grand Course, Level 3

#### HOURS:

Friday, Oct. 16

2–6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Tuesday, Oct. 20

7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

### International Attendees

International attendees should refer to the U.S. State Department Web site at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information regarding visas.

### Literature Displays

McCormick Place: South Hall A

Keep your eyes open for important annual meeting event updates on display in the registration area of McCormick Place, South Hall A. Approval is required to place announcements on displays. Attendees can get approval before the meeting by contacting [meetings@sfn.org](mailto:meetings@sfn.org) or on-site in the HQ-Logistics Office.

### Lost and Found

McCormick Place: South Hall A

Direct inquiries about lost items to the lost and found counter in the registration area in the South Hall A of McCormick Place.

### Luggage Check

McCormick Place: Gate 4 Entrance and Hall A

#### HOURS:

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Wednesday, Oct. 21

7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Luggage storage is only available during the times listed above. Space is unavailable Saturday through Monday, Oct. 17 – Oct. 19. Please do not bring luggage into the meeting rooms.

### Message Centers

Open 24 hours (staffed on-site only during registration hours). SfN will provide three message centers in McCormick Place for Neuroscience 2009 attendees.

McCormick Place

Registration Message Center, South Hall A

Metra Message Center, Level 2.5S

Shuttle Message Center, West

Transportation Lobby

If you are using a message center station as a place to meet colleagues, be sure to identify at which message center you will be located.

LCD monitors adjacent to the message center scroll the names of attendees with unread messages. Check the monitors daily. To log into the message center, you will need to provide your last name and badge number. Once logged in, you can find a colleague attending the meeting, read new or old messages, or send a new message to another registered attendee. Attendees can set individual preferences to receive a cell phone or e-mail alert when they receive a message. Message centers are open through the Neuroscience 2009 Web site on Friday, October 9, one week prior to

the annual meeting for pre-planning purposes. Attendees also can access the message center from outside the convention center through the Neuroscience 2009 Web site during the meeting.

### Mentoring: A Networking Function

McCormick Place: Room S504

#### HOURS:

Sunday, Oct. 18

6:30–8 p.m.

Mentors and mentees meet in an informal setting to discuss issues and network. Experienced professionals are matched with students and early-career professionals in neuroscience. Participants from diverse backgrounds, fields, and work sectors are encouraged to attend. The event is open to all, but prior registration is required in order to match mentor and mentee interests. To participate, visit [www.sfn.org/mentorsignup](http://www.sfn.org/mentorsignup) or [www.sfn.org/menteesignup](http://www.sfn.org/menteesignup).

### My EXPO

Build your list of preferred exhibitors through My EXPO, [www.sfn.org/myexpo](http://www.sfn.org/myexpo), a virtual directory of vendors offering products and services to the neuroscience community. My EXPO is searchable by exhibitor names, booth numbers, products, or keywords.

### NeuroJobs Career Center

McCormick Place: South Hall A

#### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Tuesday, Oct. 20

7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

The on-site SfN NeuroJobs Career Center connects employers with a pool of well-qualified candidates seeking opportunities ranging from postdoctoral and faculty positions to neuroscience-related jobs in industry and other areas. Job seekers and employers can take advantage of interview booths and computers for posting jobs and scheduling interviews. For prices and more information on how to set up a NeuroJobs account, visit [www.sfn.org/neurojobs](http://www.sfn.org/neurojobs). On-site payment can only be made by credit card.

## Neuroscience Meeting Planner Viewing Room

McCormick Place: South Hall A

### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Tuesday, Oct. 20  
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21  
7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

The Neuroscience Meeting Planner (NMP) contains the full text of abstracts and allows attendees to plan an itinerary for Neuroscience 2009. It can be accessed online at [www.sfn.org/nmp](http://www.sfn.org/nmp) or on-site in the NMP Viewing Room.

## Photography and Electronic Recording Restrictions/Cell Phones

Photography, video, filming, tape recording, and all other forms of recording are prohibited during the poster sessions, lectures, symposia, minisymposia, nanosymposia, courses, workshops, and on the exhibit floor. Such recording is only permitted during press conferences. Other arrangements must be made in advance in the Press Room. Cell phone use in sessions is prohibited. For arrangements to photograph the exhibit floor, contact Allison Burns, Exhibits Manager, at [exhibits@sfn.org](mailto:exhibits@sfn.org) or (202) 962-4000.

## Poster Sessions

McCormick Place: South Hall A

### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17  
1–5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Wednesday, Oct. 21  
8 a.m.–noon, 1–5 p.m.

## Theme H Poster Sessions

McCormick Place: South Hall A

### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17  
1–5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18  
8 a.m.–noon, 1–5 p.m.

## Program and Exhibit Guide Pick-Up

McCormick Place: South Hall A,  
West Transportation Lobby

### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Monday, Oct. 19  
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

The final *Program* will be available on-site at McCormick Place and online at [www.sfn.org/am2009](http://www.sfn.org/am2009) as downloadable PDFs. Attendees can pick up a copy of the final *Program* or *Exhibit Guide* at any Express Badge Pick-up area.

## Restaurant Reservations

McCormick Place: Level 2.5S

### HOURS:

Saturday, Oct. 17  
Noon–6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 — Tuesday, Oct. 20  
10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Restaurant reservation services are available at McCormick Place. Reservations also can be made online via our Chicago resources and attractions Web site. To browse options or make an online reservation, click on “Restaurants” near the center of the black navigation bar.

## Student Hospitality Suite

McCormick Place: Room S104A

The Student Hospitality Suite is reserved in McCormick Place for student registrants. The room provides an area for students to relax, read, and meet friends and colleagues. A message board provides meeting information. A message board will provide information pertinent to the SfN meeting.

## SfN Booth

McCormick Place: South Hall A, Booth 1003

As you experience Neuroscience 2009's Exhibit Hall, stop by the SfN Booth to learn about new member resources and services offered by your professional society.

## Speaker Ready Room

McCormick Place: Room S104B

### HOURS:

Friday, Oct. 16 — Wednesday, Oct. 21  
7 a.m.–5 p.m.

Presenters are urged to check their media at least 24 hours in advance of presentation in the Speaker Ready Room to confirm compatibility with the session room computers. See page 79 for more information.

## Transportation to and from McCormick Place/Hotels

### Shuttle

The Society for Neuroscience will provide complimentary shuttle service between McCormick Place and all SfN-contracted hotels with the exception of the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, adjacent to the convention center. Shuttle service will operate during the annual meeting dates of Saturday, October 17 to Wednesday, October 21. For questions, visit the shuttle desk located in McCormick Place: West Transportation Lobby across from Gates 1-3. See page 70-71 for more information.

### Metra

Metra, Chicago's commuter train system, runs from downtown and stops directly in the convention center. Metra stations are within walking distance to 60 percent of the meeting hotels. SfN will provide free Metra passes to attendees for travel between McCormick Place and the downtown Millennium, Van Buren Street, and Museum Campus stations. A Metra schedule for travel between these stations is available at [www.sfn.org/metra](http://www.sfn.org/metra). See page 65 for a hotel map or visit [www.sfn.org/map](http://www.sfn.org/map) for an interactive map.

### The “L”

The CTA, Chicago's light rail system known as the “L,” provides service throughout the city and to O'Hare and Midway airports. The Roosevelt Road station (on the Red, Orange and Green lines) is closest to the convention center. SfN will run a complimentary shuttle from this station to McCormick Place during regular shuttle hours.

## Chicago Resources and Attractions

For visitor's information, visit [www.choosechicago.com/neuroscience](http://www.choosechicago.com/neuroscience).

## Wireless Internet Access

As a service to its registrants, SfN provides free wireless Internet access in McCormick Place. Wireless access is available in the convention center lobbies and meeting rooms; however, access is not available in the exhibit halls and poster session areas. To take advantage of this free service, bring a laptop or PDA with a built-in wireless network card or with an external wireless card that is 802.11a, 802.11b, or 802.11g compatible, and set your network card to use DHCP. Wireless network users should reference the FAQs and disclaimers at [www.sfn.org/wireless](http://www.sfn.org/wireless) before accessing the network. Minimal technical support is available at the Wireless Support booth in the Attendee Services area.