We are pleased that you will be attending the 2018 ISJR conference and look forward to welcoming you to Emory University! This information should help you prepare for your visit. The conference website includes further details about accommodations and the posted preliminary program offers the schedule of conference events and sessions.

Conference Venue and Accommodation

The Emory Conference Center Hotel (ECCH) is the location for the welcoming reception on Wednesday (July 25) and lunches on Thursday and Friday (July 26 and 27). Paper sessions, poster reception, and two keynote addresses will be held at the Claudia Nance Rollins (CNR) building of the Emory University School of Public Health. Consult this campus map. Accommodations are at both the Emory Conference Center Hotel as well as Woodruff Residence Hall. Directions to and phone numbers for each of those locations are here.

Registration

Registration, at the site of the welcome reception in the Silver Bell Pavilion at the Emory Conference Center Hotel, opens on Wednesday (July 25) at 5 p.m. and runs until 8:00 p.m. Registration will be held on the plaza of the Claudia Nance Rollins (CNR) building of the Emory School of Public Health beginning at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday (July 26) and 8:30 a.m. on Friday (July 27), running until 5 p.m.

Details for Presenters

Conference paper sessions will be held in classrooms at the Claudia Nance Rollins (CNR) building of the Emory University School of Public Health. All rooms have computers, projectors, and screens. Please bring your paper presentation on a removal storage device (e.g., a USB memory stick) to upload your slides on a classroom computer (please do so during a break before your session, using your surname to identify your presentation).

Plan on 15-minute (for 4 paper sessions) to 18-minute (for 3 paper sessions) paper presentations. About 15 minutes in each session will be reserved for questions and discussion, either following each paper or after all papers have been presented. Session presiders will provide “warnings” as time winds down for each presentation and will moderate the discussion.

The poster session will be on the “bridge” linking the CNR building to another building. Poster boards of 40” x 60” will be available and posters may be affixed with binder clips. Authors should plan to be near their posters during the session. Beverages and light food will be available for the concurrent reception.
The Conference “App”

Many details for the conference will be available on the conference “app” (downloadable from the conference website by July 24). The app provides the schedule of academic and social events, and includes session details (titles/locations/times) and paper/poster titles. The app will also link to the full program, including paper and poster abstracts.

Internet Access

Through the EmoryGuest program, the university provides free wi-fi to visitors. Recently, Emory has increased the bandwidth for visitors to improve usability. Visitors will validate with a text message or registered email to access the wi-fi; once authenticated, the network caches the address for 24 hours. Wi-fi is available in conference accommodations as well. (Visitors from other universities also have the option to use Eduroam, which provides faster connectivity speeds and uses home university login credentials.)

Walking and Weather

Maps on the app will help guide conference attendees to and from the CNR building and the ECCH. The distance between the two locations is about .3 miles. (Woodruff Residence Hall is about .1 miles from CNR.) If you require assistance in navigating these distances, please inform conference organizers, as noted below.

In late July, temperatures are likely to range from a low of 70° to 90° F (21° to 32° C). Plus, it is likely to be humid, especially if thunder storms hit in late afternoon (thus, best to carry an umbrella always!). All conference accommodations and session rooms are air conditioned.

Parking on Campus

The Michael Street Parking deck (located at 550 Houston Mill Road, Atlanta 30322) offers the closest visitor parking for the School of Public Health. Fees range from $4 for one hour to $12 for 4-12 hours. To access the deck, once on Houston Mill Road, take the first left onto Rollins Way and continue towards the blue banner for visitor parking.

About Emory University and Policies

The campus is located in the Druid Hills neighborhood of northeast Atlanta. The campus has many green spaces, giving the illusion that it is in a hard-wood forest. The conference location is on the northeast side of campus, where many of the health-oriented schools of the university can be found. The main quad, about a 10-minute walk from the CNR building, is home to Emory College and about a 5-minute walk from Emory Village. Three key Emory policies are relevant to conference participants.

No Smoking Policy

Emory officially became a tobacco-free campus on January 1, 2012, prohibiting smoking and tobacco use on Emory University and Emory Healthcare properties. Please see the tobacco-free policy for more details.
**Sustainability Initiatives**

Emory is committed to a variety of sustainability initiatives, one of which is zero waste. In spring 2018, the university instituted new waste policies. Thus, you will see a variety of containers for recycling different materials, composting, and landfill around the CNR. Please use bins as labeled. All paper products at breakfasts and breaks are compostable and the conference is supplying refillable water bottles.

**Disability Accommodations**

Emory provides equal opportunities and equal access to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, genetic information, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and veteran's status. As such, Emory University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities upon request. The Office of Accessibility Services offers a list of possible accommodations. *If you require accommodations, please inform conference organizers, as noted below.*

**Conference Meals**

In addition to the welcome reception on Wednesday, July 25, the conference will provide continental breakfasts on the plaza of CNR building and beverages during morning and afternoon breaks on the three main days of the conference (Thursday-Saturday, July 26-28). Lunches will be in the ballroom (lower level) of the Emory University Conference Center, with a “plated” pecan chicken entrée on Thursday and a deli buffet on Friday. *Please inform conference organizers, as noted below, if you would like a vegetarian option on Thursday.*

Conference attendees can easily access restaurants at Emory Point, adjacent to the EHCC, or on the other side of campus in Emory Village. A shuttle will take conference participants (who indicated at the time of registration a desire) to visit Ponce City Market on Thursday evening. The gala dinner for pre-booked conference participants will be held Friday evening at the Carter Center Museum.

**Informing Conference Organizers of Special Requests**

Should you need assistance in navigating between conference locations, other accommodations, or special meals, please email conference staff organizer, Patricia Hamilton at phamil2@emory.edu by Monday, July 23.