

Location Details

The Digital Data in Biodiversity Research Conference will be held on June 5-6, 2017 at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor Michigan, on the campus of the University of Michigan. This Conference is sponsored by iDigBio, UM Herbarium, UM Museum of Paleontology, and the UM Museum of Zoology. Ann Arbor is the quintessential college town, renowned for its rich arts and culture, vibrant downtown, and eclectic culinary scene. To learn more about Ann Arbor and area attractions, please visit <https://www.visitannarbor.org/>.

Registration

Registration is open from January 15 through May 15, 2017 with an abstract deadline of April 15. The registration fee for non-student professionals is \$50; student registration is \$20. Please visit the Conference wiki page: https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Inaugural_Digital_Data_in_Biodiversity_Research_Conference for general information and a registration link. Please note that you must be registered to submit an abstract. The Conference is capped at 200 participants.

Transportation

The Detroit Metropolitan Airport is the closest airport in proximity to Ann Arbor. Upon your arrival into the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, there are a few options for ground transport. You may take a taxi/Uber to your hotel located in downtown Ann Arbor (approx. 25 miles), or a more economical option is to take AirRide from the airport into downtown Ann Arbor (\$12 with advance reservation). For more information visit AirRide's web site at: <http://myairride.com/>. You should arrange for taxi pick-up for your departure flight with the front desk of your hotel. A more economical option is to take AirRide from the downtown Ann Arbor to the airport (\$12 with advance reservation); for more information visit <http://myairride.com/>.

Conference Venue

Conference facilities are located at the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor, on the campus of the University of Michigan. The Michigan League's telephone number is 734.936.0869/ website: <https://uunions.umich.edu/league>. You may access a campus map at: <https://campusinfo.umich.edu/campusmap> for the location of the Michigan League. The Conference will be held on the second floor of the Michigan League, floorplan map: <http://conferences.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/image-floorplan-lg-2.png> Visitor parking is available at the Palmer Drive Parking Structure located off Washtenaw Ave. On-street metered parking is available on several streets surrounding the Michigan League. Visit <http://www.annarborrotary.org/files/assets/MichiganLeagueParking130100.pdf> for more information.

Conference Hotels

You received hotel information regarding reservations in a communication upon registering; this information is also located on the Conference wiki page. Be sure to reserve lodging prior to the cut-off date in order to receive our group rate.

Conference hotel locations are as follows:

- Hampton Inn Ann Arbor, 925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 734.665.5000 (<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/michigan/hampton-inn-ann-arbor-south-ARBVWHX/index.html>);

- Michigan League, 911 N University Avenue, Ann Arbor, 734.764.3177 (<https://uunions.umich.edu/league/inn>);
- Residence Inn Ann Arbor Downtown, 120 West Huron Street, Ann Arbor, 734.662.9999 (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/fact-sheet/travel/arbdt-residence-inn-ann-arbor-downtown/>);
- Holiday Inn and Suites, 3155 Boardwalk Drive, Ann Arbor, 734.213.1900 (<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/ann-arbor/arbep/hoteldetail>);
- The Graduate Hotel, 615 East Huron Street, Ann Arbor, 734.769.2200 (<http://graduateannarbor.com/>)
- Sheraton, 3200 Boardwalk Drive, Ann Arbor, 734.996.0600 (<http://www.sheratonannarbor.com/>)

Conference Check-in

Conference materials and nametag may be picked up at the check-in table as you arrive at the Michigan League the morning of the Conference. Wireless network access will be available onsite throughout the Conference meeting space for all participants.

Digital Data in Biodiversity Research Conference Wiki

For the most up-to-date information regarding the Conference agenda, participants, logistics and other items of interest, please visit the event wiki page at:

https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Inaugural_Digital_Data_in_Biodiversity_Research_Conference.

Recorded presentations and reports will be posted on this site following the conference.

Conference Food and Beverages

Break refreshments will be provided at the Michigan League on June 5-6 during the conference sessions and related activities. Lunch is on your own each day; a list of area restaurants is provided below. Dinner is on your own during the evenings of June 5-6. However, a reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic options) will take place the evening of June 5 at the UM Research Museums Center (see below for additional information). There is no charge to attend the reception. A cash bar will be available.

UM Research Museums Center Reception – June 5, Evening

The UM Herbarium, Museum of Paleontology, and Museum of Zoology are hosting a conference reception at the UM Research Museum Center located at 3600 Varsity Drive. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic options) will be among the offerings. The Museum collections will be open for tours throughout the evening.

Adobe Connect

To the extent possible, the Conference sessions will be broadcasted and recorded using Adobe Connect. Meeting hosts will monitor the chat to address questions/concerns. To connect, go to <https://idigbio.adobeconnect.com/digitaldata>, select “Enter as a Guest”, enter your first name and surname, then click “Enter Room”. Remote participants are strongly encouraged to visit the iDigBio Web Conferencing Wiki prior to connecting, for more information:

https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Web_Conferencing.

Local Restaurants

There is a diverse choice of restaurants and breweries located on and around the University of Michigan campus and the conference hotels. Restaurants located near the Conference venue (Michigan League) are listed at:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g29556-d291409-Inn_at_the_Michigan_League-Ann_Arbor_Michigan.html

In total there are nearly 300 restaurants within a 20 mile radius of Ann Arbor; following are just a few suggestions located close to campus:

Jerusalem Garden (Middle Eastern), 314 E. Liberty St.

Sava's (Eclectic), 216 S. State St.

Angelo's (Diner), 1100 Catherine St.

The Original Cottage Inn (Pizza), 512 E. William St.

Knight's (Steak), 600 E. Liberty St.

Mani Osteria and Bar (Italian), 341 E. Liberty St.

Blue Nile Ethiopian Restaurant (Ethiopian), 221 E. Washington St.

The Chop House (Seafood), 322 S. Main St.

Shalimar (Indian), 307 S. Main St.

Palio (Tuscan), 347 S. Main St.

Tianchu Restaurant (Chinese), 613 E. William St.

Pacific Rim by Kana (Asian), 114 W. Liberty St.

Vinology (American/Wine Bar), 110 S. Main St.

Kang's Korean Restaurant (Korean), 1327 S. University Ave.

Melange (Global), 312 S. Main St.

Grizzly Peak Brewing Co., 120 W. Washington St.

Wolverine State Brewing Co., 2019 W. Stadium Blvd.

Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery, 311 S. Main St.

Arbor Brewing Company Brewpub, 114 E. Washington St.

Glasshouse Brewing, 2350 W. Liberty St.

Arbor Brewing Company, 720 Norris St.

**In addition, the annual Taste of Ann Arbor will be held on June 4, 2017 on Main St between Washington St and William St/S Main St and E Liberty St. Ann Arbor's Main Street Area Association hosts Taste of Ann Arbor to bring local eateries together with the community. Restaurants featured at the event run the gamut of cuisines and styles, giving guests an opportunity to taste the vibrant Ann Arbor food scene. <https://www.everfest.com/e/taste-of-ann-arbor-ann-arbor-mi>