

Know Before You Go - Important Information for

Ultra-High Temperature Ceramics: Materials for Extreme Environment Applications V

June 5-8, 2022
Snowbird, Utah, USA
[The Cliff Lodge](#)

June 2, 2022

To: Participants - **Ultra-High Temperature Ceramics conference**
From: Barbara Hickernell, CAE, ECI Executive Director

We are looking forward to your participation in this conference. Please read this note as there are items in it that may be helpful to you before your arrival at the conference. You will receive electronic copies of the program and abstracts later this week. Please pay special attention to the highlighted information regarding our approach to precautions for your safety during the Covid-19 pandemic.

For those arriving from outside the U.S., we suggest that you visit both your airline's website and that of the US government for the latest Covid-19 testing requirements from the US government for those entering the US. This is important as the regulations are changing frequently. What I write today may not be in effect tomorrow. You may need a PCR test before you board your flight.

Our community thrives by engaging with each other face-to-face but we wish to be safe in doing so. Thus, safety is our first priority. We cannot make guarantees but we can assure you that ECI will strictly follow the health and safety guidance of health authorities, consult best practices in the meetings community, and try to provide as "normal" a conference as possible during these circumstances.

Prior to registering, all conference participants and their guests submitted proof of full vaccination and agreed to properly wear masks (except when giving a presentation or actively eating or drinking) and social distance. Please continue to wear your mask. Your conference material will include a KN95 mask and the ECI staff has access to additional ones should you need them.

Our room sets will be structured to allow for the physical separation of participants. Please employ social distancing in informal settings. The cleaning and sanitation in the hotel will be robust.

*We suggest that you bring a home test kit with you. Should you feel unwell at any time during the conference, please call Tressa (cell phone: +1-516-965-4015) or email her (tressa@engconfintl.org). If you test positive, please let us know *immediately* and stay in your room. We will notify the hotel. If you test positive once you arrive home, please contact us so that we may inform fellow participants.*

The reverse side of your name badge (distributed at the conference) is where we suggest that you place emergency contact information.

We require all participants to provide a working mobile phone number to ECI (you may email yours to tressa@engconfintl.org) in case we need to notify participants that contact tracing is required.

As we respect your privacy, we will dispose of your vaccination information/official identification and mobile phone number after the meeting.

Hotel Information:

Snowbird - 9385 S. Snowbird Center Drive, Snowbird, UT 84092-
Tel: + 1-801-933-2222 or +1-801-742-2222 - www.snowbird.com

Conference Program:

Later this week Kathy Chan will send participants an electronic version of the program and an electronic link to abstracts. No paper version will be distributed at the conference..

Shuttle Transportation from the Salt Lake City Airport

Canyon Transport provides shuttle service from the Salt Lake City Airport to Snowbird and return. Please call 1-800-453-3000 to add it to your lodging reservation. The cost is \$78 round trip. When you arrive at the SLC airport, you will need to check in at the Canyon Transportation desk which is located one level below the baggage claim area. Your name will be on a pre-paid list. Shuttles depart every half hour. When returning to the airport, please choose a shuttle at least 2.5 hours prior to your scheduled flight departure.

Driving Directions from Salt Lake City Airport

Take I-80 east to I-215 south. Take Exit 6 (6200 South) and go east on 6200 South, toward the mountains. This road will lead you straight to UT-210 and up Little Cottonwood Canyon to Snowbird. For Cliff Lodge, take Entry 4.

Parking at the Snowbird Resort: There is free self-parking at Snowbird. Valet parking is \$20/night..

Sunday – Hotel and Conference check-in and schedule:

Upon arrival, go to the Main Lobby of Cliff Lodge to check in to the hotel. If your room is not ready, they will hold your luggage.

15:00 – Conference check-in
16:45 – 17:00 Opening remarks by conference chairs
17:00 – 18:00 Opening plenary talk
18:30 – 20:30 Welcome reception followed by dinner

Reminder: Please wear your conference badge throughout the conference as this identifies you to other conference participants, hotel staff, and also will admit you to meals at the hotel.

Monday morning:

07:00 – 08:00 Breakfast
08:00 Technical session begins

Meals: The conference fee includes your hotel room for the nights of Sunday (June 5), Monday (June 6), and Tuesday (June 7), with meals from dinner Sunday through lunch on Wednesday.

Guests/Accompanying Persons: If you bring a guest at the last moment, you must first see the ECI staff at check-in, pay for your guest, and then give the ECI proof of payment to the hotel. Your guest will then be issued a name badge that must be worn for admittance to meals/social hours/activities.

Speakers: Our standard equipment is a Computer Projector and a PC laptop for PowerPoint presentations. Please bring your presentation on a memory stick. [If you plan to use a MAC \(Apple\) laptop for your presentation, please bring the appropriate adapter for the projector.](#) There will be graduate student assistance (**Martiza Sanchez**) available to make sure your presentation is loaded prior to the session during which you are speaking.

Be sure that you have provided your session chair with a *brief* biography for introductions.

Poster Presentations: Posters may be hung on Monday. Please remain by your poster during the poster session for questions and discussion. Please remove your posters before the end of lunch on Wednesday.

Weather and Altitude: You can expect highs during the conference week in the 60s F and the lows in the 40s F Mostly sunny. Check www.weather.com before you leave and bring appropriate clothing.

The altitude at Snowbird is approximately 8,000 feet and some people may feel effects of high altitude such as headache, difficulty sleeping or shortness of breath. One of the best things to do is to drink lots of water – stay hydrated. One alcoholic drink at high altitude is the equivalent of three at sea level.

Pre-Conference Arrivals: ECI does not make pre/post conference reservations - that is the responsibility of the participant. There is a pre/post conference registration form on the ECI web site under “Information.”.

Please check out the following links:

[Snowbird's Cliff Spa](#) – Group will receive a 50% discount on the public spa access fee during the conference dates, as well as 20% off select Cliff Spa treatments. Please note that spa access fees are waived for the day with the purchase of any full service spa treatment. There is also a free gym located on Level 1 of the Cliff Lodge, open 6am – 10pm daily for all guests.

[Snowbird's Dining](#)

[Snowbird Hiking](#) – see concierge for current conditions and open hiking trails

[Snowbird Village Map](#)

**All Snowbird activities are safety and weather contingent.*

Miscellaneous:

- If you have any special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian or allergy) that you did not communicate to us when you registered, please be sure to let Kathy know (Kathy@engconfintl.org) immediately so the information can be communicated to the hotel. Note that some requests (kosher, halal), if at all available, may incur an additional cost from the hotel that must be paid by the participant.
- The temperature in the air-conditioned conference room will usually start out on the cool side and then become warmer as the room fills. We recommend that you dress in layers or bring a sweater, jacket or wrap.
- ECI conferences are informal, and we discourage suits and ties. Casual dress is preferred.
- On Wednesday, ECI will send you an electronic conference evaluation/questionnaire. Please complete and return it as your comments will be very useful to ECI and the chairs of future Vaccine Technology conferences.
- Smoking is not permitted at any conference functions. We ask you to turn off (or turn to vibrate) your cell phone during technical sessions. Photo and video recording by any device (e.g., cameras, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, watches) is strictly prohibited during the technical sessions, unless the author and ECI have granted prior permission

We thank the conference chairs, **Carmen Carney**, **Carolina Tallon**, **Gregory Thompson** and **Chris Weinberger**. They have put in a great deal of effort to produce this excellent program.

Ram Darolia will be the ECI technical liaison on site. **Tressa D'Ottavio** will be the site managers for this conference.

Last minute questions? Email **Kathy Chan** (Kathy@engconfintl.org). If you need to contact the ECI staff from Friday onwards, you can text or call **Tressa D'Ottavio** at 1-516-965-4015.

We wish you all an intellectually stimulating, productive and enjoyable conference.

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