

# Conference Extras

## What is Included in Your Registration Fee

- Mid morning and mid afternoon tea/coffee breaks daily
- Buffet lunches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Monday Evening: Buffet dinner and two hour cruise on the Steamboat Natchez, the last steamboat on the Mississippi River. The cruise also includes entertainment by a six piece Dixieland band and an open bar throughout the cruise. The Natchez will load at 7:00 PM from the Toulouse Street Wharf, about a 20 minute walk from the Ritz through the French Quarter. Please see the map in this booklet for the suggested walking path. The cruise will start promptly at 8:00 PM so all must be on board before then.
- Tuesday Evening: Reception with food and drinks to view the posters from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Jazz pianist Bruce Elsensohn will be playing during this time. Banquet starts at 7:00 PM and includes a served meal with wine. The awards ceremony will be from 8:15 PM until 9:00 PM. Then, Sunpie & the Louisiana Sunspots will take the stage for a long 90 minute set of zydeco fusion music. This band is renowned for their New Orleans style – you will not want to miss this!
- Additionally, all women attendees are invited to a Networking Tea on Monday at 4:30 PM in Mercier Terrace (on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor) sponsored by Women in Computational Intelligence.

## Cyber Café and Internet Access

Through the conference from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM, a Cyber Café will be in the St. Charles room. You will find computers and a printer. Wireless internet access in the Cyber Café and throughout the meeting space is complimentary to conference attendees – use the password “CONGRESS”.

## Ritz Amenities

If you are staying at the Ritz, your room rate includes : complimentary in room internet access, discounted valet parking and complimentary coffee / tea set up in your room (you must request this).

## Smoking

Smoking is only permitted outside. You can smoke in the hotel courtyard located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor or you can go outside on the street at either the front or back entrances, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.