

Green Initiatives for the Joint Mathematics Meetings

Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina: The Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina won the “Green Initiative for the Year” award from the City of San Diego in 2015 for their efforts in this regard. See

<http://custom.event.com/4F85513D1ED644A78965278996F1C300/files/RFP/60dc919aa6e24091a43da567440000b7/261e4db0ece445fa88fd2da1eef95428.pdf> for details about their sustainability practices. See Marriott International’s 2016 Sustainability Report at http://www.marriott.com/Multimedia/PDF/CorporateResponsibility/2016_Reports/Marriott_International_Sustainability_Highlights_2016.pdf.

Other Hotels: All other JMM hotels have environmental-friendly programs in place.

San Diego Convention Center: The San Diego Convention Center Corporation is committed to supporting and encouraging sustainable practices, including the hosting of environmentally-friendly "green" meetings in their building. Their highly successful conservation and recycling efforts have earned them LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council and dozens of state and city awards for our eco-conscious initiatives throughout the years. Read all about their sustainable business practices at http://www.visitsandiego.com/sites/default/files/SDCCC_GreenMeetings.pdf.

City of San Diego: San Diego is consistently on the forefront of environmentally sustainable practices – from locally grown produce to cost-saving electric programs. Hotels, restaurants, attractions, and wineries are just a few of the San Diego industries searching for the latest ways to improve efficiency and productivity, while respecting the environment. See <http://connect.sandiego.org/2016/03/08/san-diego-green-initiatives/> for the latest updates from some of its partners in the San Diego tourism industry on how they are making “San Diego Green Initiatives” a priority at their business.

Environmental stewardship is a hallmark of operations at San Diego International Airport (SAN), which is operated by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. In fact, the Airport Authority instituted one of the first sustainability policies for a major airport in the U.S. This formalized the Airport Authority’s commitment to an environmentally sustainable future for the airport and the region. See details at <http://www.san.org/Airport-Projects/Environmental-Affairs>.

JMM Strategies to Reduce the Meeting Footprint: As part of the ongoing planning process for these meetings, the AMS and MAA have adopted these green practices:

- Providing all registration, housing, and abstract submission forms online
- Minimizing packing materials
- Providing participants with an opportunity to opt out of receiving the printed program
- Providing a link to lecture notes online
- Sending the daily newsletter electronically
- Printing materials on both sides
- Using water-based markers and pens
- Ensuring that all meeting events are within the downtown area and require minimum transportation
- Providing name badge collection bins at the end of the meeting so badges can be recycled
- Providing exhibitors with mandatory green standards, such as using less printing and more digital information transfer
- Incorporating a “Leave No Trace” program which requires exhibitors to remove all materials from their exhibits after the meeting

What can you do as a Participant?

- Make a conscious effort to recycle, not only while in the meeting venues but also while touring and enjoying the local area.
- Use coffee mugs and refillable water containers.
- Take advantage of the linen and towel reuse program in hotel rooms.
- Unplug your phone chargers and turn off your hotel room lights when you leave for the day.
- Be conscious of your water consumption.
- Take only those brochures, collateral, or gifts that you know you'll use.
- Consider sharing a taxi or transportation network company with others from your hotel who are also heading to the airport.
- Consider using local transit such as buses, subways, or streetcars to get around the city.
- Determine your carbon footprint and consider offsetting your flight to and from San Diego. For details see <https://climatecare.org/calculator/>.

Go to <http://www.greenlivingtips.com> for tips on how to reduce your environmental impact in the home, at work and in business.

The AMS and the MAA will continue to strive to minimize our impact on the Earth while providing participants with a world-class education, training, and networking event. We invite all participants and suppliers to join us in our efforts to make this meeting and our lives more eco-friendly.