

2022 IUSSI meeting proposal



July 3-8
San Diego, California



“A visit to ”

- Jennifer Fewell and James Nieh visited two potential hotels, the Marriott and the Hilton (*sadly for Jen, the beachfront spa hotel was now off the table*).
- Both offered similar pricing deals; the Hilton had lower food and beverage requirements, but higher room rates and requirements
- The hotels are located near each other, but we felt that the Marriott had more immediate access to food for quick meals, and closer access to outside food options (*because we study foraging – you’ll thank us at lunch*).
- The venue is designed for meetings; this means it is a bit impersonal, but has easy access to meeting rooms and amenities. And the staff was very helpful (*they even wore honey bee bowties, so that was a plus*).
- The Marriott had great food, and hives on their rooftop for the kitchen garden
- There is a lot to do right outside the hotels and in SD – it’s a great vacation destination for meeting participants. (*And we’ll have a party on July 4th*)

Meeting venue: Marriott Marquis Marina



This is the hotel voted for in the NAS meeting, Brazil

High capacity; modern conference facilities; close to San Diego attractions

Meeting spaces

- Main space divisible into 4 large meeting rooms
 - (if 4 concurrent sessions)
- Another space for 5th room if necessary
 - (if 5 concurrent sessions)
- Nearby large space for posters and booths
 - (Posters can stay up)
 - (can have refreshments near posters)
- Plenty of break-out spaces for section meetings and workshops
- Easy access to all meeting rooms and posters



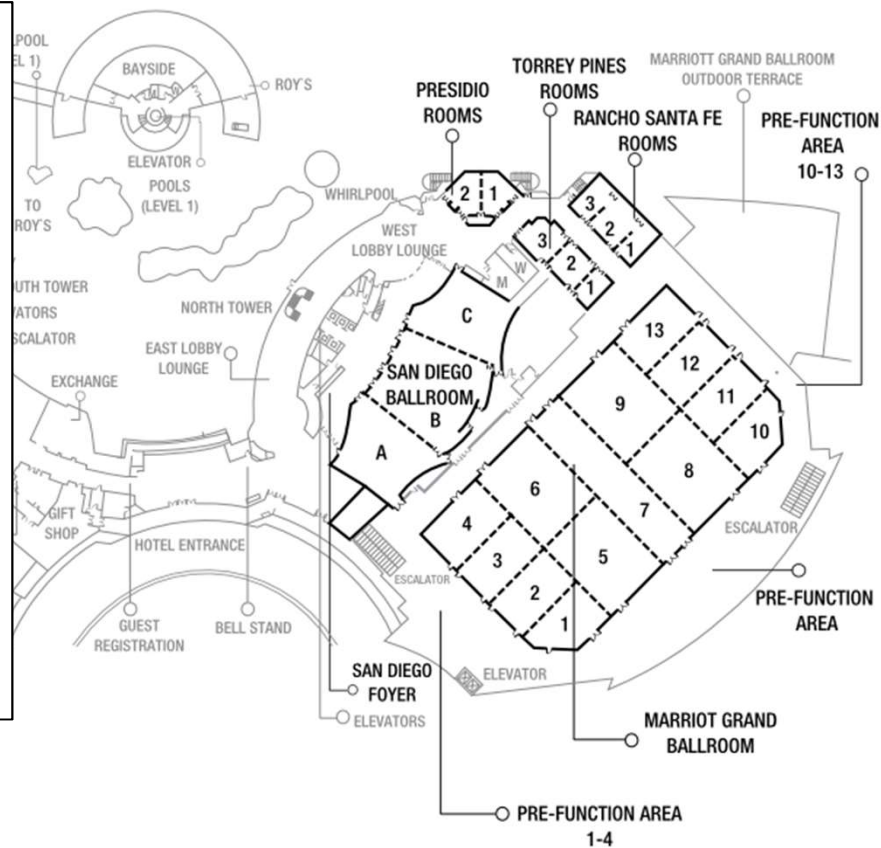
Overview of North Tower space available to IUSSI on July 3-8

LOBBY LEVEL

We are currently the only group in this space for those dates (3rd – 8th)

Each presentation room should hold > 150

SD Ballroom and lobby can be reserved for posters and vendors: ballroom has capacity of 700+



4th of July fireworks in San Diego

- During welcoming party (Day 2)
- Fireworks are in the bay; great view from hotel!



Other Amenities

- Hotel has multiple onsite restaurants and snack areas
- Huge pool area that is useful for small groups and relaxation
- Really nice fitness and spa facilities for stress puppies



Read a fun review of the hotel at <https://monkeymiles.boardingarea.com/comic-con-marriott-marquis-san-diego-review-harbor-view-room/>

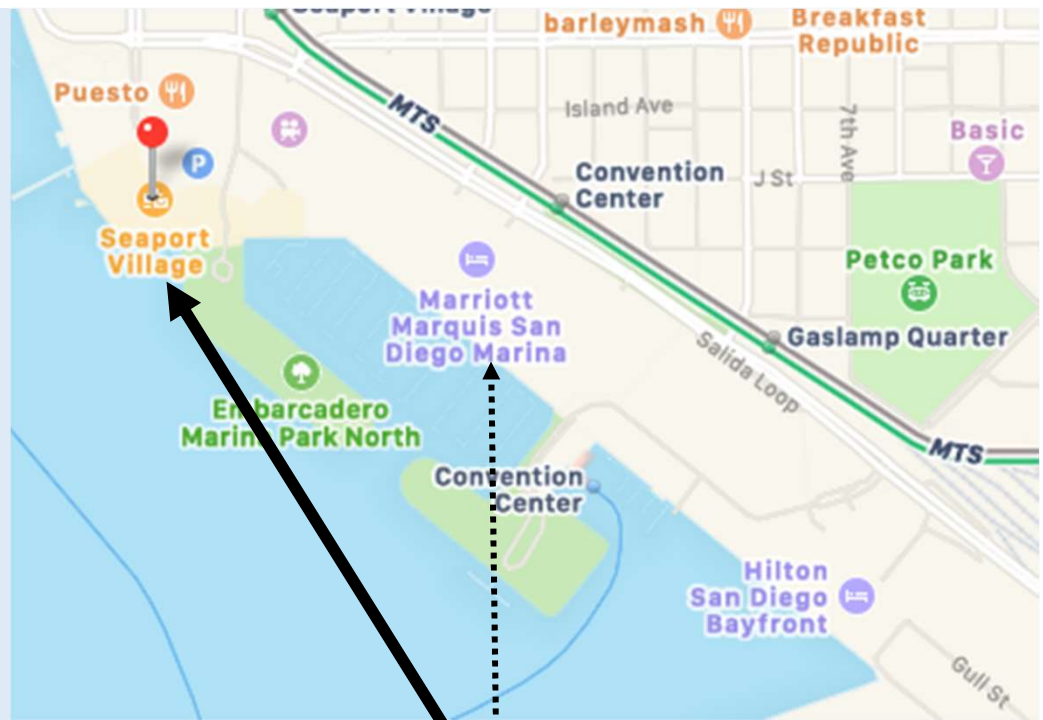
The Marriott is right on the water
Coronado bay across the way - can ferry across to beaches



View from hotel balcony – grassy areas are available for hotel use

Attractions walking distance from hotel

- Trips by water
 - leave from marina
- Children's museum
- USS Midway museum
- Gaslamp district
- Park areas right by hotel



- Waterfront walkway and Seaport Village right by hotel (good for lunches)

The Gaslamp District



Right across the street from the meeting

Many bars and restaurants

- including some pretty wild ones

Accessible for dinner and evening

- although too far for quick lunches

Area is generally safe, but everyone should travel in groups at night

SD attractions by cab or trolley

Trolley stop located by hotel



Balboa Park gardens

- **Balboa Park**
 - 1200 acre park in heart of SD, with gardens and 15 museums
- **San Diego Zoo**
 - Near Balboa Park – large and well designed for walking and viewing
- **Old Town San Diego**
 - Old western style buildings, shops and restaurants
- **SeaWorld**
- **Belmont Park**
 - On Mission Beach; roller coaster and attractions, and boardwalk
- **Birch Aquarium (Scripps)**
 - Research aquarium by UCSD
- **Torrey Pines Nature Reserve**
 - Beautiful preserve near beach and UCSD

And there are beaches



Seal Beach



Hotel del Coronado



Belmont Park



Torrey Pines Reserve

Pricing issues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hotel requires \$75,000 food and beverage minimum• Hotel room prices: \$249 full price; \$159 student price (plus tax)• King size or double-double available | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generally easy to meet with meeting reception and coffee breaks• Must fill 75% of blocked rooms: 306 rooms held for meeting• Room price allows for multiple occupants, and SD is fairly full around July 4th |
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A room with a view?

A “typical” double-double room – you may not get this view, but you can put multiple people in this space



Pricing considerations

- Registration fees will be **approximately \$500** for regular members
- We can reduce fees for students
- And for early registration



- Student rooms as part of travel award packets?
- How to encourage members to use hotel?(because we must pay for those rooms anyway)
- Meeting may be large enough to attract vendors.
- Student support through merchandise sales (bags, mugs, totes, etc)?
- Need logo designs!

Questions?

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