

# FOCAPO / CPC 2023 – FAST FACTS

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**Registration Hours:**    January 8      2:00 pm – 8:30 pm    Grand Hallway  
   January 9-11    7:00 am – 5:00 pm    Grand Hallway

The registration desk will be staffed during the conference presentation times. The onsite manager, Robin Craven, will be available to answer questions throughout the conference.

## **Location of Meetings**

All **FOCAPO / CPC 2023** conference activities are in the Oak Ballroom (Red Oak, Monterey Oak & Live Oak). The poster sessions are in the Rotunda & ancillary rooms. The joint sessions are always in the Oak Ballroom starting on Sunday. The oral parallel sessions each afternoon are in Monterey Oak, Red Oak (Oral Session 1) and Live Oak (Oral Session 2). For the oral sessions, please feel free to attend whichever presentation you desire.

## **Welcome Reception – Sunday, January 8**

The **FOCAPO / CPC 2023** conference will have a welcome reception on Sunday evening from 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm in the Rotunda & Spanish Oaks. All conference attendees and pre-paid guests are invited. The reception will include hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar with beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages.

## **Continental Breakfasts**

Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 am – 8:30 am the conference is providing a continental breakfast for all attendees (sorry, no guests). The breakfast will be in the in the main foyer outside the Oak Ballroom. The menu will be coffee, juices, yogurt, fresh fruit, cereals, eggs, bacon, potatoes and an assortment of bakery items. The menu will be the same every day. If you desire a more substantial breakfast, the Hill Country Café down the hall from the main ballroom opens at 6:30 am.

## **Lunches**

The conference is providing lunch for all attendees (sorry, no guests) Monday through Thursday. The times vary slightly, so please check the program for times. Lunch will be in the Hill Country Café/Sun Deck. Each day there will be a different selection of hot and cold buffet items.

## **Poster Sessions (Contributed Papers)**

The poster presentations will be in Rotunda. A detailed listing of the poster presentations is listed later in this program.

Poster Session A: Monday, January 9 from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Poster Session B: Wednesday, January 11 from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Poster presenters will have time to place their poster prior to the sessions. Pushpins will be provided. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages and sweet treats will be available during both poster sessions.

Presenters are asked to remove their posters immediately after the session. Posters that are not removed, will be taken down by hotel staff and discarded.

### **FOCAPO / CPC 2023 Reception, Plenary & Banquet – Tuesday, January 10**

A reception will begin at 6:45 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm in the Rotunda. The reception will include hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar with beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Dress is casual.

After the reception attendees will move to the main ballroom. From 7:40 pm to 8:30 pm there is a plenary presentation by James Rawlings titled *Harmonizing the Use of Optimization and Feedback in Process Operations and Control*.

The conference banquet will begin after the plenary presentation and conclude at 10:00 pm. All conference attendees and pre-paid guests are invited.

### **Panel Discussion – Key Research Challenges – Thursday, January 12**

The panel discussion will be after lunch from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The panel will be led by Costas Pantelides, Ruth Misener, and Larry Biegler. The panel will provide a summary and perspective of the presentations and discussions that have occurred during the conference in order to delineate future research directions in the industry.

### **Internet Access**

Conference participants will have complimentary Internet access in the meeting space and in the sleeping rooms. The meeting space WiFi code is: **CACMTG**. Details on connecting to the internet will also be provided onsite.

### **Transportation to and from San Antonio International Airport (SAT)**

San Antonio International Airport is about 15 miles (around 35 minutes) from the Hilton.

The Hilton does not offer airport shuttles. The best method to reach Hilton is to try to find a shuttle at: <https://flysanantonio.com>.

It appears Uber and Lyft are not cheap, so if you are traveling in a group and can share costs, that may be an option. Taxis are also available and cost approximately \$55.00 to \$70.00 one way.

## **Dining Information**

The Hilton has limited on-site dining. There is no room service.

- The Spur Texas Kitchen & Bar – Light meals and drinking establishment in a comfortable lounge décor. Serves lunch from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and dinner from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm.
- Hill Country Café – Opens at 6:30 am. Serves breakfast only.
- Grab-and-Go Café – Menu's at the front desk. Call ahead to order and pickup when ready.

There are quite a few restaurants within 4 – 10 miles from the Hilton. A list of nearby restaurants can be obtained at the front desk.

## **Self-Parking**

The Hilton typically charges \$15/day to self-park. There is no valet parking. However, the **FOCAPO/CPC 2023** conference attendees will receive complimentary parking. A notation for complimentary parking should be in your reservation record upon check-in. If you have any issues with self-parking, tell the front-desk you are with the conference or see Robin at the registration desk.

## **Hilton Fitness Center & Swimming**

There is an oversized fitness center equipped with the latest cardio and strength training machines. The facility is open 24 hours and can be accessed with your Hilton room key. The Hilton also has three outdoor pools and a hot tub.

## **Weather**

The weather in San Antonio in January is usually warm during the day with highs in the 50s, 60s. Showers are not common, but come prepared. Evenings can get chilly, even cold, so bring comfortable walking shoes, jackets and long pants.