



Happy Trails

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PORTLAND'S 7-DAY PRE-SIGUCCS FORECAST:



ROSE CITY FACTS

- The Portland Saturday Market is the largest continuously operating open-air crafts market in the United States.
- Powell's City of Books, occupying an entire city block, is the world's largest independent bookstore.
- There are 37,000 acres of parks in the Portland metro area.
- Portland's nicknames include "Rose City," "City of Bridges," "Rip City," and "Rivercity."
- There is no sales tax in Oregon.
- More Asian elephants (27 to date) have been born in Portland than in any other North American city.
- Portland is known as the epicenter of America's craft brewing renaissance.

Welcome to SIG 2008

If you had to move mountains and blaze trails to find your way to Portland, then welcome! You are here for an exciting three and a half days. This Northwest jewel is a center of culture, entertainment and fine dining – all within a short walk of our hotel.

This is your time to learn, network and – when you return to your home campus – implement new ideas. In many ways, this conference reflects the vision of the co-chairs. Parrish Nnambi (UCSD) affirms, "Networking at SIGUCCS provides both personal and organizational growth. Everyone wins!"

Co-chair Terry Wolff (USC), who has been involved in 20 fall conferences, agrees, "Every year I've come away with fresh ideas and new contacts."

Terry says he always finds new people to ask, "How do you deal with this problem on your campus?"



This conference is successful because of the behind-the-scenes organizing committee. Their names are listed in the printed program. If you are enjoying the conference, thank the committee members when you meet them. It is not too late to contribute this year. Visit the Registration/HelpDesk to find out how or consider joining a committee next year!

Pre-Conference Workshops

Get a blazing start on your professional development at SIGUCCS by registering for pre-conference workshops on Sunday, October 19th. It's not too late! With the longer 3-hour format, the workshops teach you new skills and ignite old ones.

This year's eight workshop offerings range from career, management and copyright themes to technical titles on Office 2007, Web 2.0 and

technical staff training. There is even one about giving presentations at great conferences like SIGUCCS. Additional information on Sunday's 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. sessions is available at <http://www.siguccs.org/Conference/Fall2008/workshops.php>.

Interested? Sign up at the Registration Desk. The cost for the workshop is \$225 (\$275 non-members) — come and have fun with your colleagues!



Look for the photo gallery near the Registration desk

SAY CHEESE!

SIGUCCS comes with its own roving paparazzi. Our talented photographers, Patrick Doyle (SUNY Binghamton) and Karl Owens (U. of Oregon), will be stalking the red carpet, the beige carpet, and every color in between. So, smile when they are around...you never know when they'll catch you learning something new!

PDX ACCOLADES

- No. 2 in U.S. for Sustainable Cities - *SustainLane.com*
- Best Walking Town in America - *Prevention* magazine
- Best Running Town—*Runner's World* magazine
- Best Cycling City in the U.S. - *Bicycling* magazine

Opening Reception

The SIGUCCS conference officially kicks off Sunday night with the Opening Reception from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom I. Formal dress is considered a sweatshirt with your school's name and logo. Show off your school's colors!

The food tables will be laden with extensive hors oeuvres. Remember to bring your blue drink ticket along. The theme is "A Taste of Portland" with the following

tasty stations:

- "Little Italy" - antipasti, foccacia, salad, pasta, and more
- "South of the Border" - fajitas, chips and salsa, y mas
- "The Market Place" - wild mushrooms, grilled vegetables, etc.
- "Kitchen Pantry" - chocolate fondue, petite fours, cobbler, cheese cake & excess

After the 9:00 p.m., wander up to the 23rd floor for the great view and the Xirrus Hospitality Suite. Sunday night will feature karaoke, board games, and a no-host bar. Karaoke is Sunday night only although no one should mind if you break into song *a cappella* on Monday or Tuesday.

A very special thanks to Xirrus Corp., purveyor of high performance wi-fi, for sponsoring all four of this year's hospitality suites.

Newcomer Orientation

Hopefully you'll make it to Portland on Sunday in time to attend the welcome meeting for all first-time attendees from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Grand Ballroom II. This is an "orientation" opportunity to start networking and learn the secrets to getting the most out of your time in at SIGUCCS.

Remember you'll gain as much by meeting and networking with people who

do the same thing you do, as you'll gain by attending sessions. This conference has many networking opportunities built into the schedule.

Orientation leaders Beth Rugg (Ithaca College) and Kathy Gregory (Texas A&M) will get you started on a successful conference experience. You will meet your mentor, mingle with other newcomers and then move on to the Opening



Newcomers at SIGUCCS 2007 practicing their new skill in the Newcomer Orientation

Reception. Who knows, you may even learn how to hang a spoon from your nose!

Fun Run is Back!

The Fun Run is back. What better way to start the conference than with a brisk walk or run around and over the Willamette River? After your travels, the fresh air and green scenery will rejuvenate you and get your mind ready to absorb the excellent SIGUCCS program.

This year's run will start at the hotel, take you to the riverfront park and along the river's edge. You'll cross the river, run along the other side, jog back over, finally finish at the pavillion in the park to catch your breath - just about a 5K on the nose.

The run starts at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday Oct 19th. If you didn't already sign up when you registered, just show up at the starting line. A complete route map and starting location information will be available at the conference registration desk when you arrive.