

13th Annual AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting

February 9-13, 2003
Ponce Hilton Hotel and Casino
Ponce, Puerto Rico

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Due to the large number of abstracts received, the conference has been extended an additional day to Thursday, February 13.

Please note that the times and room locations of the conference events listed below are still preliminary and subject to change.

ABSTRACTS: Due September 15, 2002

REGISTRATION

The following registration fees will be in effect for this conference:

• AAS or AIAA Members	\$225.00
• Non-members (Includes one year membership in AAS)	\$310.00
• Students	\$50.00

Registration Schedule:

• Sun Feb 9	4:00 PM	--	07:00 PM
• Mon Feb. 10	7:00 AM	--	04:00 PM
• Tues Feb. 11	7:00 AM	--	04:00 PM
• Wed Feb. 12	7:00 AM	--	04:00 PM
• Thur Feb. 13	7:00 AM	--	11:00 AM

Registration and payment will be only on-site. No pre-registration is available. Checks should be made payable to the "**American Astronautical Society**"

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings will be available to attendees of the conference at a reduced pre-publication cost. Orders for the conference proceedings will be accepted at the time of registration. After the conference the proceedings will approximately double in cost.

LOCATION



Located on the southern shore of Puerto Rico, the hotel is situated on beautifully landscaped grounds, facing the Caribbean Sea, with spacious guest rooms, many with private balconies overlooking the gardens or the ocean. Guests can enjoy casino action, international and local cuisine at two restaurants, bars, swimming pool, tennis courts, fitness center and golf practice range.

The property borders the black sand beaches typical of southern Puerto Rico, and is located 11 kilometers / 7 miles from the center of Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city. This majestic city, founded in the 16th century and restored to its former feudal days, is one of the Caribbean's best examples of neo-classical, rococo, and Creole Spanish Colonial architecture. The hotel features a modern tropical architectural design with ample halls, lobby, cascading waterfalls and a three story high atrium. The Ponce Hilton has contains two 2 restaurants, and 3 bars, the Pavilion Discotheque, and has the largest Casino in the southern part of Puerto Rico. Los Balcones Bar and La Bohemia Cocktail Lounge entertain with live music on weekends.

Day trips to Caja de Muerto (Coffin) island are available, via concessionaire, for snorkeling and scuba diving. About 45 minutes away is the Bioluminescent Parguera Bay, best observed in the evening after sunset. The Arecibo Observatory is located Northwest of Ponce, 1 _ hours away via twisting mountain road, and 3 hours away via the coastal route.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The cutoff date for making reservations at the conference rate is January 24, 2003.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference at the conference hotel

The Ponce Hilton and Casino
1150 Caribe Avenue
Ponce, Puerto Rico, 00731

at the following rates, which will be honored three days plus and minus the conference dates, (subject to availability.)

- Conference Rate: \$150.00
- US Government / Military: \$129.00

Reservations should be made directly to the Hilton Ponce and Casino.

- Telephone
 - (787) 258-7676 x5870
 - (800) 981-3232
- Fax
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To obtain the conference rate when making reservations, please be sure to mention that you are attending the 2003 AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting.

Terms: Check-in after 3:00 PM, check-out by 12:00 noon, deposit required, major credit cards are accepted by the hotel. Check with the hotel for individual cancellation policies.

TRANSPORTATION

Puerto Rico is conveniently reached through the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in San Juan. This destination is served by numerous US Airlines. Flight times from some major cities in the world to San Juan are: Los Angeles, CA (8 _ hrs); Boston, MA (4 hrs); Detroit, MI (4 _ hrs); Madrid, Spain (7 _ hrs); Frankfurt, Germany (9 hrs); and Buenos Aires, Argentina (7 hrs). For about \$100 (round trip) additional cost, you may fly the short hop to the Ponce Mercedita Airport, about 7 kilometers from the hotel.

Otherwise, car rentals are available at the airport in San Juan; it takes about 1 _ hours to drive from there to the Ponce Hilton through the mountainous center of Puerto Rico on well-maintained roads. If driving, take the exit to the Teodoro Moscoso Bridge; stay on Hwy 17. After

the 4th traffic light go underneath Hwy 18, and take it due south. Keep on left lane to exit to Caguas Hwy 52, leading directly to Ponce; exit to route 14 and turn left at 1st light. Taxi service from the San Juan airport to the hotel is available for about \$100.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday: For conference attendees arriving on Sunday, there will be an Early Bird Reception at the hotel from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Monday: Cocktail reception at the hotel from 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday: Poolside barbeque from 6:30 – 11:00 PM

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Technical sessions will start at 8:00 AM and in the afternoons at 1:30 PM each day. All presentations are (**tentatively**) scheduled for 25 minutes: 20 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. This schedule will be strictly enforced so that attendees may schedule their time between parallel sessions. Please note that a strict **NO PAPER/NO PODIUM** rule will be enforced, i.e., speakers will not be allowed to present their work if they have not provided 50 copies of the written paper.

SPEAKERS' BRIEFINGS

Authors who are making presentations and session chairs will meet for a short briefing on the morning of their session at 7:00 AM. A continental breakfast will be served.

PAPER SALES

Authors are required to bring 50 copies of their paper to the conference. The preprints will be on sale for \$1.00 per paper in a designated room adjacent to the meeting rooms. Bound copies of the conference proceedings may be ordered at the registration desk.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All committee meetings will be held according to the following schedule:

AIAA Astrodynamics TC	Monday	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
AAS Space Flight Mechanics TC	Tuesday	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
AIAA Astrodynamics Standards	Wednesday	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are being sought to work at the registration desk and in the paper sales room. If you wish to be an early volunteer, contact one of the Chairs listed below

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