

Arab-American Frontiers of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Symposium

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Logistics memo

What to expect at the Arab-American Frontiers Symposium

The purpose of the Arab-American Frontiers symposium is to create useful interactions among outstanding young researchers across disciplines in science, engineering, and medicine. Here are some helpful hints to ensure you get the most out of the symposium.

- **Review the papers and session abstracts beforehand.** (They will be available online prior to the event and a conference book will be waiting for you at the hotel.) Talks may be outside your field so having background knowledge will help you get the most out of a talk.
- **Check out the participant list** and bring an ample supply of business cards.
- **Leave your laptop at your hotel room during the symposium.** If you are working during the session, you not only miss a great talk and ideas from interesting fellow participants, but you also distract the speaker and other attendees. If you are working during the breaks, you miss opportunities to develop new contacts.
- **Turn off your cell phone during the sessions.**
- **Participate fully** in the poster sessions.
- **Don't miss a session.** Though tempting to skip out on a session outside your field, you never know what you may learn that will be applicable to your own research.
- **Attend the tours and evening events.** They provide informal time to meet attendees and continue conversations started earlier, plus the food is good.
- And to help you pack, dress is **business casual**. You can leave your suits at home.

Venue

The Arab American Frontiers Symposium will be held at:

Grand Hyatt Muscat Hotel
Shatti Al Qurum Diplomatic District
Muscat 133, Oman
Phone: +968 24 641234
www.muscat.grand.hyatt.com

Our hosts are generously providing accommodation and meals at the same venue for all participants. Airport transportation will be also arranged by local hosts.

Travel Arrangements

The Research Council of Oman (TRC) will arrange travel for selected participants from the Arab world using the information they provided in the follow up form. Participants from US-based institutions have been given instructions by the National Academies regarding travel arrangements.

Visa arrangements

1. Participant who are citizens of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries do not require a visa
2. The TRC will prepare official visas for all symposium attendees who are not GCC citizens. A copy of their visa will be sent via e-mail prior to the symposium. Travelers must carry a printed copy of their visa on their way to Oman. Upon arrival, a TRC representative will meet them with the original copy.

Official language

The official language of the meeting will be English.