

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Boston for the **23rd International Pathogenic Neisseria Conference** (IPNC23) to be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA USA on September 24-29, 2023. Please find helpful information below.

Conference App

We have developed a conference app that can be accessed on a mobile device or through a web browser. You will be sent a link to activate the app the week of 9/18. The app vendor is EventMobi. We strongly recommend you use this while onsite as it will be the most up to date source of information for you.

Conference Venue

The conference venue is:

Boston Park Plaza Hotel
50 PARK PLAZA AT ARLINGTON STREET
Boston, MA 02116
United States

+1 (617) 426-2000

<https://www.bostonparkplaza.com/>

If you are staying at the hotel, a confirmation would have been sent to you when you made your reservation.

For details on parking, public transportation and directions, please visit the hotel FAQ page here: <https://www.bostonparkplaza.com/hotel/faqs/>

The hotel has valet parking which is \$35 for the day or \$65 per night for hotel guests.

If you are driving to the venue, there are several lots near the hotel for self-parking including:

- Moto Mart Garage (https://www.lazparking.com/local/boston-ma/motor-mart-garage_
- Boston Common Garage (<https://bostoncommongarage.com/>)
- Spothero is also a good way to find discounted parking in the area (<https://spothero.com/>)

Conference Agenda

The latest conference agenda can be found here: <https://www.ipnc2023.com/program> or in the app.

Meeting Highlights

Keynote Presentations/Panels

- Monday 9/25 - Keynote: What COVID-19 Taught Us About Pandemic Preparedness - Nahid Bhadelia, MD, MALD

- Tuesday 9/26 - Keynote - The Landscape of Clinical Trials of Vaccines to Prevent Gonococcal Infection - Jodie A. Dionne, MD, MSPH, FIDSA
- Wednesday 9/26 - Boston Biotech Community Panel – From Idea to Industry
- Thursday 9/27 Keynote - On the Cusp of a World Without Epidemic Meningitis - Marie-Pierre Preziosi, MD, PhD
- Friday 9/28 Keynote - 25 years of MLST - Martin C.J. Maiden, PhD, FRCPath, FMedSci

Poster Presentations/Happy Hours

- Monday 9/25 - 5:05 - 6:30pm | Poster Session 1 sponsored by sponsored by the NgoRS
 1. Therapeutics/Antimicrobial Resistance/Diagnostics
 2. Host Responses to Infection
 3. Epidemiology/Clinical Disease
- Tuesday 9/26 - 4:30 - 6:00pm | Poster Session 2
 1. Vaccines
 2. Bacterial Physiology, Genomics and Responses

Workshops/Special Lunch Sessions

Monday 9/25 Lunch

- **Mentoring Lunch - sponsored by Ngo Research Society**
Looking for a position? Interested in learning about a diverse career paths? Join our NgoRS sponsored small-group networking event, where aspiring trainees can connect with international representatives from career paths including industry, government, academia, clinical, and public health positions over lunch. (This session is by reservation only and is FULL)

Tuesday 9/26 Lunch

- **Meningococcal Meningitis in the African Meningitis Belt: Surveillance, Outbreaks, and Future Preparedness** *sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation* – open to all.

Tuesday 9/26 Evening - 8:00 – 9:30pm- by RSVP

- Platforms for Neisseria genomics and N. gonorrhoeae nomenclature
or
- Developing standardized approaches to evaluate gonococcal vaccines and antimicrobials (This session is by reservation only and is FULL)

Thursday 9/28 Lunch

- 11:50-1:45pm | **Meningococcal Disease, Forgotten But Not Gone Lunch Symposium** *Sponsored by Sanofi* - open to all.

Social Events

Sunday Evening – 6:00-8:00

- Welcome Reception

Wednesday Afternoon – On Your Own

- Purchase group excursion tickets here - <https://www.ipnc2023.com/social-events>
 1. Red Sox Baseball Game (<https://www.mlb.com/redsox>)
 2. Duck Boat Tour (<https://bostonducktours.com/>)
 3. Harbor Cruise (<https://www.cityexperiences.com/boston/city-cruises/historic-sightseeing-cruise/>)
 4. Walk Into History Tour of the Freedom Trail (<https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/freedom-trail-foundation>)
 5. Tour of the NEIDL (National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories) on the Boston University Campus (<https://www.bu.edu/neidl/>)

Thursday Evening – 7:00-12:00

- Conference Banquet Dinner (State Room, Boston, MA)
- Almost Full. Limited tickets available - <https://www.ipnc2023.com/social-events>

Registration Desk Location and Hours

Please visit the registration desk for any questions you may have while attending the conference.

Sunday 9/24	3:00pm-8:00pm	1 st Floor near Avenue 34
Monday 9/25	7:00am-7:00pm	Mezzanine Pre-Function
Tuesday 9/26	7:30am-6:00pm 7:30pm-9:30pm	Mezzanine Pre-Function 1 st Floor near Avenue 34
Wednesday 9/27	7:30am-3:30pm	Mezzanine Pre-Function
Thursday 9/28	7:30am-7:30pm	Mezzanine Pre-Function
Friday 9/29	7:30am-1:00pm	Mezzanine Pre-Function

Computer/Wi-Fi Access

There will be Wi-Fi access. There will be information on site and in the app about how to access this.

Because it will be hazardous to run power cords for charging laptops or phones, we will set up a charging station near the registration desk, which also means you can safely leave your device while it is charging.

Social Media

We have an X (formerly Twitter) account and hashtag as noted below. We hope you will tweet and tag us leading up to, during and after the meeting.

twitter.com/IPNC2023 | #IPNC2023

You can also find us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ipnc_23/

The event app also has an activity feed where you can share posts and photos.

Meals

The conference will provide the following meals as part of your registration fees:

Sunday 9/24	Welcome Reception
Monday 9/25	Breakfast, Lunch, Happy Hour
Tuesday 9/26	Breakfast, Lunch, Happy Hour
Wednesday 9/27	Breakfast
Thursday 9/28	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (if additional dinner ticket was purchased)
Friday 9/29	Breakfast

Local Transport

Boston is a very walkable city. Public transportation (the MBTA, or the "T" - <http://www.mbtta.com>) is one of the easiest ways to get around the city, and includes the subway system, bus system, and commuter rail. Ride share services including Uber and Lyft operate in Boston and Cambridge. Traditional taxi cabs are also available. This website provides more detail on transportation.

<https://www.meetboston.com/plan/getting-around/>

Airport: Most attendees will likely arrive at Logan International Airport (BOS), located just 3 miles from downtown Boston.

Transport Options: Attendees can take a taxi, rideshare service, or the Logan Express bus to reach downtown Boston. The Silver Line bus connects the airport to the subway system.

About Boston

Here are some websites about Boston you might find useful. They include information on things to do, events and restaurants.

Greater Boston Visitors and Convention Bureau

<https://www.meetboston.com/>

Boston Park Plaza Visitors Guide

<https://www.bostonparkplaza.com/visitors-guide/>

<https://www.cntraveler.com/destinations/boston>

https://travel.usnews.com/Boston_MA/Things_To_Do/

<https://www.expedia.com/Boston.dx178239>

Weather and Clothing

