Greetings and Happy New Year!

Below is the information you will need for your travel to the CEMELA Research Symposium in Albuquerque from January 15 through January 17 in 2009. The University of New Mexico CEMELA team looks forward to welcoming you!

**Ground Transportation**

You will be picked up from and taken to the airport in a UNM van. We have your itineraries, and we will be at the airport at the times of your arrival to pick you up. Susan Metheny is handling this, and her cell number is 505-307-2563.

If you wish, you may ride a shuttle to the Hilton Albuquerque. The shuttle information is as follows: Airport Shuttle: 505-883-4966
$15 one way for one passenger. Additional passengers would be $5.00 each.
$1.00 is taken off if round trip is purchased.

The ride from the airport to the hotel is approximately 15-20 minutes long.

**Hotel Accommodations**

The Hilton Albuquerque welcomes you all for the research symposium.

Reservations have been made for you with check-in from January 14-15 and check out from January 17-19. Room and tax charges for the Hilton will be direction billed to UA for Fellows and Advisory board members. Other participants will need to provide a credit card to cover their room upon their arrival.

Hilton Albuquerque, 1901 University Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102
Tel: 1-505-884-2500 Website: http://www.hiltonalbuquerque.com/
Meal Arrangements

For your convenience:

- **Thursday:** PI's dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday:** Breakfast buffet, lunch buffet, and dinner will be provided for all RS participants in the Southwest Ballroom.
- **Saturday:** Breakfast buffet and lunch will be provided for all RS participants in the Southwest Ballroom; dinner and all subsequent meals on your own.

Each day there will be snacks in the mid-morning and in the mid-afternoon.

Meeting Location and Transportation

All events will take place at the Hilton Albuquerque. Please check in at the CEMELA table after you've settled in at the hotel for your welcome packet.

Below are the driving directions from the Albuquerque Sunport:

Start at: Albuquerque International Sunport

1. Head east on Sunport Blvd SE/Sunport Loop SE toward Girard Blvd SE Continue to follow Sunport Blvd SE – 1.6 mi
2. Merge onto I-25 N via the ramp to I-40/Santa Fe – 2.7 mi
3. Take exit 225 toward Candelaria Blvd/Lomas Blvd/Menual Blvd – 0.4 mi
4. Continue straight – 1.1 mi
5. Slight left toward Menaul Blvd NE – 0.2 mi
6. Turn right at Menaul Blvd NE – 0.2 mi
7. Turn right at University Blvd NE Destination will be on the right – 0.1 mi

Arrive at: Hilton Albuquerque 1901 University Boulevard NE Albuquerque, NM 87102

Travel Reimbursements

For those whose expenses are being covered by UCSC/CEMELA, please save all of your travel receipts. We will provide you with a travel reimbursement form. CEMELA Central is covering fellows and Advisory Board members’ expenses please save all your travel receipts. CEMELA Central will provide you with a travel packet.
What to Wear

In the winter, as always, Albuquerque weather is quite changeable. Please bring layers and warm winter clothing if you plan to head to Santa Fe or to the mountains where the temperatures are considerably lower (at least 10 degrees or more) than in Albuquerque. Average temperatures for this time of year are 45 degrees Fahrenheit, although it may be a little cooler or warmer.

Below is a letter from Barbara Trujillo, of UNM CEMELA for the Fellows:

Dear CEMELA Fellows,

Hello from New Mexico. We are busy planning for the Symposium in January, and I have a bit of the responsibility for social events. We realize that many of you will be arriving late Thursday afternoon and into the evening. So, since flights are staggered, we have arranged to meet in the lounge (bar), where they serve appetizers, drinks, etc. It is “no host”, because we cannot bring in food, but we will have a good time seeing each other again and catching up. Come down to the lounge after you have checked in. UNM will be there to welcome you!

Also, we know that many of the Chicago contingent, as well as others, are not flying out until Sunday, so we will try to put together a gathering for Saturday evening for fellows and PIs and all who are here.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in January!

Barbara Trujillo, UNM