

The Forum

on Laboratory Accreditation

January 25 – 29, 2010
Chicago, Illinois

Agenda



Monday, January 25

9:00 – 12:00 General Session Crystal B

9:00 Welcome to Chicago John Schafer
9:15 Keynote Address Sharon Mertens

10:00 Break Crystal Foyer

10:30 Update on TNI Jerry Parr
11:30 Activities of EPA's Environmental
Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) David Speis

12:00 Lunch on Your Own

1:30 – 3:00 Concurrent Sessions

- ELAB Meeting Crystal B
- Policy Committee Crystal A
- Accreditation Body Committee Crystal C

3:00 BREAK Crystal Ballroom Foyer

3:30 – 5:00 Concurrent Sessions (Cont.)

- ELAB Meeting Crystal B
- Policy Committee Crystal A
- Accreditation Body Committee Crystal C

5:30 – 7:00 Reception The Club at 151

ELAB

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board

Crystal B

1:30 – 5:00

The Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) is managed in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to solicit consensus advice from the environmental laboratory community. The recommendations ELAB provides includes issues such as:

- Developing scientifically rigorous, statistically sound, and representative measurements; and
- Facilitating the operation and expansion of a national environmental laboratory accreditation program.

All ELAB meetings are open to the public.

- 1:30 Opening Remarks, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes
Lara Autry and David Speis
- 1:45 General Workgroup Update
Judy Morgan
- 1:55 Update on ORCR SW-846 Methods Policy
David Speis
- 2:20 Comparison of Drinking Water Certification
Program and TNI Standard
Gary Dechant
- 3:30 Proficiency Test Discussion
Reza Karimi
- 4:00 Open Discussion
- 4:50 Review Action Items
Lara Autry

The Cyber Café
is available
7:30 am – 11:00 pm
every day
in the
Crystal Foyer.

TNI Board and Committee Meetings

The work of TNI is done by volunteers working on committees or boards tasked with specific functions. The following Boards and Committees have open meetings during the Forum:

Accreditation Body Committee: Chair, Joe Aiello

Advocacy Committee: Chair, Judy Duncan

Consensus Standards Development Program (CSDP) Board: Chair, Robert Wyeth

Field Activities Committee: Chair, Marlene Moore

Information Technology Committee: Chair, Art Clark

Laboratory Accreditation System Committee: Chair, June Flowers

National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP) Board: Chair, Marlene Moore

National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Board: Chair, Aaren Alger

On-Site Assessment Committee: Chair, Denise Rice

Policy Committee: Chair, Alfredo Sotomayor

Proficiency Testing (PT) Board: Chair, Eric Smith

Proficiency Testing (PT) Committee: Chair, Kirstin McCracken

Quality Systems Committee: Chair, Paul Junio

Stationary Source Audit Sample (SSAS) Committee: Chair, Maria Friedman

Technical Assistance Committee: Chair, Betsy Kent

TNI Board of Directors: Chair, Steve Arms

Meetings are open to all attendees.

Opening Reception

Monday

5:30 – 7:00

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The Club at 151

Located in the Hyatt Main Lobby

Tuesday, January 26

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast** Crystal Foyer
- 8:30 – 12:00 Concurrent Sessions**
- Assessment Forum Crystal A
 - Proficiency Testing (PT) Committee Crystal C
- 10:00 Break** Crystal B
- 10:30 – 12:00 Concurrent Sessions (Cont.)**
- Assessment Forum Crystal A
 - Proficiency Testing (PT) Committee Crystal C
- 12:00 Lunch** Crystal B
- 1:30 – 3:00 Concurrent Sessions**
- Assessment Forum Crystal A
 - PT Board Crystal C
 - Stationary Source Audit Sample Committee Comiskey
- 3:00 Break** Crystal B
- 3:30 – 5:00 Concurrent Sessions (Cont.)**
- Assessment Forum Crystal A
 - PT Board Crystal C
 - Stationary Source Audit Sample Committee Comiskey

Assessment Forum

Tuesday
Crystal A
8:30 – 5:00

TNI's Assessment Forum is structured to provide an opportunity for laboratories and laboratory assessors to share information on how to improve the laboratory assessment process

AGENDA

- 8:30 Introductions, Objectives and Agenda
Jack Farrell
- 9:00 Summary of Discussion and Feedback from Last Assessment Forum on Consistency
Silky Labie
- 9:20 Consistency Improvement Task Force Presentation
Alfredo Sotomayor
- 10:30 Assessing Continuous Improvement
Bob DiRienzo
- 1:30 Updates on Methodology and Initiatives
- Clean Water Method Clarifications and Updates
Lem Walker
 - SW-846 Method Clarifications and Initiatives
Kim Kirkland
 - Drinking Water Methods and Flexibility
Greg Carrol
- 3:30 Topics of Confusion for Assessors and Laboratories
Bob DiRienzo
- 4:15 Open Forum Discussion
- 4:45 Closing Remarks – Next Steps
Jack Farrell

Thank you to our exhibitors!

Absolute Standards
Astoria-Pacific
ERA
ESS
Fluid Management Systems, Inc.
Horizon Technology
Laboratory Data Consultants, Inc.

ManSci
NSI Solutions, Inc.
Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.
Quantum Analytics
PROMIUM
R.T. Corporation
Varian
Wibby Environmental

Exhibit Hours

Wednesday

10:00 – 10:30

3:00 – 3:30

5:30 – 7:00

Thursday

7:30 – 8:30

10:00 – 10:30

3:00 – 3:30

Wednesday, January 27

7:30 Continental Breakfast Crystal Foyer

8:30 – 10:00 Concurrent Sessions

- National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Board Crystal A
- Quality Systems Committee Crystal C
- Information Technology Committee Comiskey

10:00 Break Crystal B

10:30 – 12:00 Concurrent Sessions (Cont.)

- National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Board Crystal A
- Quality Systems Committee Crystal C
- Information Technology Committee Comiskey

12:00 Lunch Crystal B

1:30 – 3:00 Concurrent Sessions

- Laboratory Accreditation Systems Comm. Crystal A
- Technical Assistance Committee Crystal C
- On-Site Assessment Committee Comiskey

3:00 Break Crystal B

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3:30 – 5:00 Concurrent Sessions (Cont.)

- Laboratory Accreditation Systems Comm. Crystal A
- Technical Assistance Committee Crystal C
- On-Site Assessment Committee Comiskey

5:30 – 7:00 Exhibit and Reception Crystal B



Reception and Exhibition

Wednesday
5:30 – 7:00

Crystal B

Thursday, January 28

7:30 Continental Breakfast Crystal B

8:30 – 10:00 Concurrent Sessions

- Mentor Session Crystal A
- Field Activities Committee and National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP) Board Comisky
- Advocacy Committee Crystal C

10:00 Break Crystal B

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- Mentor Session Crystal A
- Field Activities Committee and National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP) Board Comisky
- Advocacy Committee Crystal C

12:00 Lunch on Your Own

1:30 – 3:00 Concurrent Sessions

- TNI Board and Chairs Open Meeting Crystal A
- Illinois Association of Environmental Testing Laboratories Open Meeting Comisky

3:00 Break Crystal B

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Illinois Association of Environmental Testing Laboratories

Thursday
1:30 – 5:00
Comiskey

The Illinois Association of Environmental Testing Laboratories is a trade association whose goal is to improve the success of environmental laboratories in Illinois.

1:00 The Role of the State Lab Association in the Environmental Testing Industry

Jan Wilson, Oregon Environmental Lab Association
Peter Priniski, Michigan Environmental Lab Association
Judy Graves, NYAAEL and PaAAEL
Stacie Metzler, Virginia Lab Practices Committee

3:30 The Role of the State Lab Association in the Environmental Testing Industry (Cont.)

Paul Junio, Wisconsin Environmental Lab Association
Jarrett Thomas, Illinois Association of Environmental Testing Labs

4:00 Illinois Accreditation Program Update
Ron Turpin, Illinois EPA

Friday, January 29

7:30 Continental Breakfast Crystal Foyer

8:30 – 10:00 Concurrent Sessions

- Workshop on the New TNI Laboratory Accreditation Standards Crystal B
- ICP and ICPMS Training Course Haymarket

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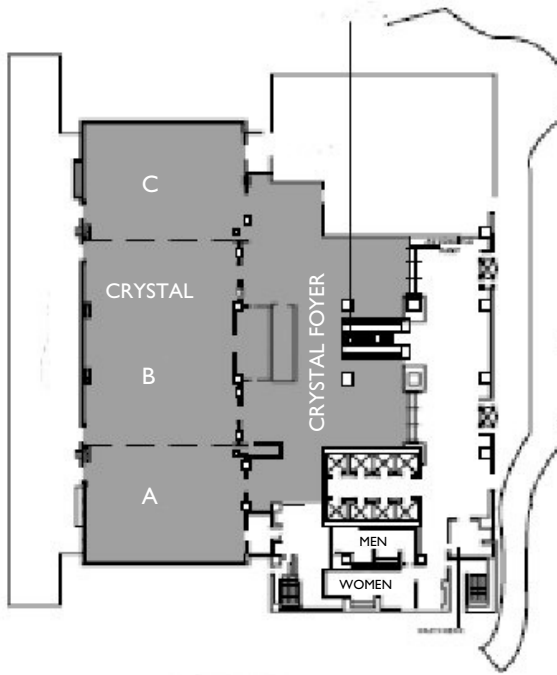
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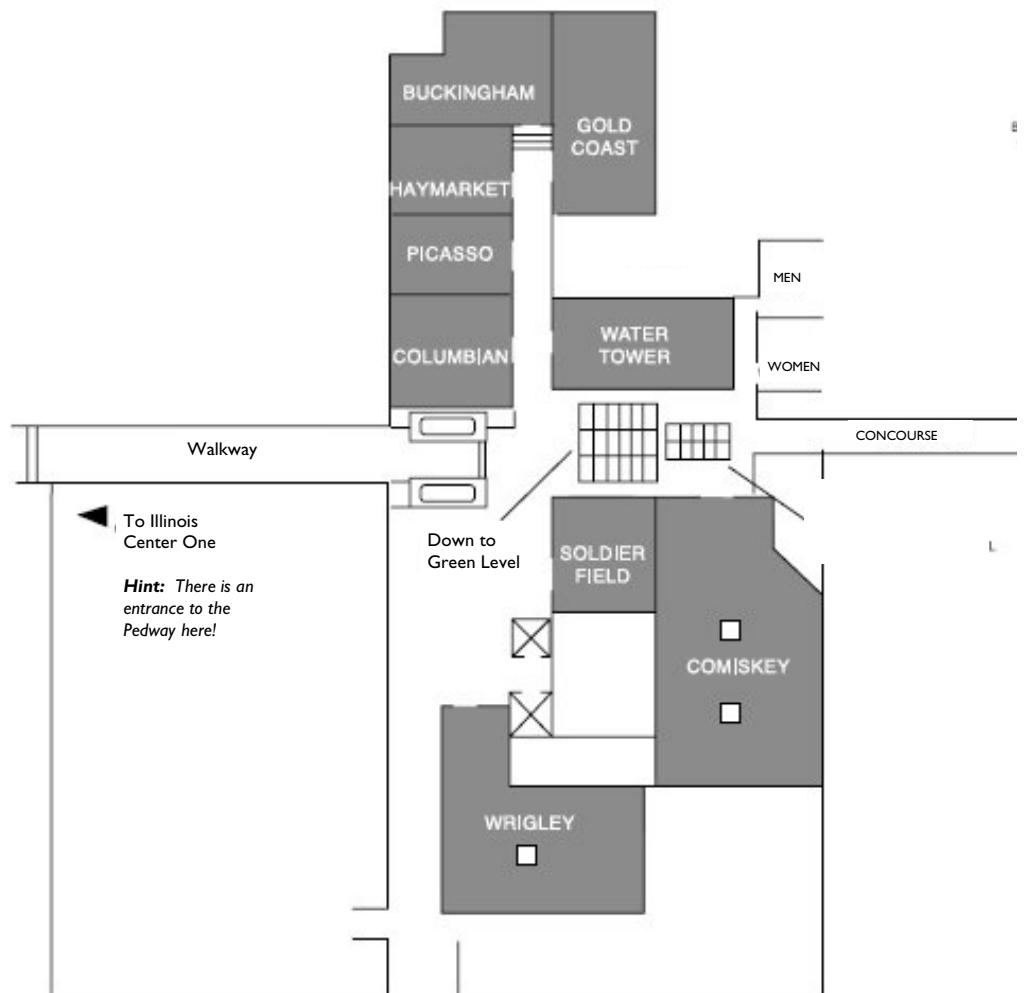
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*Thank you for attending!
We look forward to seeing
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in the future.*

Hyatt Map

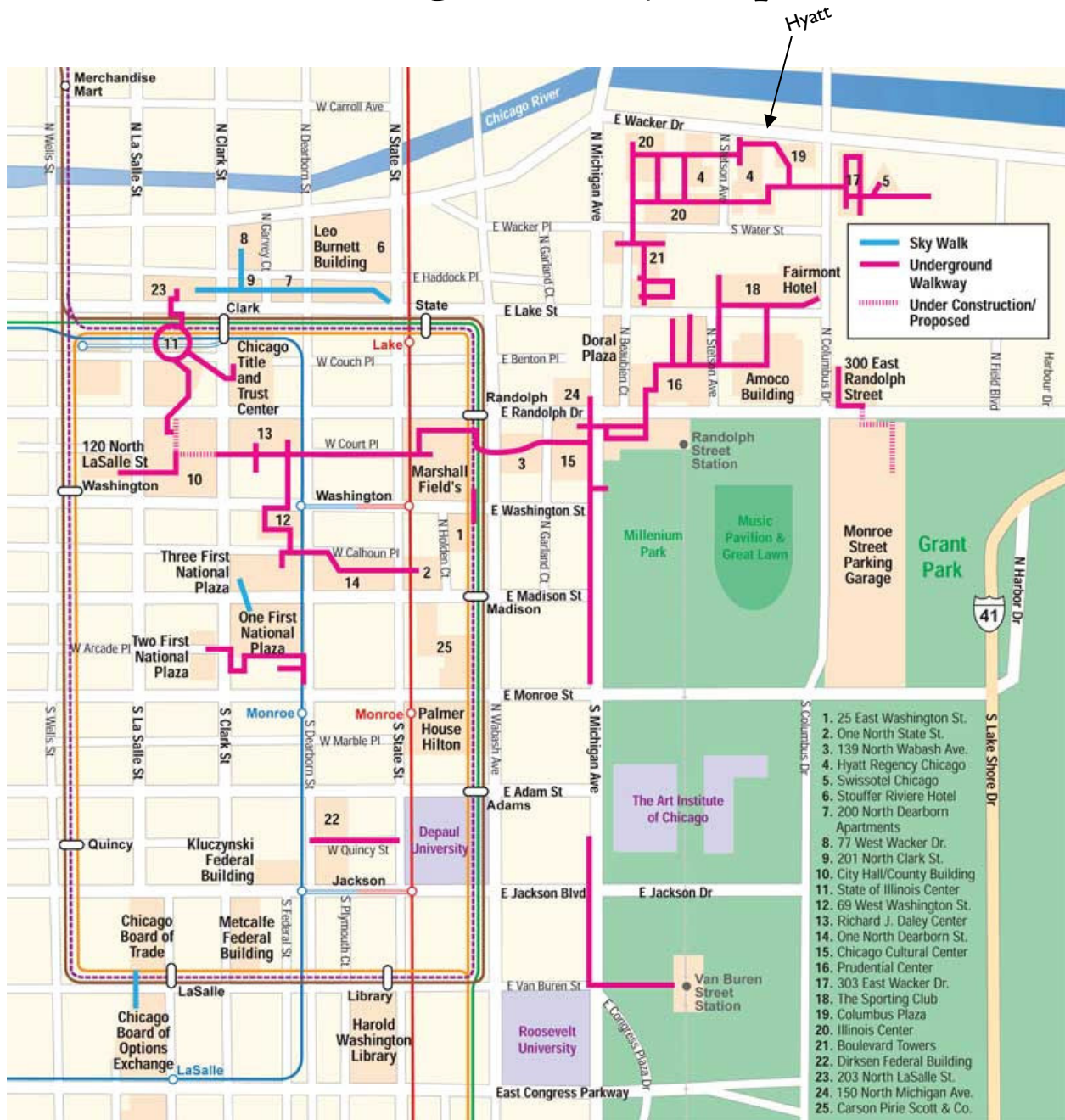


West Tower
Green Level



West Tower
Bronze Level

Chicago Pedway Map



The Pedway is often called Chicago's secret weapon against the elements. Made up of a combination of underground tunnels, concourses and overhead skyway bridges, the pedestrian walkway network provides shelter from all types of inclement weather in and around the Loop.

The lack of systematic organization means the Pedway can be difficult to navigate or even locate. When people call it the city's secret weapon against inclement weather, the emphasis is on "secret." Entrances to the Pedway are frequently unmarked, and signage within the system is sparse, misleading or nonexistent. To make matters worse, print maps of the Pedway are currently unavailable, and new maps will not be published until reconstruction is completed on a tunnel connecting Marshall Field's and the Cultural Center. Pedway novices need to have a sense of adventure and a little patience to be able to navigate this tangled web of tunnels, corridors, staircases and revolving doors.