WELCOME TO ORLANDO!

A letter of invitation from Wade Conlan, General Chair of the 2020 ASHRAE Winter Conference

Welcome to the City Beautiful!

The 2020 Winter Conference Host Committee and Central Florida Chapter of ASHRAE welcome you to Orlando, the City Beautiful, located in the center of the Sunshine State. The February 1-5, 2020 Winter Conference will be in the tourist district of Orlando (specifically the I-Drive area). The hotel and convention center are close to the many theme parks, golf courses, and entertainment venues that Orlando has to offer.

Our Host Committee wanted to make sure everyone had a chance to play some golf so we are holding the Welcome Party at the nearby Top Golf. Please remember to warm up prior – whether that be some light stretching or enjoying the food and beverages.

We have planned some great technical and social tours for everyone to enjoy, including the following:

- General Tours:
  - Swamp Tour of Florida Everglades aboard an airboat to go see 4,200 acres of natural lands and its animals, including alligators.
  - Kennedy Space Center and its NASA launch headquarters over on the Space Coast.
  - Titanic Ship of Dreams attraction that immerses the visitors into the famous story.

- Technical Tours:
  - Orlando International Airport Intermodal Terminal Facility that is part of the large expansion for the airport’s new terminal and connection to the railways of Florida.
  - University of Central Florida new Central Energy Plant and Co-generation plant. This new plant is part of the 20,000 tons of cooling on the 68,000 plus student campus.
  - Florida Solar Energy Center, which is a research and application facility for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Our conference concludes with the Member’s Night Out where you will be able to learn to paint. Whether you are a beginner or experienced painter, this should be a fun way to interact with your ASHRAE family. But what are you going to paint you ask? That was decided by the members who voted on the conference website. We hope you bring your artistic skills to showcase.

We hope you can come for the conference and take some time for a “Florida Winter” vacation at the theme parks or the nearby beaches. We look forward to meeting you in Orlando!

Wade Conlan, General Chair / Orlando 2020 Host Committee