

23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS)  
*The Global Baltics: The Next Twenty Years*  
April 26–28, 2012  
University of Illinois at Chicago

*Most conference sessions will be held in the:*  
**Student Center East Building**  
**750 South Halsted Street**  
**Chicago, IL, 60607, USA**

**ACCOMMODATIONS**  
*(updated 2-3-2012)*

**Conference hotel**

**Holiday Inn & Suites Chicago - Downtown**

506 West Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60607  
Telephone (Front Desk): 1-312-957-9100

In order to guarantee the conference rate, reservations must be made **by: March 14, 2012.**  
The discounted rate is available for: April 25, 26, 27, 28.

**AABS 2012 Conference rate: \$129+tax per night**

**Update:** *\*Effective January 1, 2012 Hotel Occupancy Tax increased to 16.4%.*  
*(The block of rooms includes selections of rooms with 1 king size bed or 2 double beds).*

When making a reservation, use the conference name: **AABS 2012**, or the group code, **AAB**.

To make a reservation by phone, call: **1-877-531-2697**

To make a reservation online, go to:  
<http://tinyurl.com/AABS-2012>

**Notes:**

- The online form already is populated with the group code, "AAB".
- The guest should type the dates of stay (check in & check out dates) on the left.
- A credit card is needed to make the reservation online.

**Meals:** Breakfast is not included in the hotel room rate. There is a restaurant, Aurelio's, in the hotel building complex, and guests can dine in other nearby area restaurants. *(Some light refreshments and special event meals are included as part of the conference registration.)*

**Parking:**

Overnight valet parking is available at \$30/night.

**Update:** *Effective January 1, 2012, the cost of valet parking was increased to \$35 per night.*

Additional special meter parking is available in a fenced-in lot next to the hotel  
(cost: \$20/night).

The hotel, located just off I-290, near Canal Street, is about ½ mile away, within walking distance, of the University of Illinois at Chicago campus where most of the conference sessions will be held. Public transportation (\*) and taxi service are other means of reaching the campus.

### **Other accommodation options:**

#### **Hostelling International – Chicago**

The J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel

24 East Congress Parkway

Chicago, IL 60605

Ph 312-360-0300

<http://www.hichicago.org/>

<http://www.hichicago.org/chicago-hostel-reservations.shtml>

#### **Summary:**

Shared rooms (8-10 beds) range from \$29+tax per night to \$35+tax per night.

Semi-private suite, with 4 private bedrooms (single or double occupancy), shared living room and shared bathroom, \$69+tax (single occupancy), \$79+tax (double occupancy).

Private rooms (2-3 person occupancy) \$120+tax

All rooms include breakfast.

Please, contact Hostelling International for more details and availability.

**Note:** Hostelling International policies do not permit residents of the 606-- zip code (roughly, Chicagoans) to stay at this hostel.

#### **Chicago Marriott at Medical District/UIC**

625 South Ashland Avenue

Chicago, IL 60607

Ph 312-491-1234

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chidm-chicago-marriott-at-medical-district-uic/>

#### **General information**

##### **Chicago Tourism Bureau**

To research accommodation options, visit the website, <http://www.choosechicago.com/> (click on: "Hotels & Accommodations").

#### **Local Host family option:**

Please, email [aabsconfinfochicago@gmail.com](mailto:aabsconfinfochicago@gmail.com) to inquire about the possibility of staying with a local host family. The Local Arrangements Committee cannot guarantee that this option will be available to all who inquire about it.

#### **\* Public Transportation Chicago Transit Information (CTA)**

To research public transportation routes to and from destinations in the Chicago area, including suburbs, visit the website: <http://www.transitchicago.com/>

#### **Reminder:**

Conference attendees are reminded that Chicago is a busy urban area and the usual precautions should be taken in and around the university and nearby neighborhoods.