

23rd Annual SSE Meeting

**May 20–22, 2004
Las Vegas, NV
Open to the Public**

Announcement & Call for Papers

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration will be held at the Tuscany Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV on May 20-22, 2004 (Thursday through Saturday). Local arrangements are by John Alexander, and Mark Urban-Lurain chairs the Program Committee.

SSE meetings in Las Vegas are always fun and well attended. There will be an opening reception at the hotel on Wednesday evening, May 19, at 6:00pm. The first session will begin on Thursday morning.

Friday afternoon there will be a trip to the Valley of Fire State Park. The valley derives its name from the red sandstone formations and the stark beauty of the Mojave Desert. Ancient trees and early man are represented throughout the park by areas of petrified wood and 3,000 year-old Indian petroglyphs.

The scientific program (see below) will run through Saturday followed by the Closing Banquet Saturday evening. A special effort is being made to encourage the attendance of students and young investigators. There is a special, reduced registration fee for students at this meeting. Please encourage students from your area to attend.

Hotel Rooms & Amenities

Hotel Registration

Rooms at the **Tuscany Hotel Casino** cost \$79 per night, plus tax, and the rate is extended for two days before the meeting and two days after the meeting. Mention SSE to get this discount rate. The discount rate is good for reservations made prior to April 23rd. After that date rates will be slightly higher. Keep in mind the hotel may sell out, so please book your rooms early. *Update: Saturday night is sold out.*

The Tuscany has four restaurants, a pool, and an airport shuttle for a fee. The address is 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV. Phone: 877-887-2261.

Restaurants/Shopping/Sites

[Printer-friendly version of Topics, Speakers, & Restaurants]

The Tuscany Hotel has four restaurants: the Steakhouse at Tuscany, The Piazza Lounge, Palazzo (Italian), and Marilyn's Café.

The Tuscany Hotel is located near Las Vegas' "Restaurant Row" area (2 min. drive East on Flamingo near Flamingo & Paradise) where you can find:

- Cozymel's (Mexican, 355 Hughes Center, 702-732-4833)
- Bahama Breeze (375 Hughes Center, 702-731-3252)
- Buca di Beppo (Italian, 412 East Flamingo Rd., 702-866-2867)
- Del Frisco's Steakhouse (3925 Paradise Rd., 702-796-0063)
- Gordon Biersch Brewery/Restaurant (3987 Paradise Rd., 702-312-5247)
- Hamada of Japan (365 E. Flamingo, 702-733-3005)
- Lawry's The Prime Rib (4043 Howard Hughes Parkway, 702-893-2223)
- McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant (335 Hughes Center, 702-836-9000)
- Morton's Steakhouse (400 E. Flamingo Rd., 702-893-0703)
- P.F. Chang's (4165 Paradise Rd., 702-792-2207)
- Roy's Restaurant (Hawaiian, 620 E. Flamingo Rd., 702-691-2053)
- Sammy's California Woodfire Pizza (3900 Paradise Rd.)
- Shalimar (Indian, 3900 Paradise Rd.)

Internet/Computers/Photocopying: There is a Business Center located at the Tuscany Hotel and a Kinko's located near Flamingo & Paradise behind Bahama Breeze (395 Hughes Center, 702-951-2400).

The Fashion Show Mall is a short cab ride away on Las Vegas Blvd. at Spring Mountain, near the Treasure Island Hotel & Casino.

Airport / Transportation

Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport (LAS) is served by many airlines and bargain fares are frequently available, but book early.

Topics & Speakers

ASTROLOGY

Invited Speakers

Suitbert Ertel	Disputes With Alleged Skeptics: Lessons From The Gauquelin Drama 1962 - 2004
Robert Hand	Astrology And Scientific Study: The Challenge
Mark Urban-Lurain	Methodological Issues in Astrological Research

Contributed Speakers

Donald Hotson Dirac's Equation And A Possible Physical Basis For Some of Astrology

CRYPTOZOOLOGY

Invited Speakers

George Eberhart Mysterious Creatures: Creating A Cryptozoological Encyclopedia
Charles Paxton Estimating Giant Aquatic Animal Diversity Using Cumulative Species Description Curves
Robert Rines Recent Discoveries of Possibly New Microbial Life Forms In Loch Ness and of Apparently Animal Remains Linking With The Mid-1970 Dinsdale Era At The Loch

The Tim Dinsdale Award Lecture will be presented at this meeting to Dr. Robert H. Rines for his significant contributions to the expansion of human understanding through the study of unexplained phenomena.

HEALING/MIND BODY

Invited Speakers

Larry Dossey The Retroactive Prayer Study: Anomalous Information Transfer and Medicine

Contributed Speakers

Bill Bengston Some Methodological Implications of "Resonance Theory" For Control Groups In Healing Research
Richard A. Blasband Anisotropy In Psychic Healing
KC Blair Communications, Consciousness & Healing From A Marketing Researcher's Perspective
James E. Beichler The Biofield: Life As A Hyper-Dimensional Quantity
Bruce Greyson Do Prevailing Societal Conceptions Influence Reports of Near-Death Experiences? A Comparison of Accounts Reported Before And After 1975
Arthur Hastings Psychomanteum Research On Healing, Creativity, And Imagery
Stanley Krippner & Ashwin Budden The Story of Fratel Cosimo, A Visionary In Southern Italy
Francesca McCartney An Empirical Study of The Transmission of Healing Energy Via E-Mail
Savely Savva Hypothesis of The Biofield

OBJECTIVITY IN SCIENCE

Invited Speakers

Bob Jahn & Brenda Dunne Sensors, Filters, and The Source of Reality
James McClenon Objectivity and Science: Anomalous Experience and Human Evolution

Contributed Speakers

Roger Hart	Objectivity and Subjectivity In A Scientist's Personal Experiences of Telekinesis and Precognition
H. David Froning	Plato's Idealism Revisited
Garret Moddel	Nature's Selection Principles In Subtle Interactions
Richard Shoup	Some Critical Concepts At The Foundations of Science and Mathematics

UFOS & AERIAL PHENOMENA

Invited Speakers

John Alexander	Step Back Approach to Phenomenology
Andrei Ol'khovtov	Meteor-Like Geophysical Phenomena

Contributed Speakers

Bruce Cornet	Evidence For An Underground Magnetic Focusing System
Damon Elkins	Suggested Path of Planet X
Colm Kelleher	NIDS Investigations into the Enigmatic Large Triangular Craft Phenomenon
Dick Spalding	Needed: A Rethinking of Atmospheric Electricity
Jacques F. Vallee & Eric W. Davis	Incommensurability, Orthodoxy and The Physics Of High Strangeness: A 6-Level Model For Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena
Bob Wood	Spelling Errors: A Tool For Authenticating Questioned UFO Documents

OTHER TOPICS

Contributed Speakers

Y. Dobyns & H. Atmanspacher	Coupled Map Lattices, Spontaneous Chaos, And Reproducibility
Tom Dykstra	The Electromagnetic Hypothesis of Olfaction In Insects: A Study of The Mechanisms and An Answer To The Enantiomer Debate
Thomas Goodey	The Unexplained Allais and Jeverdan Eclipse Effects, and Current Developments
Vincent Morin	Experimental Verification of Allais-Esclangon Periodic Light Deviations
Héctor A. Múnera	Two Neglected Effects In The Dynamics of A Physical Pendulum
Héctor A. Múnera, Daniel Hernández D., J. Edgar Alfonso, Germán Arenas	Preliminary Results Obtained With A Stationary Michelson-Morley Interferometer Operated In A Continuous Manner Near The Equator
Roger Nelson	Factors Affecting The GCP/EGG Network: What Matters, What Doesn't; What Questions Can Be Asked?
Dean Radin	Anomalous Information Transfer: From Laboratory Anomaly To Fledgling Communications Application
William Roll	Poltergeist Patterns: A Comparison of The Tina Resch Incidents With Previous Cases

Claude Swanson

The Synchronized Universe: Possible Approach To The "New Physics" of The Paranormal

Bryan J. Williams

Global Consciousness Project: Exploring Block Correlations of Random Data With Human Events