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Conference on  
BIA-ALCL*

# **GENERAL INFO**



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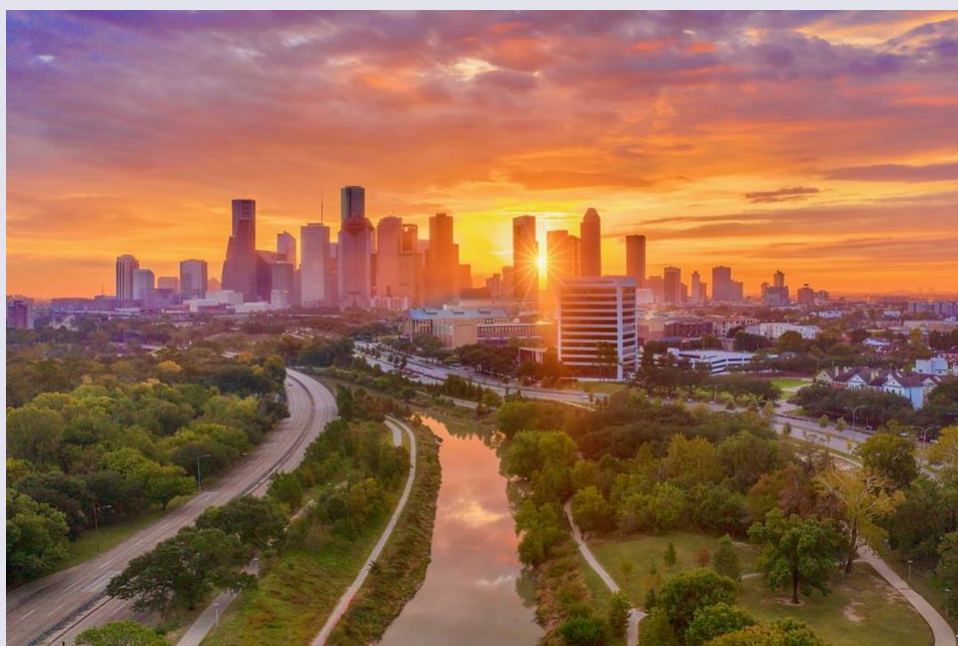
## CONFERENCE VENUE

Intercontinental Houston Medical Center  
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## ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT



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4TH  
LARGEST  
CITY IN  
THE U.S.

#1 MOST  
DIVERSE  
U.S. CITY

140  
LANGUAGES  
SPOKEN IN  
HOUSTON

FLY DIRECT  
TO HOUSTON  
FROM 180+  
CITIES

## THE CITY

Incorporated in 1837, Houston is the fourth largest city in the United States with a population of approximately 2.3 million people. Houston is located in eastern Texas, near Galveston Bay on the Texas Gulf Coast. It is approximately two hours from the Texas/Louisiana border.

It is unofficially nicknamed the "Bayou City" because of four bayous that run through the city. Houston's official nickname is "Space City" since it is home to NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, where the original Mission Control is located. The port of Houston is one of the ten busiest ports in the world and one of the busiest ports in the United States. Houston is well known for its energy (oil) and aeronautics industries and is home to the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, the largest medical center in the world. Alive with energy and rich in diversity, Houston is a dynamic mix of imagination, talent and first-class attractions that makes it a world-class city. Home to a vibrant economy, beautiful surroundings and a population full of optimism and spirit, it's no wonder that Houston is a popular international destination.

## HOW TO REACH HOUSTON

### By plane

The Houston Airport System (HAS) is one of North America's largest public airport systems and positions Houston as the international passenger and cargo gateway to the world with its two commercial airports, IAH and HOU.

### GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT (IAH)

- Located approximately 23 miles north of Downtown Houston
- For IAH's current list of airlines and destinations, please visit <https://fly2houston.com/iah/airlines>

### WILLIAM P. HOBBY AIRPORT (HOU)

- Located approximately 7 miles south of Downtown Houston
- For HOU's current list of airlines and destinations, please visit <https://fly2houston.com/hou/airlines>

### By Train

The Sunset Limited runs along Amtrak's Southern-most route from New Orleans, LA to Los Angeles, CA. This includes a stop in Houston where the train departs towards California on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and toward Louisiana on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

The station is located at: 902 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77002.

Services include Superliner Sleeping, dining car accommodations and a sightseer lounge car. Depending on your destination, you have the option of connecting to Amtrak's Texas Eagle, Coast Starlight, Pacific Surfliner, and San Joaquin. For more information, please visit [www.amtrak.com/sunset-limited-train](http://www.amtrak.com/sunset-limited-train)

### Between Galveston and Houston

Visitors looking to travel between Houston and Galveston Island can use either drive via road bridge or may take the Island Express. The service runs each weekday with departures in the morning, midday and afternoon each way. The total ride cost each way is \$9. [Click here](#) for more details.

## HOW TO REACH THE CONFERENCE CENTER

<https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/us/en/houston/houit/hoteldetail/directions>

## TOURIST INFORMATION

Houston tourism official website: <https://www.visithoustontexas.com>

USA's tourism official website: <https://www.visittheusa.com>

## LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

## LIABILITY & INSURANCE

The Congress Secretariat and organizers cannot accept responsibility whatsoever for injury or damage involving persons and property during the meeting. Participants are advised to make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

### Taxis and Ridesharing

Car services through Uber and Lyft are widely available throughout the day and night, and may be easily taken to and from airports, downtown destinations and surroundings. Hailing apps can be found at [www.uber.com](http://www.uber.com) and [www.lyft.com](http://www.lyft.com)

### \$6 Cab Fare Anywhere Downtown

The City of Houston has authorized a flat taxi fare of \$6 for all trips in the downtown area. This \$6 fare will apply anywhere within the Central Business District, bounded by Interstate 45, Interstate 10 and U.S. 59. The fare, in addition to increased downtown taxi stands, provides an easy alternative to driving to lunch, business meetings and activities throughout the downtown area. No surcharges will apply to the fare, which can accommodate multiple riders under the \$6 total rate.

Taxi stands are designated areas where cabs can "stand" and wait for a fare. Additionally, there are at least 30 "hailing cab" icons on various downtown streets, which mark that particular site as a three-minute zone where taxis can briefly stop to pick up and drop off passengers.

Approximate cab fares from George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

- Downtown \$58
- NRG Park Area \$73
- Texas Medical Center \$66
- Uptown/Galleria \$71
- Greenway Plaza \$69

Approximate cab fares from William P. Hobby Airport

- Downtown \$31
- NRG Park Area \$33
- Texas Medical Center \$36
- Uptown/Galleria \$48
- Greenway Plaza \$44

\*Above rates include up to four people per cab.

Would you rather have a taxi come to you? Here are the numbers you need:

- Fiesta Cab Co. .... (713) 225-2666
- Liberty Cab Co. .... (713) 444-4444
- Lone Star Cab Co. .... (713) 444-4444
- Yellow Cab Houston ..... (713) 236-1111

Note: For the fast pick up, taxi services may be hailed by Lone Star Cab's [Curb](#) app.

## BANKING

In general, banks are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

## CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The official currency in the USA is the Dollar. Major credit cards are widely accepted.

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The electrical system in the USA is 110-120 Volt (60 Hz).

## WEATHER

The climate of Houston is classified as a Humid subtropical climate, with tropical influences. August normally ranks as the warmest month at 94.5 °F (34.7 °C) and January the coldest month at 42.2 °F (5.7 °C). The normal annual precipitation measures 49.77 inches (1,264 mm). Average temperature for beginning of October at time of conference is high/low 82/61 °F (28/16 °C).

## VISAS

Some participants may require an entry VISA for the USA. Participants are requested to consult the American Embassy or Consulate in their home country or with their travel agency for specific details relating to visa requirements.

On request, a letter of invitation can be issued by the organizing secretariat.  
For more info: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>

#### COVID-19 UPDATES

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/travelers.aspx>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

The 8th International Breast Surgery Workshop and 4th World Consensus Conference on BIA-ALCL are committed to providing a clean and safe environment for all our attendees. The health and safety of our participants continues to be our top priority. Our goal is to provide delegates, sponsors and stakeholders a world-class, in-person event that adheres to the latest protocols, enhanced safety measures, and guidelines.