

ONLY ANNOUNCEMENT  
MIDWEST TOPOLOGY CONFERENCE  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Saturday - February 24, 1996

- 10:00 AM** Lou Kauffman (University of Illinois at Chicago)  
*Quantum Invariants of 3-Manifolds*
- 11:30 AM** Peter Shalen (University of Illinois at Chicago)  
*Betti Numbers of Minimum Volume 3-Manifolds*
- 2:30 PM** Vadim Kaimanovich (Universite de Rennes, France)  
*Amenability of Boundary Actions and Harmonic Functions*
- 4:00 PM** Ran Levi (Northwestern University)  
 *$p$ -Complete Classifying Spaces of Discrete Groups and Finite Dimensional Complexes*

Coffee, tea and the usual treats will be available at 9:30 am in Room 300 SEO  
- our NEW luxurious Lounge.

Room location for the talks to be announced. For current details see the Web page  
[http://www.math.uic.edu/meetings/mtc\\_w96.html](http://www.math.uic.edu/meetings/mtc_w96.html)

The party for conference participants will be held immediately after the talks.

Convenient parking is located at the corner of Taylor and Halsted Streets (now about \$6 for the day)

- from the Dan Ryan going south, exit at Taylor/Roosevelt and turn right onto Taylor;
- from the Ryan going north, exit at Roosevelt, then drive on the feeder road to Taylor, turn left over the Ryan and turn right into parking garage;
- from the Eisenhower (I290) going east, exit for the Ryan south, then immediately exit onto Taylor before entering the Ryan.

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If you plan to stay in the Chicago area overnight: Suggested Hotel Accommodations

1) American Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Avenue (At downtown with a lake view, a short walk to downtown loop area (5 minutes) and a 20 minute walk to UIC campus. The Congress L is also 5 minutes from the Congress and goes directly to UIC campus) Telephone (312) 427-3800; there is a faculty rate (you must ask for this) of \$59/day for a single, \$69/day for a double, plus 15% tax. Call for reservations department, and request faculty rate.

This hotel has great atmosphere, and is one of the fine old (but modernized) buildings of Chicago, and centrally located to the Loop and Art Museum, etc.

The Congress Hotel is easily reached by the Congress L from Ohare airport (exit the train at Jackson & Dearborn stop, head east to 3 blocks Michigan Avenue, then south 2 blocks to the Congress.)

2) Quality Inn, One South Halstead Street (This is a short walk from campus, and located just at the North edge of Greektown.) Telephone (312) 829-5000; there is a faculty rate (you must ask for this) of \$60/day for a single or double, plus 15% tax.

This hotel has no atmosphere, but is nice inside and is the closest hotel to the UIC campus.

The Quality Inn is reachable by the Congress L from Ohare (exit the train at UIC/Halstead stop, go up the long ramp to Halstead Ave and walk north about 5 blocks through Greektown to the Quality Inn.)

3) The Carleton of Oak Park, 1100 Pleasant Street, Oak Park (This is a combination motel/hotel, located in Oak Park. It is about 20 minutes by car from the Carleton to the UIC parking lot. Take the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290 East) from Harlem Ave., then exit before the Loop onto the South Dan Ryan - but stay in the far right lane. Immediately after starting to exit for the Ryan is a side exit onto Taylor Street. Take this, and turn right at the light, then right again into the parking garage for UIC.)

Telephone (708) 848-5000; there is a special corporate rate for UIC math department (ask for Stewart Abel, mention you are part of the UIC program) of \$51+/day for a single, \$56+/day for a double, plus Oak Park Tax of 10%.

This accommodation is convenient to those wishing to attend the party in Oak park after the conference. Also, the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in Oak Park is a short walk from the Carleton.

The Carleton is best reached via car from the Eisenhower Expressway, exit at Harlem, go north to the light at Pleasant Ave., then turn east into Oak Park. It is about 3 blocks east of Harlem.