

Dear Potential and Prospective AACCS Conference Participants,

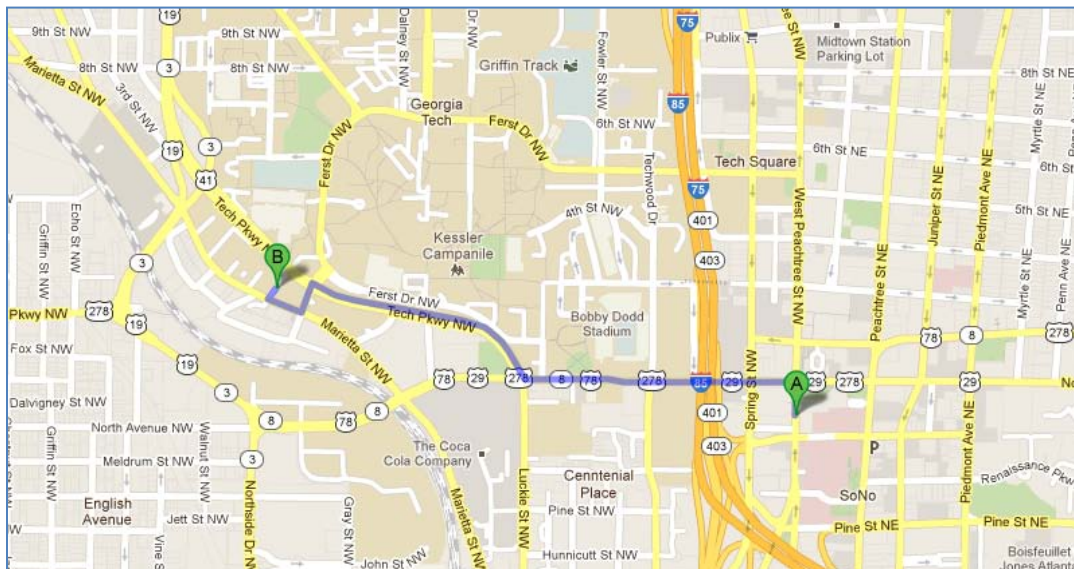
Management has changed at the hotel where we originally procured discounts for you during our annual conference, and a large part of hotel itself is now being renovated. We are now pleased to report to you that we have arranged new accommodations for you at the Hotel Melia. This hotel is very highly rated for its quality, is within walking distance of Georgia Tech, our host, and costs the same as the previous one. The nightly rates are tabulated below.

King	Double/Double	Triple	Quad
\$89.00	\$89.00	\$109.00	\$119.00

These prices are lower than normal, and to utilize them **you must make your reservation by calling the hotel at 404-877-9000 before 5 PM on September 11**. When you do call, remember to emphasize that you are from the American Association for Chinese Studies.

General information about the hotel can be found at <http://www.meliaatlanta.com/en/>, but there are some features provided only for you. You will have free internet access in your room, and there will be a welcoming reception in the evening of the Friday at the top floor of the hotel when you arrive.

Finally, of interest to you may be the location of the hotel relative to key places in Atlanta. Its address is 590 West Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA, 30308, and in the map provided below, you will see how close it is to the Ivan Allen College, the specific building in Georgia Tech where the conference will be held.. But the 26 line has a station just a block from the hotel, and you can take it as far as North Avenue at Cherry Street, where you take transfer to the 1 line and go straight to the college.



You will most likely arrive in Atlanta at the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, about 13 miles south of the hotel, and there are several ways you can traverse the distance. MARTA operates two lines that can take you directly from the airport – the station is near the baggage claim area – to the North Avenue Station, just one block north of the hotel. You must be sure that the schedules of

MARTA synchronize with your own. The gold line does not run between 1 and 5 AM, and the red line does not run between 7 PM and 5 AM on weekdays. On weekends service simply resumes an hour later, at 6 AM, for both lines. Furthermore, the Airport RideStore, where you can buy tickets, is open 6:30 AM – 10:30 PM on weekdays and 7:30 AM – 10:30 PM on weekends. A single adult fare is \$2.50, but there are multi-daily passes that can be more practical if you plan to ride around the city often. There are many buses that you can use to explore Atlanta, but there is no direct line between the airport and hotel.

If the schedules of public transportation do not suit you, or if you plan to arrive with some friends, you could consider renting a shuttle to reach the hotel. The Atlanta Airport Shuttle charges \$18.50 for a one-way ride between the airport and midtown. You can reach the company at its local number 404-941-3440, toll-free at 877-799-5282, or read more about it at <http://www.taass.net/index.html>. Taxis can also be hailed at the airport, but they will probably be the most expensive.