

Invitation to the 2010 PONI Summer Conference

July 22 - 23

Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Dear PONI Members:

I am pleased to invite you to the **Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) Summer Conference on July 22nd and 23rd at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico**. This conference follows our successful Spring conference in Washington, DC, and precedes our Fall UK conference at Atomic Weapons Establishment, Aldermaston, and our year-end Capstone Conference at Offutt Air Force Base – the site of U.S. Strategic Command – in Omaha, Nebraska.

PONI conferences feature panels of selected presentations from up-and-coming nuclear experts from various disciplines, including those with backgrounds in either science or policy. Those interested in delivering a presentation at the spring conference are invited to review the call for presentations and the 2010 PONI research agenda for more details. Broadly speaking, the 2010 conference series will focus on issues related to the four major themes.

- Nuclear Strategy, Policy, and Posture
- Nuclear Nonproliferation
- Scientific and Operational Supports to Nuclear Policy
- Nuclear Disarmament and Material Security

The event begins early on Thursday, July 22nd and concludes after lunch on July 23rd, with optional tours available for later that afternoon. As usual, we will also be hosting a reception and dinner following the conclusion of panel discussions on day one. We are lining up keynote speakers for lunch and dinner and will announce them as they are confirmed. There is no fee for guests to register or to attend the evening dinner. We are hopeful that holding the event at Sandia will be conducive to even greater participation from the technical community, thereby enabling us to continue to use the conference series as a means of facilitating better science-policy interaction.

To register for the conference, please visit the [event page](#) on the PONI website, where you can find more information about the conference, lodging for travelers from out-of-town and updates to the agenda. For more information, contact PONI Coordinator Mark Jansson at (202) 775- 3286 or via email at mjansson@csis.org. Please note that, because Sandia is a secure facility, we have different registration deadlines for U.S. citizens and foreign citizens.

U.S. citizens' registration deadline: July 12, 2010**Foreign citizens' registration deadline: June 21, 2010**

The summer conference will provide a great opportunity to discuss all the recent nuclear policy developments and how we can meet the challenges ahead. There's no better place to have this conversation than at one of the scientific institutions that has been, and will be, at the core of many of the most important national and international security efforts.

Sincerely,



Clark Murdock
Director, Project on Nuclear Issues