

General Information and Conference Logistics

Conference Venue

The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School is located at **77 Louis Pasteur Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, 02115.**



Please visit

<http://www.theconfcenter.hms.harvard.edu/directions/> for detailed directions to the venue via public transportation or car. Please note that there are several public parking garages within walking distance to the facility: <http://www.theconfcenter.hms.harvard.edu/parking/>

Registration

Please visit the registration desks in the main lobby of the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center between **08:00-08:45 Saturday April 29 or Sunday April 30** and bring an identification document with a picture to facilitate the registration process.

Attire

Suggested attire is business casual for the conference and associated social events.

Social Events

The **opening reception** will be held on Friday April 28 from 6-9pm at the New England Aquarium. Ticket costs (\$30) cover dinner and drinks and are not included in conference registration. You may purchase a ticket for the opening reception via the [registration platform](#) up to the day of the event. For further details about the reception, please see the last two pages of this document.

The **conference poster and networking reception** will be held on Saturday April 29 from 5-7:30 pm in the Joseph Martin Conference Center venue. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served and are included with the cost of registration.

Next (and current) generation planetary health scholars! At the close of the conference, we encourage you to enjoy the (currently anticipated) beautiful weather with frisbee and a pizza party on the front lawn of Harvard Medical School (5 min walk from the conference venue).



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Conference Meals

A complementary light breakfast and coffee/tea will be offered at the conference venue on Saturday and Sunday.

The following lunch options will be available on Saturday:

- Conference speakers may pick up their tote lunches at the registration desk at 12:15pm.
- Conference attendees that have pre-ordered tote lunches will pick up their lunches at *Elements Café* in the conference center. Attendees noting the following dietary and allergy restrictions: vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free will pick up their lunches at the registration desk at 12:15 pm.
- Participants attending pre-scheduled lunch events will have details regarding where to pick up their tote lunch printed on the back of their name-tag.
- Attendees who have not pre-ordered tote lunches in advance of the conference may easily purchase lunch at one of several nearby options. For a detailed list of nearby lunch options, please visit <https://planetaryhealthannualmeeting.org/venue-lodging-and-transportation/>.

Complementary hors d'oeuvres and beer/wine will be offered at the conference venue on Saturday evening, **5-7:30pm**.

Conference app

Look for the “**PH/GH Annual Meeting 2017**” app on the [Apple iTunes store](#) and the Google Play store. Our mobile app will allow you to:

- View the agenda and explore sessions
- Access abstracts of the poster session and research speed talks
- Access speaker profiles, exhibitor and co-organizer information
- Access the Lancet’s booklet of peer-reviewed “Top Abstracts in Planetary Health” submitted in a special call for abstracts for this inaugural meeting
- Learn more about the Planetary Health Alliance and how to become a member
- Get information about the best places to get lunch in the area on Saturday
- Provide valuable feedback on the conference to inform next year’s Annual Meeting

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi will be available throughout the conference venue. The network is “**HMS Guest**” and there is no password – conference attendees will just need to open a browser and accept the terms of use in order to gain access.



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Photo and video

By registering to attend the inaugural Planetary Health/GeoHealth Annual Meeting you grant permission to have photographs of you taken during the conference activities and for these photographs to be published by the Conference Organizers. The plenary sessions will also be live-streamed [here](#) and recorded for educational purposes. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed please let the photographer know and move out of camera range.

Social media

Join the conversation about #planetaryhealth and #geohealth and the inaugural Planetary Health/GeoHealth Annual Meeting on your platform of choice! The conference hashtag is **#PHGH2017**

Minimizing our carbon footprint

Please visit our [conference website](#) to see the steps we and the Joseph Martin Conference Center have taken to minimize our carbon footprint.

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Opening Reception at the New England Aquarium

6:00-9:00pm, Friday April 28 • 1 Central Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Agenda

Please join us at **6pm for opening remarks by Dr. Jonathan Patz** (*Professor and John P. Holton Chair of Health and the Environment, Director, Global Health Institute, University of Wisconsin*) in the Harbor Terrace Tent directly outside the museum. Drinks and light snacks will be served in the Harbor Terrace Tent until 7pm.

At **7pm**, we will move into the New England Aquarium for drinks, a buffet dinner, and conversation around the Aquarium's Main Exhibit Gallery. Mingle and dine as penguins, sea turtles and thousands of tropical fish swim beside you in the Aquarium's four-story Giant Ocean Tank!



Attire is business casual. This is a ticketed event - You may purchase a ticket (\$30) for the opening reception via the [registration platform](#) up to the day of the event.

Dinner and Drinks

- A limited open bar (craft and specialty beers, California wines, soda and juice) as well as a buffet dinner of salad, fish tacos, and pasta is included in the price of the opening reception registration.
- Dietary and allergy restrictions will be accommodated: vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, shrimp allergy, bell pepper allergy.
- The Aquarium proudly features ocean-friendly seafood choices recommended by the New England Aquarium's Sustainable Seafood Programs.
- High-quality clear barware made from cornstarch or potato starch, which is biodegradable, compostable and recyclable is used for animal safety.

Directions

The New England Aquarium is located at **1 Central Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts 02110**. Please visit <http://www.neaq.org/visit/hours-directions/> for more detailed information about transportation to the Aquarium.

Public Transportation: The closest subway stop is just 100 yards from the Aquarium. It is the Aquarium stop on MBTA's Blue Line. All other subway lines connect to the Blue Line, and stops off all of the lines are only a short walk from the Aquarium, including the State stop on the

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Orange Line (8-minute walk), the Government Center stop on the Green Line (10-minute walk), and the South Station stop on the Red Line (10- to 15-minute walk).

Parking: Guests can park at the Boston Harbor Garage, the parking garage closest to the Aquarium, with a discounted event rate (with validation) of \$28 for up to 8 hours. All parking passes need to be validated at the front desk of the Aquarium. Please visit <http://www.neaq.org/visit/parking/> for more details on other nearby parking garage options.