

Greetings Everyone,

As many of you are aware, the downtown area of Atlanta was recently hit by a tornado that resulted in damage to the downtown convention corridor. The storm was linear, and thankfully the damaged areas were limited.

All facilities associated with IMS 2008 will be in full service long before the conference comes to Atlanta in June. I thank you all for your support and concern over this last week, and I am looking forward to seeing you at IMS 2008.

The Omni Hotel at CNN Center and the Westin Hotel both sustained minor damage and will be fully operational again in the upcoming week. The Georgia World Congress Center also sustained damaged to all three of its buildings but repairs are moving quickly and the entire complex will be open again shortly.

Attractions were not affected. The Georgia Aquarium, New World of Coke, and Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta is open for business. The CNN Center sustained minor damage to the roof, which has already been repaired, and the Inside CNN Studio Tour has been operating since Monday.

Please also note that we are still accepting applications for Exhibitors and that the IMS Registration website is open!

Best Regards,

Joy Laskar
General Chairman, IMS 2008