

## **International Travelers**

If you are attending the 7<sup>th</sup> IHBCW in Kalispell, Montana and are traveling from outside the US please be diligent in reviewing all the information and travel advisories provided by your government and the resources from US Customs and other travel resources.

We recognize that some folks are concerned with traveling to the US this year, so we are offering some general guidance. While there are some stories out there of travelers experiencing problems, they are by far the exception and not the rule. Here are some ways to ensure things go smoothly.

- Review information from your government and travel authorities in your country of origin for official guidance.
- Review guidance from U.S. Customs via their website.
- If you have the option of clearing US customs on departure (especially Canada and maybe Mexico) we recommend doing it at your departure airport, in your own country.
- Print out your workshop registration confirmation, your Kalispell hotel reservation, and your travel itinerary (both to the US and the return trip). All 3 of these are proof of why you are visiting – which is to attend a conference, and proof of your intention to return.
- Be sure you have your passport and, if needed, your visa paperwork showing that you meet all criteria and check your document expiration dates.
- Central & South American visitors – please adhere to the advice and recommendations from your respective country regarding international travel.
- Consider removing all non-essential items from your phone (photos, videos, etc.) and clear the cache. Or, consider using a temporary mobile phone if you have concerns.

You can also visit these links which provide some more useful information:

[Visitor Visa](#)

[Know Before You Visit | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

[Travel to or within the U.S. | USAGov](#)

[U.S. Travelers' Top Ten Travel Tips | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

If you are traveling from Mexico, Central and South America, or anyone with past legal or travel issues that may raise a flag in the CBP database, you should take extra precautions based on advice from your respective country or legal assistance.