

# Why attend the Chicago ACHMM National Conference

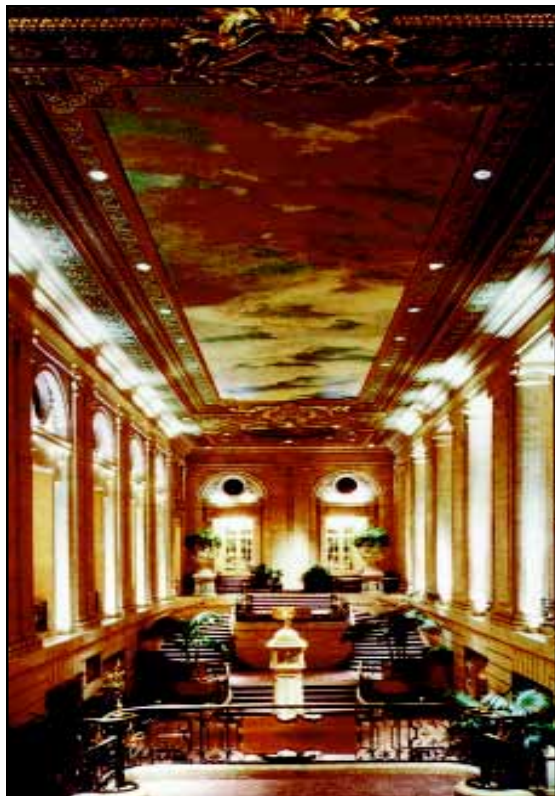
"2001: the Chicago Odyssey" began several years ago with a core of individuals from our chapter. Now ACHMM is coming back to Chicago...and we hope you come for the same reasons that brought you here in 1988, when we hosted the first stand-alone CHMM conference. That ground-breaking event changed our organization and laid the foundation for who we are today. The Academy has held many successful annual conferences since, each one building on the success of the last.

Here, in the birthplace of the skyscraper, the blues, and the atom bomb, anything is possible! No city in America has a stronger notion of itself or a fiercer sense of its identity than Chicago. Our conference theme, "The Windy City Is Going to Blow You Away," reflects that attitude. I have pushed our conference planning committee to settle for nothing but the best and to break new ground. I am convinced they have done just that. We expect to host the biggest conference in the history of ACHMM. Here's what you can expect:

- **Technical Sessions.** We will offer eight concurrent technical sessions presenting cutting-edge ideas and technology. Featured speakers will include the U.S. EPA's Walter Kovalick, director of remediation technology innovation, and Nancy Wentworth, director of quality programs.



Hilton Chicago Hotel



Hilton Chicago Hotel, Great Hall

- **Certification Congress.** Many of us wonder about the worth of the CHMM credential and ask what is being done to promote its value and expand its scope. An inventive portion of the conference will be the Certification Congress, featuring leaders from the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), the ACHMM, and governmental agencies, who will show how certification can be transformed into action.
- **Technical Tours.** Think about sitting in the control room to observe a nuclear reactor being taken apart or touring the largest wastewater treatment plant, a deep tunnel stormwater treatment system, a waste oil refinery, or a rust-belt brownfield remediation site.
- **Refresher Training Program.** The IHMM requires annual training to maintain certification. We will offer a combined Hazwoper-RCRA-DOT refresher program on the Saturday before the conference. This type of training is a requirement for most of you; why not sign up and do it here?
- **Recreation.** Our recreational events will be top notch: Second City Comedy, a night game at Wrigley Field, the Blue Man Group, Steppenwolf Theater, and a rocking gospel brunch at the House of Blues. We even have the run of the world-renowned Shedd Aquarium for the Monday evening reception, during which we will honor past ACHMM presidents.
- **A Downtown Adventure.** The conference will be held at the Hilton Chicago Hotel on Michigan Avenue, across the street from Grant Park, Buckingham Fountain, and beautiful Lake Michigan. Chicago's downtown is prosperous and economically diversified, clean and sophisticated. Visit the new theater district, redeveloped Navy Pier, Rush Street, and a multitude of great restaurants and night spots that are open late. If you haven't been to Chicago lately, there's no better opportunity.

*Sign up now! The Windy City is going to blow you away.*



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