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**KNOXVILLE CONVENTION CENTER HOSTING  
HIGH-TECH, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

During the week of October 15 through 19, the Knoxville Convention Center served as the site of the International Conference on Accelerator and Large Experimental Physics Control Systems (ICALEPCS).

The conference, expected to draw about 400 attendees, was hosted jointly by the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility of Newport News, Va.

"Past ICALEPCS conferences have been held all over the world," said Mary Bogert, general manager of the Knoxville Convention Center. "We are proud that they chose to meet in Knoxville and at the Knoxville Convention Center."

ICALEPCS is a biennial series of conferences created by a number of control system specialists from accelerator laboratories around the world. The series started in 1987 in Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland and subsequently rotated between three major areas of the world: the Americas, Asia and Europe.

The series of conferences is intended to:

- Facilitate the interchange of ideas and information between control system specialists working on large experimental physics facilities around the world (accelerators, particle detectors, tokamaks and telescopes);

- Create an archival literature of developments and progress in this rapidly-changing discipline;
- Promote, where practical, standardization in both hardware and software; and
- Assist colleagues from less technically developed countries in the realization of all of these goals.

The Knoxville Convention Center is located in downtown Knoxville adjacent to the Sunsphere. It boasts an 119,922-square-foot exhibit hall, a 27,300-square-foot divisible ballroom and 18 meeting rooms. For more information, visit [www.knoxvilleconventioncenter.com](http://www.knoxvilleconventioncenter.com).

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