## 2012 Ocean Sciences Meeting

The next Ocean Sciences Meeting will be held 19-24 February 2012 in at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Salt Palace Convention Center is large and has plenty of space to accommodate all of the meeting's activities. The Salt Palace is located within walking distance of the 11 downtown hotels offering good rates for the meeting. The TRAX light rail system is also available at no cost within the downtown corridor.

There are approximately 900 flights a day from Salt Lake City including non-stop flights to close to 100 cities. The city is served by most major airlines ensuring affordable rates. Another plus is that the airport is less than ten minutes from downtown.

This meeting will offer opportunities for relaxing with old friends and making new ones. There are 140 restaurants, 38 nightclubs and 7 brew pubs within walking distance of the hotels and Salt Palace. There are no restrictive liquor laws, or requirements for private club memberships.

The Salt Lake City area is known for skiing (downhill and cross country), and February should be a perfect time to do so. The ski areas are as close as 30 minutes from downtown Salt Lake, and skiers will enjoy free transportation to many of the slopes. The area averages over 500 inches of white powder each year.

Daytime temperatures are usually above freezing in February with highs averaging over 40 degrees F.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next Ocean Sciences Meeting. The call for sessions will be issued in early 2011.