



2009 International Conference on Powder Metallurgy & Particulate Materials

June 28–July 1
The Mirage Hotel
Las Vegas

Dates to Remember

PowderMet2009
June 28–July 1, 2009

Advance Registration Deadline
May 15, 2009

For Speakers:
Final Manuscript Submission Deadline
June 2, 2009

Helpful Links

Additional information on getting a visa
<http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov>

Bureau of Consular Affairs:
Locating your nearest embassy or consulate
<http://travel.state.gov>

Obtaining your visa application form online
http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_1342.html

Visa wait times by specific consular location
http://travel.his.com/visa/tempvisitors_wait.php



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VISA INFORMATION

Most travelers entering the U.S. must obtain a visa. APPLY FOR A VISA EARLY!

As soon as know you will be traveling to the United States, request your letter of invitation and make your appointment for a visa interview. Wait times for a visa interview can be several weeks or more in many countries, especially during peak travel periods. We strongly urge you to request your letter of invitation to attend the PowderMet2009 conference as soon as possible.

Visa Waiver Program

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP) enables nationals of certain countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. Go to http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html to see a list of VWP countries and to find out important passport requirements for travelers in the VWP.

Visa Interview Tips

If you require a visa to enter the United States, these steps may make your visa interview process easier:

- [Click here to download](#) "Obtaining a U.S. Visa—a step-by-step outline of today's U.S. visa application procedures."
- **Request a letter of invitation from MPIF by contacting Bonnie Kessler at bkessler@mpif.org or fax: 609-987-8523.** Please provide your full name, date of birth, passport number and complete mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. After your request is processed, an electronic copy of the letter will be e-mailed to you and the paper copy of the letter will be mailed. Remember also that all travel costs associated with conference participation, including transportation, hotel, and meal expenses are the responsibility of the individual participant/speaker and not of the conference organizers.
- **Schedule an appointment with your embassy as soon as you receive your invitation letter.** Make your appointment early as wait times can be long in some countries. You need to allow enough time for the interview and any additional processing that may be required. Bring your letter of invitation with you to the interview.
- **Verify fees and requirements.** Go to <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov> to find out about visa fees and the method of payment accepted by the embassy or consulate. This Web site also has other important information about the visa process.
- **Complete all official documents.** Answer all questions completely. Do not use "n.a." or "Not Applicable" in your forms. If the answer is in the negative, use "no" or "none."
- **Show proof of "strong ties" that bind you to your country of residence.** The consular officers conducting the visa interview look for proof that you will return to your country. Evidence of "strong ties" include proof of business ownership, or employment, social and family relationships.
- **If you have traveled to the U.S. previously, provide documentation demonstrating you returned to your country on time (i.e., an airline boarding pass).** Show proof that you returned within the timeframe you stated. For example, use an airline boarding pass that shows your return flight or meeting materials that indicate you attended a business conference.
- **With your application, include any materials that MPIF may have sent you in connection with the PowderMet2009 conference.** Provide any printed conference materials to show that PowderMet2009 is a legitimate event. In addition, if you are a speaker, bring a copy of your presentation acceptance information.
- **Questions or problems with your visa application?** Contact your local embassy or consulate where your visa application was adjudicated. They will have the information to answer your questions and solve any problems you may have.

Getting a visa is easier if you are prepared. Interviews typically last a few minutes and the questions are related to confirming your travel plans and ties to your home country. Remember, wait times can be long for visa processing. Get your letter of invitation and make your appointment as soon as possible.