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To: [Norris, Mary Lou \(Fed\)](#)
Subject: FW: 2018 PQC Attendees and Hotels
Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 10:22:00 AM

Mary Lou,

After discussing with the team, and based on the email below with thoughts, we feel good going with 150 attending our PQC Workshop. I was going to go back to Maria with that number. Will cc you. OK?

Sara

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Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 8:47 AM
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Cc: Liu, Yi-Kai (Fed) <yi-kai.liu@nist.gov>; Chen, Lily (Fed) <lily.chen@nist.gov>
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Sara,

I am not sure how to accurately predict the attendance. **The PQC field has been growing every year, as evidenced by the attendance at the PQCrypto workshops.** The past one had **over 230 registered**, with 150 of those people from outside of Asia (it was held in Japan). So 300 seems like a good number for PQCrypto. I don't know how to translate that into attendance at our workshop. I'd think **we could reasonably guess 200ish. Daniel estimates 250.** What would the differences be in planning for 250 or 150? Is it best to plan for a big number? Or does it mess things up if attendance is much lower?

Either hotel seems fine with me. If Maria thinks the one is better, I have no problem with that.

Dustin

From: Kerman, Sara J. (Fed)
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Dustin,

We had a great conversation with Maria regarding potential hotels for the 2018 PQC Workshop. One of the main items to clarify is the attendance numbers. I was thinking we were anticipating 100-150 at our portion of the meeting. PQCrypto is expecting 300. I went back and looked at SHA-3 numbers, and our two largest attended meetings were in 2006 (Crypto) @ 165 and 2009 (Belgium) @ 200. Otherwise, we were around 120 at most meetings.

What are your thoughts? Do you think many of the PQCrypto folks will stay over to our meeting? I know they are conveniently located together, but since we will have two different fees (for the two meetings) some may choose not to pay two fees.

Based on Maria's visits, she really thought the Pier Sixty Six was ideal. Nice, modern hotel. Food was very good. Meeting room location is slightly separated from hotel so it's mainly just attendees in the meeting room area. As of her first visit, they will honor the govt per diem for sleeping rooms.

The Bahia Mar is a little older and is scheduled to be undergoing renovations that could last into our meeting timeframe. The meeting rooms were very nice, the food wasn't as good as Pier 66. They will also honor govt per diem for sleeping rooms.

Thanks,
Sara