



We're looking forward to welcoming you to [The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#), in Dana Point, California for CRN's annual events!

Here is some information you may find helpful as you finalize your plans. Contact our registration team (events@crnusa.org / 202-624-1747) if you have any pre-event questions.

[Science in Session Agenda](#) | [Now, New, Next Agenda](#)

SAFETY POLICY

CRN takes the safety of all attendees seriously. Please respect your fellow attendees. CRN requests that **everyone** wear masks during all indoor events. Orange County ordinance **requires** you to wear a mask in all indoor public settings if you are unvaccinated. CRN has set up meeting rooms with social distancing in mind and is providing outdoor space for eating/drinking and networking. Let's all mask up for one another!

What to Expect From the Ritz-Carlton

Marriott is excited to introduce Mobile Key into our resort as an additional feature to the already existing mobile app offerings. Mobile Key, will enhance your check-in experience, by presenting you with the options to use their mobile device as their room key and never have to stop at the Front Desk.

Daily housekeeping services are available. Housekeeping services will be performed when the guests are not present in the room. The Ritz-Carlton is currently not performing turn down service. The hotel has increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfection in high traffic areas including restrooms, elevators, and door handles as well as touchless hand sanitizing stations throughout the hotel. Ritz-Carlton staff are equipped with personal protective equipment including face coverings required at all times, a temperature screening upon arrival for each shift, and continuous training on COVID-19 protocols.

[Click here](#) for the full update from Ritz-Carlton.

EVENT APP

Stay updated on event announcements, pose session questions with the Q&A feature, connect with other attendees—on-site and virtual—and access helpful resources during and after the events. [Get the app here](#) and log in with your CRN member email and password. Non-members and those with additional questions, please contact [Gretchen Powers](#) with questions.

SUGGESTED ATTIRE

Attire for all sessions of Science in Session and Now, New, Next is business casual. For evening gatherings, the fun run & walk, golf tournament, yoga, and other activities, please see descriptions that follow.

ABOUT THE RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL

The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, is the host hotel where Science in Session and Now, New, Next sessions and social functions will take place. The address is located at [One Ritz Carlton Drive, Dana Point, California, 92629](#). You can reach the hotel by phone at 949-240-2000.

REGISTRATION DESK

The registration desk for Science in Session and Now, New, Next is in The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Foyer. Please check in at CRN's registration desk to receive your packet and name badge.

Registration desk hours are:

- Tuesday, October 19: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 20: 7:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Thursday, October 21: 7:30 am – 2:30 pm
- Friday, October 22: 7:30 am – 10:45 am

CONNECT WITH ATTENDEES

See who's coming to the event by viewing the RSVP list [here](#). Connect with fellow attendees, in-person or virtual, [using the CRN app](#).

Networking Pavilion

Wednesday 10/20 & Thursday 10/21 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

LOCATION: Pavilion Room

New this year is the Networking Pavilion. Use the space for any prescheduled meetings or stop in and see what connections you make spontaneously. The rooms is stocked with refreshments and meeting ready.

EVENING FUNCTIONS

WELCOME RECEPTION *Sponsored by Herbalife*

Tuesday 10/19 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Monarch Bay Courtyard

The future is bright! Join your industry colleagues as we light up the night and get creative with a giant Lite Brite. Make the evening pop as you connect with other attendees over drinks and small bites. Bright colored attire—including neon—is encouraged.

NETWORKING RECEPTION *Sponsored by Amway Nutrilite*

Wednesday 10/20 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Terrace Salon

Step into the sophisticated CRN speakeasy! Enjoy sultry jazz musical stylings as you mingle over cocktails and light appetizers before the evening dine-around.

DINE-AROUND — Plan ahead and make reservations!

Wednesday 10/20

LOCATION: Dana Point

Dine at the resort or go to nearby Dana Point and explore one of its many popular restaurants. [Click here](#) to get the Uber voucher for rides to and from the resort. See list of local restaurants [here](#).

CLOSING RECEPTION *Sponsored by Pharmavite*

Thursday 10/21 | 7:00 – 10:00 pm

LOCATION: Dana Lawn

Celebrate our last night together with good vibrations at our beach party themed gala. Let loose with lawn games and get gnarly with sun and surf-themed fun under the stars—including a Beach Boys cover band.

FREE GROUP ACTIVITIES

SUNRISE YOGA

Wednesday 10/20 | 6:45 – 7:30 am

Location: Dana Lawn

Sign up in advance when you register online or at the registration desk and get additional details. Plan on wearing a warm layer to start.

KYOWA HAKKO FUN RUN & WALK

Thursday 10/21 | 6:30 – 7:30 am

Sign up in advance when you register online or at the registration desk and get a free t-shirt. Meet in lobby at 6:30 am to head to the starting point in groups for the annual fun run/walk—a time-honored CRN conference tradition! Dress in layers for this early morning outside.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

If you wish to sign up for additional activities, please contact events@crnusa.org or check with us at the registration desk. Space is limited.

GOLF TOURNAMENT at Monarch Beach *Sponsored by Balchem* (\$299)

Wednesday 10/20

Monarch Beach Golf Links features an intriguing Orange County, California, layout—one of only a handful of oceanfront golf courses in the state. With commanding and sweeping views of the sea and beyond, this par-70 championship resort golf course offers an unending variety of play.

OCEAN ADVENTURES CATAMARAN & WHALE WATCHING TOUR (\$120)

Thursday 10/21

Enjoy a two-hour cruise on Dana Wharf's newest vessel, the 63-foot catamaran Ocean Adventure. This eco-friendly vessel is the future of whale watching and features high-tech viewing cameras mounted at the bow, a roomy viewing deck and an inside cabin offering viewing from every area of the vessel. Tour cost includes transportation, open bar, and snacks.

TIDE POOL HIKE AT THE OCEAN INSTITUTE (\$50)

Thursday 10/21

Experience a two-hour hike led by Ocean Institute guides that goes through the Dana Point Marine Protected Area. This tour is timed for the tides to be at their lowest to better the view the marine life that make their home in the tide pools.

ACTIVITY DETAILS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED

Golf Tournament

Meet in the lobby right after sessions end on Wednesday 10/20. The Ritz Carlton will provide transportation to the Monarch Beach Golf Links. Lunch will be provided at the golf resort.

Catamaran Cruise and Tide Pool Hike

After lunch, meet in the lobby at 2:00pm on Thursday 10/21. CRN will provide bus transportation to offsite activities. You **must** wear a mask on the CRN arranged bus, per requirements of the transportation companies.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN DANA POINT!

QUESTIONS?

If you need to make a change to your registration, including optional activities and events, please contact our registration team at events@crnusa.org or call 202.624.1747. Our team is available 9 am to 5 pm ET, Monday through Friday.