

## **Other Useful Information:**

### **Emergency Contacts:**

For Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services on the Boston College campus, dial Extension 2-4444 from any campus office telephone or 617-552-4444 from any phone, or use a blue lighted Emergency Call Box.

For Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, outside of the Boston College Campus, please dial 911 from any available telephone.

For assistance from the local organizing committee, please call or email one of the following committee members. Use the mobile numbers as primary contact information during the workshop.

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### **Electric Power in the USA**

Electric power is standardized in all states across the USA. It is set at 110 Volts and 50 cycles. 220 Volt power is used in homes only for large appliances like stoves, water heaters and clothes dryers. Standard electric plugs, as illustrated below, have two flat blades. Some plugs have a third round grounding pin. Most outlets will accept either type. If you are bringing an electric appliance to the United States, you may need an adapter to fit the receptacles. You may also need a converter to change the voltage from 110 volts to your 220 volts.



### **Currency Considerations**

The Boston area uses the United States Dollar (US\$) in all transactions. Foreign currencies may be exchanged for dollars at Logan Airport, some banks and major hotels.

Major credit cards (VISA, Mastercard, American Express, etc. are accepted nearly everywhere. ATM machines generally use bank debit cards, and dispense only US\$20 bills. Denominations above \$20 are scrutinized by small merchants, and are subject to scanning for counterfeits, so plan accordingly.

Purchases in Massachusetts are subject to a sales tax of 6.25% on tangible property, which is added to the marked prices of items at checkout. Periodicals and most clothing purchases are tax exempt. Restaurant/café food is taxed, but groceries are not.