



July 25, 2008

Dear Valued IMS Customer,

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in one of several upcoming IMS Regional User Group kick-off meetings! With the continued corporate focus on Enterprise Integration, Application Modernization, and SOA, we have seen a surge in interest in IMS and a need for more IMS technical education. We also understand that with cost and time constraints, many of our IMS users cannot attend as many technical conferences as they did in the past. However, the need for current technical information on IMS is as great as ever. IBM is committed to supporting local user group activities. Through these kick-off meetings, IBM is hoping to start more IMS regional user groups, thereby bringing IMS technical updates closer to our customers on a regular basis.

Our kick-off meetings for these ***new IMS Regional User Groups*** are scheduled as follows:

Glendale, California	September 16, 2008
Phoenix, Arizona	September 18, 2008
Columbus, Ohio	September 23, 2008
Detroit, Michigan	September 25, 2008
Toronto, Canada	October 14, 2008

There is no fee to attend these meetings. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served. See attached location and agenda details. We have an all-star lineup of IMS experts as speakers, so don't miss this opportunity to meet with them!

To sign-up and attend one of these meeting, simply send an email to:

[IMS\\_user\\_groups-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:IMS_user_groups-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

In your email, indicate which meeting you plan to attend. For a list of all IMS user groups, please go to [www.ibm.com/ims](http://www.ibm.com/ims) and look for 'IMS User Groups'.

Finally, feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these new IMS Regional User Groups, or if you would like to create a user group in your area. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings!

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## **IBM IMS Regional User Groups Dates and Locations**

Los Angeles, California	September 16, 2008	IBM 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Room 701 400 N. Brand Blvd. Glendale, CA.
Phoenix, Arizona	September 18, 2008	IBM 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Room 701 2929 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ.
Columbus, Ohio	September 23, 2008	IBM Presidents Conference Room 5475 Rings Road Dublin, OH.
Detroit, Michigan	September 25, 2008	IBM Room 1507 18000 West Nine Mile Road Southfield, MI.
Toronto, Canada	October 14, 2008	IBM Room 701 3600 Steeles Avenue East Markham, Ontario, Canada

## IBM IMS Regional User Groups Kick-Off Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast and Registration	
9:00 – 9:30	<b>IMS User Group Discussion</b> Charter and Guidelines, Steering Committee, Website, Frequency and location of meetings, Vendor participation, etc.	IBM Host
9:30 – 10:15	<b>IMS Update</b>	Deepak Kohli IBM
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 12:00	<b>IMS Security Using RACF</b> An overview of IMS security with SMU conversion details and things an IMS specialist needs to know about RACF. Hints, tips and practical experiences to help you avoid some common pitfalls.	Maida Snapper IBM
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch – Provided by IBM	
12:30 – 2:30	<b>Disaster Recovery Strategies for IMS</b> This presentation will cover the two main disaster recovery strategies for IMS: 1) Application Dependent, and 2) Mirroring	Glenn Galler IBM
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 4:45	<b>IMS Performance Hot Topics</b> A discussion of more recent performance issues observed over the past year or so, how to diagnose them, and how to avoid having them become an issue at your installation. Any and all areas of IMS will be covered and open for discussion. Bring your questions and experiences along to share.	Dave Viguers IBM
4:45 – 5:00	<b>Meeting Close</b> (and Possible Steering Committee Meeting afterwards)	All