

IPM SYMPOSIUM 2006

Steering Committee Conference Call Notes from March 11, 2004.

Participating: Margaret Appleby, Joann Bentz, Sherry Glick, Tom Green, Sue Ratcliffe, Jim VanKirk. Elaine Wolff. Please note any revisions/omissions to Tom Green.

1.. Moody Gardens in TX was unable to provide enough rooms, our next best offers came from St. Louis. Sue Ratcliffe and Elaine Wolff visited 5 facilities there yesterday and selected the Adams Mark Hotel, Tu-Th, April 4-6, 2006, featuring:

- 1.. \$109 single/double guest room rate, \$102 government rate
- 2.. All meeting rooms will be complimentary, includes 4-5 rooms holding 200 people, plus 6-8 rooms holding fewer, allows for 56 topic sessions.
- 3.. Hotel holds casual and formal restaurants, jazz and sports bars; more than two dozen other eating establishments within walking distance.
- 4.. All guest rooms will be newly renovated by 2006.
- 5.. Located directly west of the Arch and adjacent to the waterfront
- 6.. 4 blocks from the Metro, five minutes to Union Station
- 7.. \$3 Metro ride to airport, or \$22 limo round trip.
- 8.. Hotel parking at \$14/day, adjacent to public parking at \$8/day.
- 9.. St. Louis is undergoing extensive renovation downtown, very safe and clean.
- 10.. Area attractions include the Missouri Botanical Garden, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Gateway Arch, St. Louis Union Station, Soulard Farmers Market, Lewis & Clark Center, St. Louis Zoo and Monsanto Insectarium, riverboat gambling and many more.
- 11.. There are rooms available for pre- and post-meetings Monday April 3 and Friday April 7.

2.. The program committee met last week. Symposium theme is "Delivering on a Promise." Plenary speakers will be asked to address specific questions related to the theme. Committee proposes to pick a number of broad commodity and special-interest topics and to solicit proposals for sessions under these topics. Suggestion to set up a matrix with session topics (e.g., fruit, veges, invasives) grouped by issues, e.g., economics, research needs, etc. Discussion re last time too many good, competing sessions. Meeting rooms at Adam's Mark will allow for fewer concurrent sessions with larger capacity at each.

3.. Program, media committees want guidance from chairs on timeline. Chairs will review and revise timeline and get to committee.

4.. Finance/exhibits committee is past due on meeting, Tom and Jim to followup with Curt and other committee members. Critical need to get proposals to funders well in advance (now) so they can plan allocations, and we can take advantage of any opportunities to capture residuals from other projects for this good cause. We will have opportunities for exhibits in high traffic areas (poster/reception/foyer areas) but not a formal trade show. We will solicit broad support from government, industry and ngos.

5.. Jim to post minutes to web site.

Next call is set for Tuesday, April 13 at 11 AM Central.

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