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NETWORK

PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MAY 1991

Dear POD colleagues:

Greetings from Montreal. Summer has finally come. The snow is gone (in almost all of Canada) and so are the students. Exams have been graded and now I have the time to catch up on all that work I have been putting off until it got quieter(!), tidying up my office, reading all those article I have put aside, and writing, including newsletters. This one is being written in Montreal, but will be mailed to you from Iowa by David Graf, POD's new Manager of Administrative Services.

CORE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Core Committee met in Washington D.C. on March 23 and 24, just before the American Association of Higher Education annual conference.

Outgoing Core Committee members: On your behalf as the new Executive Director of POD I want to thank those members who have just completed their term: Howard Altman, Beverley T. Amick, Loren Ekroth, Sandra Holmes, Glenn Ross Johnson, Ed Neal, and Sandra Tomlinson.

Past Executive Directors: I want to thank Del Wright and Rusty Wadsworth for their fine work as Executive Directors over the last two years.

New Core Committee Members: I also want to welcome the new members to the Core Committee: Beverley Black, Elizabeth F. Fideler, Peter Frederick, Marty Nemko, Diane vom Saal, and Marie Wunsch.

Manager of Administrative Services: At its fall meeting in Granlibakkan the Core Committee decided to restructure the adminstration of the organization by having an executive that included executive directors, past, current, and elect (Dan Wheeler is the Executive Director Elect) and to establish the position of "Manager of Administrative Services" to handle memberships, financial matters, and publications. David Graf of Iowa State University has been selected by the Core for this new position.

POD Sampler: Mary Deane Sorcinelli organized an excellent POD sponsored session at the conference on "Facilitating Difficult Dialogues About Diversity." The presenters included: Virgie Chattergy, Marie Wunsch, K.C. Morrison, Diane vom Saal, Debrah Jefferson, and Ellen Sarkasian.

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1991 CONFERENCE: Our 1991 Conference will be held at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Center in Morgantown, WV. The pre-conference workshops will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 23 and 24. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONFERENCE BEGINS ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30.** Register soon and bring a colleague. See the attached announcement.

Teaching Excellence: Now is the time to renew your subscription. See the attached flyer.

Getting POD publications into your library: Drop a note to your librarian and ask that some of our publications be ordered for your library.

Dialogue: In order to provide an avenue for members of POD to raise issues of concern to the general membership, I would like to try an experiment. I invite you to submit "short pieces" (space is obviously limited) to be published in this newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is July 31st.

1992 To Improve the Academy: Donald Wulff and Jody Nyquist have been selected as co-editors. The summer may be a good time to start nurturing that great idea into an article for the 1992 volume.

History of POD: Diane Morrison has received a grant from POD to document the history of POD.

Future Conference Sites: One very big challenge for POD is to find suitable sites for our annual conference. With our membership coming from all sections of the country I would hope that in your area there might just be the "perfect' site for us to hold our conference. If you think you know of a potential conference site please let me know, or contact one of the members of the conference site selection committee (Linc Fisch, Kay Herr, Joanne Kurfiss, Thomas Pasternak, or Larry Quinsland).

Upcoming Conferences

June 15-18, 1991: Eleventh Annual Conference of the **Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education,** Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. **Contact:** Janice MacInnis (902) 494-1622

June 24-29, 1991: Great Lakes Colleges Association Fifteenth Annual **Course Design and Teaching Workshops,** The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. **Contact:** Jeanine Elliott (313) 761-4833

July 2-5, 1991: Improving University Teaching: Seventeenth International Conference, University of Maryland University College, Glasgow, Scotland. **Contact:** University of Maryland University College, University Blvd. at Adelphi Road, College Park MD. 20742-1659

August 4-7, 1991: The 11th Annual International Conference on **Critical Thinking & Educational Reform**, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA. **Contact:** The Center for Critical Thinking (707) 664-2940

August 7-10, 1991: Faculty Development Institute: **Workshop in Classroom Research and Classroom Assessment**, University of California Graduate School of Education, Berkeley, California. **Contact:** Sue Kahl Smith (415) 642-1171

August 11-15, 1991: Eighth Annual Canadian/US Faculty Development Summer Institute: **Enhancing the Teaching Experience**, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I. **Contact:** Ian MacDonald (902) 566-0440

August 18-22, 1991: Faculty Devlopment Pacific Institute: **Teaching for a Change**, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C. **Contact:** Learning and Teaching Centre (604) 721-8571

November 6-9, 1991: Third National Conference on the Training and Employment of Teaching Assistants, **The TA Experience: Preparing for Multiple Roles**, University of texas, Austin, Texas. **Contact:** Marilla Svinicki (512) 471-1488

Job Openings

Louisiana State University is seeking candidates for the position of Head of the Center for Faculty Development. For additional information contact Dr. Pauline Rankin or Dr. Joe Hutchinson at (504) 388-1135.

Recent Publications

Bette LaSere Erickson and Diane Weltner Strommer (1991) Teaching College Freshmen San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Christopher Knapper and Arthur Cropley (1991) Lifelong Learning and Higher Education London: Kogan Page.

REMINDERS:

* **Register for the conference**
* **Subscribe to Teaching Excellence**
* **Recommend your library order To Improve the Academy**
* **Look around your area for a potential POD conference site**
* **Start working on an article for the 1992 To Improve the Academy**

Have an enjoyable summer,

Ron Smith

Ronald Smith
Executive Director

Improving Higher Education: Ways of Knowing

1991 POD Conference Information
16th Annual Conference
Lakeview Resort and Conference Center
October 23-27, 1991, Morgantown, West Virginia

Site and Accommodations

Lakeview Resort and Conference Center is set against the panoramic background of Cheat Lake and the rolling hills of West Virginia. Lakeview has an exhilarating array of indoor and outdoor activities to enjoy. There are two 18-hole championship golf courses, a driving range, a miniature golf course, a two-million-dollar Fitness & Sports Center that includes tennis, racquetball, indoor track, lap pool, aerobics, massages, and nautilus, and much more.

Nestled in the rolling hills of West Virginia 75 miles south of Pittsburgh, Morgantown is home to a fascinating mix of educational, cultural, historical, and recreational activities that make the community of 28,000 an ideal location for a conference.

Rates for Lodging and Meals

Rates are $130 per person, based on single occupancy and $99 per person based on double occupancy. These rates are in the form of a package plan that includes deluxe accommodations, breakfast, lunch, and dinner and use of the resort facilities.

Conference Registration

Registration is $100.00 for POD members (who have paid 1990-91 dues), and $145.00 for nonmembers. Discounts will be offered for registration postmarked by **July 15**. To register for the conference, call Nancy Diamond or Pris Visek at (217) 333-3370.

Conference Reservations

Early attendance for conference registration and lodging is strongly encouraged. Individuals can make their reservations directly with the hotel by calling **1-800-624-8300**. Payment must be guaranteed by one of the following methods:

- Preestablished direct billing privileges
- Major credit card (credit cards will not be run until conference begins)
- One night's deposit, plus a 9% state and local lodging tax

POD Membership Dues

POD dues are $40.00 for Regular Membership, $15.00 for Student Membership, and $100 for Institutional Membership (3 individuals from the same institution paying as a group). To qualify for the membership discount on conference registration, you must have paid dues for 1990-1991.

Air Transportation

Lakeview will provide complimentary transportation from Hart Field airport in Morgantown, West Virginia. Transportation to and from Pittsburgh is currently being negotiated. **USAir is currently offering discounts on airfare for the conference: 5% off the lowest applicable, or 35% off the standard round-trip day coach fare. Refer to gold file #764535.**

Call USAir's Meeting and Convention Department toll free: 1-800-334-8644, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-9:00 pm (Eastern Time).