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YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US . . .

NETWORK

PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network in Higher Education. We are an association of people bound together by our interest in improving higher education through faculty, instructional, and organizational development activities and programs. The Network was created in 1976 to help us meet others who share our interests and concerns; to exchange information, ideas, and resources; to enhance our professional skills; to debate issues and strategies; and to contemplate and plan for the future.

Our annual conferences have provided exceptional opportunities for pursuing these goals. Those of us who have attended previous conferences appreciate these occasions to get together with our colleagues. We believe we've found a place to discover new developments in our field and to keep track of work already underway. We eagerly anticipate getting an early look at recently published and locally developed materials of special interest. We look to conference sessions for training in particular strategies and skills. And we look forward to the collaborative exploration of issues which each of us confronts on our own campus.

POD has also offered intensive national and regional training workshops on strategies and skills of special interest to members--e.g. "Instructional Diagnosis and Consultation," "Life Planning," "Organizational Development," "Working with Administrators to Facilitate Faculty Development." Participants in these workshops found them to be excellent opportunities to learn new approaches and to refine their skills. These workshops have been and will continue to be offered at substantially reduced rates for our members.

We are especially pleased that Charles Goldsmid, director of the American Sociology Association's Teacher Development Project, has agreed to edit a quarterly newsletter for us in 1978-1979. We expect each issue to focus on a theme of special interest to our members. The newsletter will also include articles by our members, research summaries, book reviews, news about conferences and training opportunities, etc. We think it will be a major contribution to our "networking" efforts.

We hope, then, that you will join us for 1978-1979. We look forward to an exciting year for the POD Network.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Erickson
Executive Director, 1978-1979 401/792-2387

P.S. If you are already a POD member, please renew now for 1978-1979.

Current Practice and Issues in Professional Development

POD Network National Conference

November 5-8, 1978 at Grand Lake O' the Cherokees, Oklahoma

An opportunity to meet, learn, debate, and plan with others involved in faculty, instructional, and organizational development in higher education.

*Training and demonstration workshops on important skills and strategies. . .

*Sessions on research, program evaluation, planning, the future. . .

*Case studies of successes and failures. . .

*Invited addresses by Ron Boyer and others. . .

*Special mixers for regions and types of institutions. . .

*Extraordinary social, recreational, and culinary facilities. . .

Quotes from last year's conference:

"This was the best conference of this type I have ever attended." (Academic Dean)

"I went back to my campus with new skills I could use." (Program Director)

"An exciting group of people to be with." (Faculty Member)

Registration fee: $45 for POD members; $55 for non-members.
Room and board: $119.79, double occupancy; $164.25, single occupancy.

Contact: Clare Rose, ETI, 12401 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025 213/477-5142

Pre-Conference Training Workshops

We have asked four expert and experienced trainers to offer intensive workshops over the three days preceding the POD national conference.

*INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT: THE PROCESS AND THE PROBLEMS
Bob Diamond, Syracuse University

*INTEGRATING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH
Paul Munson, Virginia Commonwealth University

*ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION SKILLS
David Whitcomb, California State University, Long Beach

*WORKING WITH FACULTY TO IMPROVE THEIR TEACHING
Libby Hruska, Holyoke Community College

Each workshop will run from Thursday evening, November 2, through Sunday noon, November 5, at the conference site. The registration deadline is October 2. The fee is $105 for non-members, only $90 for POD members. Room and board will be $116.79 (double occupancy) or $161.25 (single) for the three days. Contact Clare Rose for details.

To Join or Renew Your Membership in the POD Network . . .

Please type or print:

Name: (Mr.)(Ms.)(Dr.)_____

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Annual membership fee (November 1-October 31): $25 ($28 if outside of USA)

Send application and check (payable to POD Network) to: Glenn R. Erickson, IDP, 201 Chafee, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881.

____Check if you would like registration info on November conference and pre-conference training sessions.