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Dear POD Colleagues:

Summer is winding down and commencement of fall activities is quickly upon us. I hope you were able to have a summer, pregnant with renewal, and are ready for the challenges and perhaps even mysteries of the coming year.

POD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
POD's seventeenth annual conference, October 23-25, 1992 at Saddlebrook Resort near Tampa, Florida, is quickly approaching. Eighty-one sessions are scheduled, so there will be many choices. If you have not registered, I encourage you to do so as the program provides stimulation and utility and the facility is top flight. We recognize budgets are tight, but this is a conference you will not want to miss. Enclosed is a preliminary conference program to further convince you that this will be a great conference. For further information contact David Graf, 515/294-3808.

CORE COMMITTEE (October 21-22, 1992)
The CORE Committee, the governing body of the POD Network, will meet at Saddlebrook before the annual conference. Items of particular interest include: work with Virgie Chattergy on diversifying POD, By-Laws revision, grant program proposals, 1993 conference planning, 1994 conference site selection, Executive Director selection for 1993-94, POD Sampler and Booth at AAHE, and a proposal for reorganization of the CORE. If you have any items the CORE should be addressing, let me know.

SPECIAL POD PROJECTS
In the July newsletter, a number of topics were outlined that the POD CORE Committee would like to encourage. These are repeated for those of you who missed them or just need repetition. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, the procedure is outlined in the attached form. I would like to encourage you to play a role in further developing our professional field.
HESBERGH FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARD
The POD Network has agreed to do the preliminary screening for the Hesbergh Faculty Development Award sponsored by TIAA/CREF. The screening process will begin in early October, with the involvement of approximately fifteen members, and will culminate with a national panel selecting the recipient some time in December. POD's involvement is a recognition of our expertise and place in higher education. Our participation may become an annual event.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS
Please remember to submit a description of your faculty development program to Glenn Erickson. See the last newsletter for more information and the proper format to follow for submissions. If your program was included in the 1988 edition and you would like it reprinted as is, Glenn asks that you contact him with those instructions. Glenn can be reached at 401/792-5078.

AMONG POD MEMBERS

Congratulations to:

- Mary Dean Sorcinelli (co-editor) on the publication of a New Directions volume on Developing New and Junior Faculty. (Dan Wheeler has a chapter in it too!).

- Marie Wunsch, who just returned from a sabbatical in Scotland, on her selection as Executive Editor for The Department Advisor. She is interested in receiving articles from POD members, so you may want to contact her.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST


CYCLE OF POD ACTIVITIES TO ANTICIPATE

• Run for the Core Committee. Self-nomination forms will be requested in November.

• Write an article for To Improve the Academy. Articles are due February 1st, but will be considered at any time. Check with the editors at the fall conference.

• Participate in planning for the 1993 POD Conference to be held in Rochester, Minnesota, October 13-17, 1993.

• Submit a proposal to address one of the POD project areas. Proposals are due October 9, 1992.

• Renew your membership in the Network! Renewal forms will be mailed soon.

****** PLEASE NOTE ******

The summer has brought a change in office location for me. Please note my new mailing address:

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