Rochester, Here We Come!

Conference Co-chairs Kay Herr and Linda Hilsen and Program Chair Suzanne Brown have been working hard on the details of the 18th Annual POD Conference at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, MN, on October 14-17, 1993. By all accounts, the conference is shaping up to be a superb opportunity to examine the values inherent in instructional, faculty and organizational development.

A copy of the Advance Program and Registration Materials were sent to all members in July. If you did not receive the materials or know of someone else who needs information, contact David Graf, POD Manager of Administrative Services, at (515) 294-3808 or use his E-Mail address (J1DLG@ISUVAX.IASTATE.EDU).

Registration for the preconference workshops that begin on Thursday morning, October 14, should be completed at the same time as registration for the conference. The conference will begin officially at the conclusion of the workshops with the reception and dinner on Thursday evening.

Again this year, there will be opportunities for members to participate in the Resource Fair. If you wish to display materials during the fair, you can reserve a table using the registration form provided in the Advance Program and Registration materials.

As always, an important part of the conference will be the exchange of successful ideas that you have used in your instructional, faculty, and/or organizational development work. So, start thinking now about the ideas you would like to share with your colleagues. And, remember, those of you who present the most outstanding ideas at the conference will be eligible for POD's Bright Idea Award.

Also, there will be opportunities to participate in educational expeditions during the conference. At the same time that you register for the conference, you can register for tours of the area.

Judy Greene has volunteered to assist conference registrants who would like to share a room at the Kahler. If you need assistance in finding a roommate, contact Judy at the Center for Teaching Effectiveness, University of Delaware (E-mail: Judy.Greene@mvs.udel.edu).

Finally, concurrent sessions for the conference are scheduled until noon on Sunday, October 17, so we encourage you to plan your trip to allow plenty of time to attend the closing sessions.

POD Memberships for 1993-1994

Membership information for the upcoming year (September 1-August 31) has been included with the registration materials for the 1993 conference. In case you know others who may need membership information, contact David Graf at the address listed in the previous section.
Fall CORE Meeting

Members of the CORE Committee will convene for their annual fall meeting on October 13 and 14 prior to the official beginning of the Rochester Conference. Among the items on the agenda are reports from various committees, recommendations from the newly-formed diversity task force, selection of the 1995 POD Conference site, decisions regarding funding of programs for the grants program, selection of the 1995-1996 president, and discussion of the POD Sampler and booth at AAHE. If you have items that you would like to suggest for discussion at the meeting, please contact Don Wulff (Ph: 206-543-6588; FAX: 206-685-1213; E-mail: Donald_Wulff@cidr.Washington.edu).

To Improve the Academy

Through the hard work of Editors Delievee Wright and Joyce Povlacs Lunde, the 1993 volume of To Improve the Academy will be ready for distribution at the fall conference. It is now time to begin thinking about submissions for the next volume. At the Rochester Conference, Rusty Wadsworth, editor of the 1994 volume, will be distributing the Call for Submissions. The deadline will be February 1, 1994.

1994 POD Conference in Portland

Planning is already underway for the 1994 POD Conference in Portland, Oregon. Conference Chair Larry Quinsland is currently seeking volunteers to assist in all aspects of the planning for the conference. If you wish to assist, contact Larry at the Rochester Institute of Technology (Phone: 716-475-6237) or, better yet, take a few minutes to talk to him at the Conference in Rochester.

CORE Committee Election

In January, the general membership will be electing five new members to three-year terms on the CORE Committee. To be considered for the CORE Committee, members must nominate themselves. Once elected, committee members participate in two annual CORE meetings, one in the spring in conjunction with AAHE and one in the fall in conjunction with the annual POD Conference. Now is the time to start thinking about whether you would like to make contributions to POD through service on the CORE Committee. Self-Nomination forms will be included in the November newsletter.

1993-94 Teaching Excellence Series

Marilla Svinicki, editor of our critically acclaimed Teaching Excellence series, has announced the availability of the first four issues of the 93-94 series. Individuals and institutions that ordered last year's series will receive a renewal notice from David Graf in the near future. Titles and authors for the first four essays are: "Teaching Controversial Issues," by Suzanne Cherrin, University of Delaware; "Learning a Lot vs. Looking Good: A Source of Anxiety for Students," by Anastasia Hagen, The University of Texas; "Changing Priorities in Higher Education: Promotion and Tenure," by Robert Diamond, Syracuse University; and "What They Don't Know Can Hurt Them: The Role of Prior Knowledge in Learning," by Marilla Svinicki, The University of Texas.
Hesburgh Faculty Development Award

Once again members of the POD Network are being invited to participate in the preliminary screening for the Hesburgh Faculty Development Award sponsored by TIAA/CREF. The process, which will begin in early October, will culminate in December with a national panel selecting the winner and several institutions that will receive honorable mention. If you would like to participate in the preliminary screening process, please contact Don Wulff before September 15, 1993 (Ph: 206-543-6588; FAX: 206-685-1213; E-mail: Donald_Wulff@cidr.Washington.edu).

Announcements

This section of each newsletter is devoted to announcements of interest to the POD membership, including information about resources, conferences, job listings, changes in members’ jobs, or special awards/recognition. If you have submissions for this portion of the November newsletter, please submit them to Don Wulff at the addresses listed in the previous section.

Conferences

- Thirteenth Annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching, November 11-14, 1993, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. For information, contact Milt Cox (Ph: 513-529-6722).

- Fourth National Conference on the Training and Employment of Teaching Assistants, November 10-14, 1993, at the Hyatt Regency Oak Brook, Chicago, IL. For information, contact Marne Helgesen at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Ph: 217-333-3370).

- Sixth Annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching - West, March 4-6, 1994, Lake Arrowhead, California. Proposal submission date: October 29; Registration date: November 30. For information, contact Laurie Richlin, OFD/University of Pittsburgh, 1701 Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 (Ph: 412-624-6592; E-mail: Richlin@vms.cis.Pitt.edu).

- Twenty-fourth National Institute on Issues in Teaching and Learning, November 19-21, 1993, Midland Hotel, Chicago, IL. For information, contact Elizabeth O’Connor Chandler or Pearl Gonzales at 312-702-7503 or write to them at the University of Chicago, Center for Continuing Studies, 5835 S. Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637.

Congratulations

As of July 1, Laurie Richlin has left Antioch College to accept the position as Director of the Office of Faculty Development at the University of Pittsburgh. Her new address is OFD/University of Pittsburgh, 1701 Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 (Ph: 412-624-6592; E-mail: Richlin@vms.cis.Pitt.edu).
Marie Wunsch has left the University of Hawaii at Manoa to become a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in the University of Wisconsin System Administration, effective September 1, 1993. Her new address is Office of the Vice Chancellor, 150 E. Gilman St., P. O. Box 8680, Madison, WI 53708-8650 (Ph: 608-262-1783).

Kudos to the institutions that won awards in Achieving Campus Diversity in the annual Exemplary Models of Administrative Leadership competition sponsored by the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA): Dartmouth University; Loyola University, Chicago; Temple University; University of California at Berkeley; University of Virginia; University of Hawaii at Manoa (Honorable Mention); and Arizona State University (Honorable Mention).

POD Grant Proposals

In the last newsletter we encouraged POD members to participate in the POD Grant Program by thinking about special instructional, faculty, or organizational development projects for which they might like to seek funding. The purpose of the grant program is to provide some financial support for POD members who want to play an active role in advancing the field. For those interested in submitting a proposal by the September 27, 1993, deadline, the procedure is outlined in the proposal announcement enclosed with this newsletter.

From the President

As we move into the fall school terms and the final two months before the conference, the activity related to the POD Network increases dramatically. Because there are a number of important activities coming up in the next few months, I have summarized below the events to anticipate:

- Registering for the 1993 POD Conference in Rochester, MN.
- Preparing proposals for the 1993-1994 POD Grants Program.
- Nominating yourself for the CORE Committee election.
- Volunteering to assist with the 1994 POD Conference in Portland.
- Writing a submission to be considered for the 1994 To Improve the Academy.

Good luck as you prepare for these POD events and as you launch your instructional, faculty, and organizational development activities for the coming year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Rochester!

Donald H. Wulff
1993-94 President, POD Network