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CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

POD 14th Annual Conference
October 5-8, 1989
Jekyll Island, Georgia

The Fourteenth Annual POD Conference will be held at Jekyll Island, on the beautiful and historic coast of Georgia. The conference theme this year, **The Future is Now: Challenges and Opportunities**, reflects our concern with important trends in the internal and external environment of higher education. These trends present both challenges and opportunities to development professionals, and the ways we choose to respond will affect the health of higher education for years to come.

For example, the ageing and imminent retirement of many faculty members hired in the "boom" period of the 1960's presents a variety of challenges (e.g. How will we replace them? -prepare them for retirement? -train the new cohort?) as well as several opportunities (We can exploit the talents of retired faculty to serve new functions in higher education; train new faculty before they become set in their ways; redesign courses and curricula that were developed in the 60's.)

The problems of women and minorities in higher education present other challenges: How will we reduce racism and sexism on our campuses? -provide for the special educational needs of minority students? -encourage more women and minority students to choose careers in higher education? But opportunities are presented at the same time: (for example) more minorities and women in faculty positions would help fill the gap created by the retiring faculty cohort, and graduating more minority students would serve the cause of social justice.

Similarly, challenges and opportunities are associated with the changing institutional climate (less money, more bureaucracy, more accountability) and with the impact of new technology on higher education (microcomputers and telecommunications). The ways we choose to deal with these challenges will determine both the nature of our profession and the shape of higher education in the future. We intend to organize panel discussions around each of the four areas mentioned above--Faculty and Ageing, Minorities and Women, Institutional Climate, and Technology--and try to subsume session proposals under these general categories.

POD members who would like to propose a session for the conference should write to request a proposal form from:

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