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Hotel

Enclosed please find an envelope imprinted for hotel reservations. All room and board arrangements should be handled by you directly with the Westin Hotel. NOTE: Reservations will be accepted at our conference rates after September 22 (because the hotel held us up with their forms), but we expect that rooms will be scarce after September 30, so act now. The hotel will accept charge card numbers as well as cash to guarantee reservations (held after 6:00 p.m.).

Food

Please note that there is an inclusive rate ($54.02) for food functions -- dinner Thursday, luncheons Friday and Saturday, coffee breaks and miscellaneous set-ups. While we cannot require you to participate in the consumption of food and beverages, it is our intention at POD to arrange such group affairs as part of our networking. Two of the meals will be integral parts of the agenda of plenary activities. I urge you to participate fully. Breakfasts and Friday night you're on your own. Downtown Cincinnati has great eating places -- even three five-star French restaurants. Bon apetit!

Travel

Driving: The Westin is located on Fountain Square (downtown) at Fifth and Vine. A garage entrance is found on Vine Street.

Flying: Some super-savers are still available, but act fast. Unfortunately, the air controllers' strike has led to a reduction in service to Cincinnati and elsewhere. If you are flying, plan to arrive at the airport no later than 1:30 p.m., Thursday and leave no earlier than 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Shuttle bus service from and to the Cincinnati Airport (located in Kentucky!) is good. On Thursday it runs every 30 minutes and takes you to the Westin's door. Saturday they run every 45 minutes. The trip takes about 30 minutes and costs $5.50 one way, $9.00 for a round trip.

If you want to arrive Wednesday or leave Sunday our hotel discount rates can be extended by prior reservation. If you are around on Thursday, consider the pre-conference Birkman workshop (see the recent POD Developments for information).

So that's it! If you have questions I haven't answered about anything concerning the conference, please call. If you have questions about anything else, I'll quote time and mileage rates!

See you in Cinci!

Steve Scholl

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