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Changes to POD Program Booklet (Sessions) —

The following changes have been made since the Conference Program was printed:

- **MOVED** to Exhibit Hall (aka West Assembly Area) (p. 12) Fri. at 8:30, “The Art of Relaxation Through Chinese Exercise” by Silver.
- **ADD** at 4:30 Fri. session (p. 24), Session E11, Jefferson B Room, “Crossing Boundaries: Working/Learning Together” at 4:30 by Grimes & Harris (moved from Sunday J11 (8:15); **Delete** from Sun. schedule, (J11, 8:15 a.m.)
- **CANCEL** Sat. roundtable (p. 39, R4), “Managing Divergent Needs: When TAs. . .”
- **CANCEL** Sat. session (p. 30, G6), “Gateway to Creative Solutions . . .” at 10:45 by Lakey, Lakey, Hester, and Galvan.
- **CANCEL** Sun. session (p. 45, K2), “Maximizing Assessment . . .” at 10:00 a.m. by Pigford.
- **ADD** Sun. at 10:00 (p. 45), Clark Room. Current and Former POD conference chairs and program chairs are encouraged to attend this session in which we begin to develop a conference planning book for future POD conferences.
- **ADD** description to “Regional Faculty Development Consortia: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally” (Fri., Oct. 12, E9, 4:30. “Regional or multi-institutional consortia have emerged across the national and international landscape of faculty and instructional development. Such organizations are one strategy to maximize local resources, share “best practices” broadly and extend the benefits of and access to peer collaboration and learning on a regular basis. Discuss the benefits and challenges of a variety of models of consortia; explore opportunities for increased networking across organizations; and consider how POD may contribute to vitality and success of such regional or multi-institutional consortia.”

Job Fair —

Remember the Job Fair today (Fri.) from 4:30 – 5:30 in Jefferson E room.

Registration Desk —

The Registration Desk will close at 6:00 p.m. today (Fri.) and will reopen on Sat. at 8:00 a.m.

Expedition Announcements —

Expeditions E1 (Shaw Nature Reserve) and E7 (Forest Park) were cancelled due to low enrollment. You may switch to another expedition or get a refund.

All other expeditions currently have space available. We have two trips on Friday leaving at 1:00 p.m. (Anheuser-Busch and St. Charles) and three on Saturday leaving at noon or 1:00 (Gateway Arch, Cahokia Mounds, and Missouri Botanical Gardens). Box lunches will be provided.

E-mailing —

You can e-mail at the hotel’s Business Center (behind the escalator and down the hall on the right) for \$25.00/hour or \$6.25/15 minutes. Kinko’s rate is 20 cents per minute. You can e-mail from your room if you have the proper equipment with the price ranging from a long distance rate to as low as a flat rate of \$1.00 if you have AOL and a local phone number connection. See Bill or Sally for assistance.

Reminder — POD Song Fest —

JOIN Linc Fisch and Bill McKeachie Fri., from 9:15 – 11:00 p.m. for the annual POD song fest. No talent is required to enjoy this special event. Come any time, leave any time. Palm Court in the Hotel Lobby.

Reviewers Needed —

The University of Nebraska at Kearney Center for Teaching Excellence is looking **external reviewers** for essays that focus on teaching at UNK (UNK/CTE Compendium of Teaching Resources and Ideas). If you are willing to serve as an external reviewer between now and December 15, contact Liz Peck here at the conference or pecke@unk.edu.

To Improve the Academy —

The Call for Manuscript Submission form will be available Saturday during dinner. If you won't be attending the dinner, you may pick up the Call for Manuscripts from the handout table.

Pilot Regional Network Program for New Faculty Developers —

The New Faculty Developers Subcommittee has initiated a pilot project to aid newcomers to the profession who might want to see firsthand what faculty development centers look like and get a feel for their operation. To check out these centers, to go: www.uca.edu/divisions/academic/idc/pod/pod.htm.

Presenters: Session Evaluations —

Session evaluation forms should be kept by the presenter(s); they are formative. If you don't find enough in your room, contact the front desk (registration counter).

Another Country Represented at POD Conference —

Add **Scotland** to yesterday's list of international representation.

Attention All Kentucky Participants —

All Kentucky participants at the conference are encouraged to have lunch together on Saturday, October 13. Hope to see you there.

Silver Memories: POD Stories —

The following comments are a summary of POD stories written during the 25th annual POD conference in 2000. Some will be included in today's newsletter, others in tomorrow's newsletter. During the November 2000 POD conference, participants were invited to write a little story "describing the moment when you knew that POD was important to you, professionally or personally." The session was keynoted by Joan North (the first president of POD) and facilitated by Peter Frederick and Joyce Lunde (POD co-historians). They received about 150 stories, approximately 1/4 of the participants at the Vancouver conference.

The following are examples of comments/stories received, selected to represent the long span of experience and years in POD. Comments were compiled by Peter Frederick, and all contributors have given permission to use their names and comments:

Joan North, 1975: I was fired November 4, 1976, and re-hired a week later. POD people were my only support and source of guidance. It was such a tumultuous period and they were my bedrock. They believed in me and hugged me. They help me be myself even now.

David Wray, 1986: It was the 1986 POD meeting at Hidden Valley — it felt like I had come home — only to a professional family of folks who all cared about the same things and values. I had up to that point felt like a lone cry in the wilderness of a cold academe. I felt valued and validated and learned more in those 4 days about what to do than in the previous 6 years. I was confirmed that I was on the right path.