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NEWS AND NOTES

August 1-7, 1992, Manhattan, KS, and vicinity

International Geographical Congress, Commission on Changing Rural Systems

Geographers and other scientists will address the theme, **Social and Economic Restructuring of Rural Areas**. Topics include farm business, rural land use, rural employment, amenity and recreational landscapes, the relationship between natural resource development and the environment, and social recomposition of rural areas and the built environment. A field trip with the theme, **Changing Agricultural Systems in the American Great Plains**, will depart Denver on August 1 to arrive in Manhattan in time for the formal sessions. On the way, participants will view urban-rural conflicts along the Front Range, dryland and irrigated agriculture, groundwater management, agribusiness and feedlot sites, the Cheyenne Bottoms, and the Flint Hills. On August 7, the field trip will travel to Kansas City, viewing agriculture in the Kansas River floodplain and agricultural markets in Kansas City. Details may be obtained from M. Duane Nellis, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-0801.

August 6-9, 1992, Windsor, Ontario

Thirteenth North America Prairie Conference

The North America Prairie Conference will convene for the first time outside the United States when it meets in Windsor, in the Prairie Peninsula. All aspects of prairie environments will be considered, including restoration and management, human interactions, Native Americans and prairies, ecology, fire, fauna, and wetlands. For information, contact Paul Pratt, Department of Parks and Recreation, 2450 McDougall, Windsor, Ontario N8X 3N6.

September 23-25, 1992, Manhattan, KS

Twelfth Annual National Rural Families Conference

The National Rural Families Conference has, for over a decade, brought human service professionals together to share knowledge, resources, skills, and research. This year's conference addresses the theme, **Children, Youth, and Families**. Plenary, 80 concurrent, poster, and roundtable sessions are planned. For information, contact Steve Bollman or Charlie Griffin, Conference Codirectors, Conference Office, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 913-532-5575.

CALL FOR PAPERS

November 11-14, 1992, Lincoln, NE

50th Plains Conference

The golden anniversary of the Plains Conference, covering topics in archaeology and anthropology, will convene in Lincoln, NE. Proposals for symposia presentations, with 20-minute papers or 10-minute reports on current research, are due by **June 15**. For information, contact F. A. Calabrese, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508; 402-437-5392.

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April 22-24, 1993, Lincoln, NE

17th Annual Symposium, Center for Great Plains Studies

The Center's 17th annual interdisciplinary symposium in 1993 will have as its theme, **Architecture and the Great Plains: The Built Environment, Past and Present**. The Center invites proposals for papers on the general topic of structure and space and the Great Plains. Among the themes that might be appropriate are the following: impact of the physical and cultural context of

the Plains upon design and construction of the region's built environment; features of habitation distinctive to the region; comparison of Great Plains built environments with those of other plains regions or those created by the same cultures in different natural landscapes. Proposals are due by **July 1, 1992**. For information, contact Professor H. Keith Sawyers, Center for Great Plains Studies, 1213 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0314.

NEW JOURNAL

The School of Business, Cameron University, is pleased to announce a new business journal, *Southwest Oklahoma Economic Review*. The purpose of the journal is to educate business leaders and to provide economic and business information, ideas, and concepts with applications for professionals and practitioners. Priority is given to subjects dealing with new interpretations or understandings, and solutions to problems in regional economic development. The journal, published twice a year, contains refereed articles from the academic community, invited articles from business leaders, and abstracts of business and economic information presented in community forums. For information, contact Professor T. K. Bhattacharya, Editor, Business Research Center, Cameron University, 2800 W. Gore Boulevard, Lawton, OK 73505.