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Dear Colleague:

Accompanying this letter are your registration materials as well as preliminary program information for **IPANA's 7th Annual Meeting** to be held April 26-28, 2009, at the Marriott Hilton Head at Palmetto Dunes Plantation, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

This event occurs at a challenging time for the U.S. economy, in general, and the industrial packaging industry, in particular. Not since the Great Depression has the country struggled with the uncertainties facing us today – a flagging housing market, crippled financial markets, a fast declining industrial base, and government leadership uncertain in how to best address these and related challenges. Compounding matters is the global nature of the downturn that has dried up foreign demand for U.S. produced goods, including specialty chemicals, lubricants, and other products transported in American-produced industrial packaging. At the Hilton Head meeting, we will focus on the current status and future forecasts for the raw materials essential to producing industrial packaging as well as trucking capacity so critical to the supply chain. Also, a panel of officials from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Occupational Safety & Health Administration will focus on what impact recent changes in Washington will have on regulatory efforts going forward. Of course, IPANA's independent affiliates – the International Fibre Drum Institute; the Plastic Drum Institute; the Rigid Intermediate Bulk Container Association; and, the Steel Shipping Container Institute – will conduct their separate sessions to address regulatory and technical issues affecting their respective business segments.

In addition to the information in the brochure below, several other attachments accompany this electronic notice. These include information for making your hotel reservations at the Marriott Marco Island as well as the registration forms for the meeting. Please note the deadline associated with making hotel reservations (**April 3**) as well as that for early-bird conference registration (**March 27**). Print out these information sheets and forms now and keep them handy for ready reference.

Fresh from an extraordinary multi-million dollar makeover, the Marriott Hilton Head, a world-class facility on pristine beachfront property, is ready to offer you a retreat from the ordinary. The Marriott Hilton Head's spacious accommodations feature premier amenities with something for everyone; it's a Mecca for sports enthusiasts, families and those looking for a romantic getaway. Choose from golf, 25 tennis courts, biking, parasailing, horseback riding, and much more. The property offers activities for all ages, as well as easy access to local airports, shopping centers and popular tourist attractions. Visit the hotel's Web Site at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hhgr-hilton-head-marriott-resort-and-spa/>. To learn more about Hilton Head Island, click <http://www.hhisland.com/>.

Besides the extensive working sessions, there will be opportunities at the Annual Meeting for recreation and socializing. On Monday, April 27, IPANA's traditional spring golf outing will be held on the George Fazio Course on Palmetto Dunes Plantation. This par 70 course has only two par fives. While it runs along the 11-mile lagoon system on Palmetto Dunes, the course's real challenge consists of the 57 bunkers strategically placed throughout its 18 holes! **The \$98 fee for the IPANA golf outing is all inclusive – covering greens fees, cart, warm-up range, and a boxed lunch!** Club rentals are available for an additional fee. Plan to join us for a great afternoon of golf!

See you at Hilton Head Island!

Sincerely,



Executive Director

Attachments



7th ANNUAL MEETING

featuring
International Fibre Drum Institute Annual Meeting
Plastic Drum Institute Meeting
Rigid Intermediate Bulk Container Assn. Meeting
Steel Shipping Container Institute Annual Meeting



Marriott Hotel Hilton Head

April 26 – 28, 2009
Marriott Hilton Head
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Meeting Information and Registration Materials

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

(Revised March 3, 2009)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	SSCI Board of Directors' Meeting
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	IPANA Board of Directors' Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	IPANA Registration/Information Desk
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	International Fibre Drum Institute Membership Meeting
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

Dinner on your own

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	IPANA Registration/Information Desk
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Plenary Session
	The Obama Administration and 111th Congress: What's Ahead for PHMSA, OSHA, and the EPA?
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	PDI/RIBCA Joint Working Session
	SSCI General Membership Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Annual Golf Outing/Independent Work Period
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	IPANA Registration/Information Desk
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Networking Reception/Golf Awards Presentation

Dinner on your own

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	IPANA Registration/Information Desk
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	IPANA Associates Meeting (<i>Associates Only</i>)
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	PDI/RIBCA Joint Meeting (continued)
	SSCI Technical Projects Committee Meeting
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Networking Luncheon
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Plenary Session
	Commodities Panel: A Focus on Trends on Steel, Plastic Resins, Paper, and Truck Capacity
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	PDI/RIBCA Joint Working Session (continued)
	SSCI Technical Projects Committee Meeting (continued)

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE MARRIOTT HILTON HEAD ISLAND

The Marriott Hilton Head Island is located on one of the finest resort destinations in the world, Palmetto Dunes Plantation on Hilton Head Island, SC. Hilton Head Island, at about 12 miles long and 5 miles wide, is the second largest barrier island on the U.S. east coast. It is located 45 miles (about one hour) northeast of Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport (SAV) in Georgia. Palmetto Dunes, home to the Marriott, comprises 2,000 acres, nestled on three miles of sun-kissed Atlantic Ocean beachfront, providing the perfect venue for three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis center, and an 11-mile lagoon that invites guests in kayaks and canoes to share a pristine, natural environment with 40 species of birds and fish. Its golf courses include the renowned Robert Trent Jones Oceanfront Course, the Arthur Hills Course, and the George Fazio Course, named for its famous designer and constructed with the help of his nephew, famed architect Tom Fazio.

Accommodations at the Marriott Hilton Head for the IPANA Annual Meeting include ocean view rooms at \$279, resort view rooms at \$249, and premiere ocean front suites at \$299. All rooms, single or double occupancy, are subject to availability at time of reservation. To assure your preferred accommodations, make your reservations today following the instructions provided below. Even if you are unsure of your plans, make a reservation now. You can always cancel it later without penalty provided you do so before the deadline set by the Marriott in confirming your request. **The deadline to reserve a room at this rate is April 3, unless the IPANA block sells out before that date!**

RECOMMENDED DRESS FOR IPANA MEETING EVENTS

Business Meetings – The attire for the annual meetings is business casual. For example, a man may wear slacks and a golf shirt and a sport coat (should he prefer). A woman may wear slacks, skirt, or dress. **Absolutely no shorts and/or tees or swim wear at any business sessions.**

Sunday Welcome Reception – The Welcome Reception is the kickoff to our meeting. It will be held on the Pool Deck at the Marriott, a **charming** outdoor venue. Suggested attire is a sport coat and slacks for men and cocktail dresses or slacks for women.

Monday Networking Reception – This event, also planned for the Pool Deck, provides an excellent opportunity for networking among members and guests. Casual attire is appropriate for this event, unless your dinner plans dictate otherwise.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport (SAV) is the largest nearby commercial airport. Other airport options are Jacksonville International Airport (JAX), two hours to the south along I-95, or Charleston International (CHS), about the same travel time to the north. Hilton Head Island also has its own airport (HHH) that is served by US Airways Express and Delta Express. SAV is located 45 miles (about one hour) from Hilton Head Island. In addition to rental cars, other transportation options to Hilton Head from SAV include the Yellow Resort Shuttle or taxi. The approximate cost for taxi service is \$65.00 one way. Contact the Marriott's Concierge Desk prior to your trip to obtain updated information on transport options and approximate fares.

APRIL WEATHER on Hilton Head Island:

Average high temperature: 76 degrees, with an Atlantic water temperature of 67 degrees!

Tour the Marriott Hilton Head Island and Make Your Reservations today at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hhhgr-hilton-head-marriott-resort-and-spa/>

Don't be left out!!!

**Make your reservations today for
IPANA's 7th Annual Meeting – April 26-29, 2009.**

The special IPANA ocean view guest room rate for the meeting is \$239 single/double, with ocean front rooms at a higher cost, subject to availability.

**The deadline for reservations at the IPANA
guaranteed rate is: April 3, 2009.**

There are two ways to make your preferred reservations.

1. On-line Reservations

* <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hhhgr-hilton-head-marriott-resort-and-spa/>

* Click on "Show Rates & Rooms" in red box

* Next page, at left enter your arrival/departure dates

* Under Special Rates & Awards below on left, enter one of the following in the **Group Code** box:

ipaipaa - resort view room at \$219

ipaipab - ocean view room at \$239

ipaipac – ocean front room at \$269

2. Phone the Marriott Hilton Head Island direct at 843-686-8400, or Marriott Reservations Worldwide at 800-228-9290, and use **Group Code ipaipa**.

Make your reservations today!