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Dear Colleague:

Accompanying this letter is your registration information and preliminary program information for **IPANA's 8th Annual Meeting** to be held April 11-13, 2010, at the Marriott Hilton Head at Palmetto Dunes Plantation, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. 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.

Included in the brochure below is preliminary information on the 2010 Annual meeting schedule of events, general information about the locale as well as guidance on dress for Annual Meeting events and travel from Savannah-Hilton International Airport. Annual Meeting registration forms comprise separate documents sent with this brochure. Please note the **deadline for making hotel reservations (March 19)** as well as that for early-bird conference registration (**March 8**). Print out these information sheets and forms now and keep them handy for ready reference.

The Marriott Hilton Head, a world-class facility on pristine beachfront property, is ready to offer you a retreat from the ordinary – particularly after the harsh winter experienced by most of us around the country! 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/>.

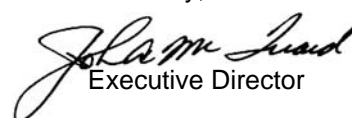
By the time of our gathering in Hilton Head, we hope that more than the flowers and blossoms of early spring are blooming. After slogging through six particularly difficult quarters, business is ripe for improvement although cautious consumers make the prospects for a return to business as usual unlikely. Not since the Great Depression has the country struggled with the uncertainties that continue today – a suspect housing market, cautious banks afraid to lend, a continuing decline in our 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.

Against this backdrop 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 independent sessions to address regulatory and technical issues challenges their business segments. At the opening plenary session, we will focus on the growing trend of sustainable packaging. Although largely focused on consumer packaging, it is inevitable that this important environmental issue will become a bigger concern of those who purchase industrial packaging. A world-class expert will also address conference participants on the threat created by terrorists' activities involving chemical weapons.

Besides the extensive working sessions, there will be an opportunity for some recreation and socializing. On Monday, April 27, a limited number of tee times have been reserved at The Rookery at Marco, the Marriott's private golf course for IPANA's annual golf outing. This 7,100-yard facility was recently redesigned by acclaimed golf architect Robert Cupp, Jr., the playing experience includes generous fairways, oversized and receptive greens, the option to play from one of five teeing locations, and immaculate turf condition. Bring your clubs or rent them at the clubhouse!

See you at Hilton Head Island!

Sincerely,


Executive Director

Attachments



8th ANNUAL MEETING

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



April 11 – 13, 2010
Marriott Hilton Head
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Meeting Information and Registration Materials

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

8:30 p.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
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

Dinner on your own

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

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.	Opening Plenary Session <i>The Sustainability Initiative: What Does it Mean for Industrial Packaging?</i> Presenter: Jane Chase, CPP
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 13, 2010

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
1:15 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. Palmetto Dunes Plantation, 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 resort view rooms at \$235, ocean view rooms at \$265, and premiere ocean front suites at \$285. 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 March 19, 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.

TRAVEL FROM THE AIRPORT

The Marriott at Hilton Head Island on Palmetto Dunes Plantation is located 45 miles (about one hour) northeast of Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport (SAV) in Georgia or about two from Jacksonville International Airport (JAX). KShuttle provide ground transportation to Hilton Head from Savannah-Hilton Head Airport. Reservations are recommended. Their website is www.kshuttle.com or 877-243-2050. KShuttle offers fares one way at \$44 and roundtrip at \$79 per person. This price includes the \$4 Airport fee. A one-way taxi ride from the airport to the Marriott costs approximately

APRIL WEATHER on Hilton Head Island:

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

Don't be left out!!!

**Make your reservations today for
IPANA's 8th Annual Meeting – April 11-13, 2010.**

The special IPANA ocean view guest room rate, single/double occupancy for the meeting is \$235 resort view (Group Code: ipaipaa), \$265 ocean view (ipaipab), and \$285 premiere ocean front (ipaipac), subject to availability at time of reservation.

**The deadline for reservations at the IPANA
guaranteed rate is: March 19, 2010.**

There are two ways to make your preferred reservations.

1. For on-line reservations:

- * Ctrl. click [here](#) for a resort view room at \$235
- * Ctrl. click [here](#) for an ocean view room at \$265
- * Ctrl. click [here](#) for a premiere ocean view room at \$285,

You will be directed to the Marriott Hilton Head's home page with the group code you selected already entered in the appropriate field in the lower right-side of the page. All you need to do is enter your arrival and departure dates and number in your party.

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

Make your reservations today!