From Mike King, Conference Planning Chair

Hope everyone’s year is off to a great (and likely snowy) start! As we prepare to attend the 2014 INAIR Conference I wanted to take a quick moment to update everyone on the conference location, The Westin Indianapolis.

The Westin is currently undergoing a $14 million renovation which is scheduled to be complete this February. All 575 guest rooms are being transformed with new beds, bathrooms, and work areas. Below is a model picture of the new rooms.

In addition to the renovated rooms, The Westin features a number of amenities such as: WestinWORKOUT® Gym, 3 and 5 mile Running Map by New Balance, indoor heated pool and whirlpool, and a number of shopping, entertainment, and dining options connected to or nearby the hotel. Also, our conference attendees will enjoy complimentary in-room internet access. Conference registration and hotel registration will be opening soon via the INAIR website (www.inair.org). The early registration deadline is February 20 and the hotel conference rate deadline is February 24.
From Lynn Lukins, Membership Chair

If you are interested in participating in the mentoring program, please watch your e-mail. More information about how to become a mentor or mentee for the 2014-15 year will be coming soon.

Current mentors and mentees, keep each other in mind when making your new year’s resolutions! Could you resolve to contact each other at least two more times before our annual conference in March? How about meeting for lunch soon and sharing all those wonderful ideas you both have? The mentoring year will come to a close at our conference in March. Don’t miss this opportunity to make important professional connections!

Call for Proposals

The 28th Annual Conference of the Indiana Association for Institutional Research (INAIR) will be held on March 27th and 28th, 2014 at The Westin Indianapolis in downtown Indianapolis. The theme of the 2014 conference is “Celebrating IR: Collaboration & Difference” focusing on inter- and intra-institutional collaborations and sharing differences in function and approaches to IR in our rapidly evolving field. Presentations are welcomed to cover any portion of the broad scope of the IR profession. We invite participants to present research and discuss ideas on institutional research in general, methods for improving the quality and utility of data, and best practices in sharing data with institutional decision-makers. Additionally, we encourage presentations that are collaborative in nature, particularly within or among institutions, and presentations that focus on sharing different approaches to a similar problem or project.

Your participation in the conference can be expressed through several venues:
   Paper (45 min)
   Demonstration (45 min)
   Panel discussion (45 min)
   Breakfast SIG or Table Topic (varies)
   Poster session (60 min)
Submissions are due January 27, 2014.

Proposals are submitted through the INAIR website (www.inair.org). The submission form can also be downloaded and returned via e-mail. Please include an electronic abstract when making your submission.

For all proposals, review/acceptance information will be communicated as soon as available, but no later than mid-February. The presenter(s) of any accepted proposal must register for the conference. Presentation materials will be made available to our members online.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the conference, or if you need assistance during the submission process, please contact Linda Ferguson by phone or email.
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