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President's Message (Bill Tobin)

Many of you have already heard the news that the 2006 AIR has been moved from New Orleans to Chicago, with the dates being May 14-18, 2006. Please check the AIR website (www.airweb.org) for details about accommodations and the conference agenda. Once again, INAIR will be hosting a special interest session for our members at the Forum. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to recognize Andrea Ingle, Erika Knudsen, and the rest of the conference planning committee for so skillfully landing a new location for our 20th Annual Conference in March. Having stayed at the Fourwinds resort many times, I can tell you that it is an excellent place for INAIR's members to relax, share ideas, and renew friendships.

Vice President's Message (Andrea Ingle)

Well, the holidays are over, and I'm sure everyone has a resolution whether you're sticking to it or not. I have several resolutions this year: lose weight, be more active, get more organized in the office and at home, and, oh yeah, for the INAIR Executive Committee to host an unforgettable 20th Anniversary INAIR Annual Conference, March 2-3.

The Executive Committee is making plans to ensure high quality information sessions, cozy accommodations, exquisite food, and an evening entertainment that you won't forget. The theme this year is "Unveiling the Mysteries of Institutional Research." The keynote speaker is Blaise Cronin, an instructor from Indiana University-Bloomington. The committee is also providing the membership

with something new this year for entertainment, a murder mystery dinner theatre.

This year's conference will be at the Fourwinds Resort and Marina in Bloomington, Indiana. So bring your family or come alone. The resort illuminates a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere, and the view of the lake is exquisite. For additional resort information, visit the website listed below. See you in March.
www.fourwindsresort.com.

Committee (Erika Knudsen)

It's already early January, the stores have been emptied of Christmas decorations, and the spring merchandise is now out on the floors. So, while we're thinking of spring, let's talk about the spring conference!

This year is a very special year for INAIR. This year marks the twentieth anniversary for our spring conference. That's twenty years, folks, full of new ideas, colleagues, and plans, all found at the INAIR annual conference.

Initially, the conference was scheduled to be held in French Lick, Indiana at the French Lick Springs Resort and Spa. However, due to the renovations at the hotel, the site has closed for renovations until December 2006. Therefore, after careful thought and consideration, the INAIR executive committee approved the suggested venue change, to the Fourwinds Resort and Marina on the shores of Lake Monroe in beautiful Bloomington, Indiana.

We're very excited about the facilities at Fourwinds and are busy adding the finishing touches to our arrangements there. The conference, titled "Unveiling the Mysteries of Institutional Research," should give our craniums some exercise, and after

our work is through, the Fourwinds can provide relaxation and hospitality. In addition to the quality presentations from our members, we have invited Blaise Cronin, the Dean and Rudy Professor from the IU School of Library and Information Science, to speak with us on strategic intelligence and the role intelligence has on planning. In keeping with the aura of mystery, the entertainment of the evening will be a murder mystery dinner theatre for our enjoyment.

For more information on Fourwinds, please visit their website at <http://www.fourwindsresort.com/>. We look forward to seeing you in March!

**From the Membership Committee
(Nathan Bohlmann)**

Thanks to our members' commitment to INAIR, at the end of 2005, INAIR set a membership record of 91 members, of which 34 are new. Let's keep this momentum going by renewing your membership in 2006 and encouraging colleagues who are non-members to join. 2004 memberships may be renewed via the annual conference registration form. Dues are \$15 annually – a bargain compared to the benefits received. Anyone with an interest in institutional research is welcome to join.

When renewing your 2006 membership, please ensure that all information is complete. This information will be used for the new INAIR directory, to be distributed at the annual conference. The membership directory will also be available online this spring in the "secured members only" area of the INAIR web site.

Should there be staffing changes in your area or if you have any suggestions for increasing our membership, please don't hesitate to contact Nathan Bohlmann at nathanb@purdue.edu.

**From the Publications Committee
(Beth Butcher)**

As springtime quickly approaches so do the many conferences that most of us typically attend such as AIR and INAIR. The INAIR website (www.inair.org) has been updated to include these and many other conference dates. This information can be found under the calendar feature. Likewise, the forms for proposal and registration for the March INAIR conference are available on the website's home page.

If at any time throughout the year you find a need to advertise an IR related job posting, please send your information to the publications chair at babutcher@usi.edu. We would also welcome any suggested revisions or additions to the website. We greatly appreciate your assistance in keeping us all informed about the happenings in our field.

**Immediate Past President's Message
(Timothy Chow)**

As the chair of this year's Nominating Committee, I am glad to report that Linda Shepard (lshepard@indiana.edu) and Patrick Alles (patrick@icindiana.org) have graciously accepted the appointment to serve on the committee. We are seeking to fill two positions on the 2006-07 INAIR Executive Board: Vice President/2007 Conference Chair and the Membership Committee Chair/Member-at-Large. Andrea Ingle, Vice President of INAIR, will be advancing into the President position. Nathan Bohlman, Membership Committee Chair, will be completing his two-year term. We want to take this time to thank Andrea and Nathan for their dedication and many contributions to our association. If you would like to nominate any current INAIR members for the positions, please feel free to contact Linda, Patrick, or me (timothy.chow@rose-hulman.edu) by January 26. A slate of officers will be proposed during the first week of February.

Furthermore, Erika Knudsen, Conference Planning Committee Chair/Member-at-Large, will be completing her two-year term. According to our Constitution, the new chair will be appointed by the elected Vice President/2007 Conference Chair. Having worked closely with Erika for the 2004 conference and over the years, I have found her to be enjoyable, professional, and effective. We want to thank Erika for her enthusiasm and commitment to our association.

INAIR Spotlight

(The INAIR Spotlight highlights INAIR members' activities).

Honors, Promotions, Retirements, Etc.

William Baden was hired as a new Senior Research Analyst at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW).

Dr. Katherine A. Draughon is the new Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at the University of Southern Indiana. Prior to accepting this position, Dr. Draughon was the president of Draughon Research LLC, a research consulting firm in Evansville, Indiana. Before moving to Evansville three years ago, she was the assistant director/research professor of the Survey Research Laboratory at the University of South Carolina. Her advanced degrees are from the University of Illinois at Chicago including a M.P.H. degree through the Department of Public Health and a doctorate from the Department of Sociology.

Mystee Eagleson has been hired as Research Analyst in the Institutional Research Office at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW).

Jim Stitzel was recently hired to work in Purdue's enrollment management office.

Job Openings in Indiana

Purdue University is seeking a full-time SIS Data Administrator. For more information, visit their website:
https://www.purdue.edu/hr/Employment/Job_Vacancies/wlinfo.shtml#00000000015004.

Presentations

Sarraf, S., Kuh, G., Kandiko, C., Padgett, R. & Harris, K. (November 2005) "The Institutional Quality Debate: U.S. News Quality Indicators and the National Survey of Student Engagement," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Philadelphia, PA.

Wosley, S. A. & Whitaker, D. R. (2005) "STARS: Linking Sophomores, Faculty Advisors, and Academic Departments," IUPUI Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

Wosley, S. A. & another (2005) "Initiating Deep Discussions through Formative Assessment and Q Methodology," IUPUI Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

Publications

Wosley, S. A. & another (October 2005) "Common Missteps in Assessment Building Blocks

and How to Avoid them (Part II of III)," *Netresults, NASPA's E-Zine*: Assessment Section.

Wosley, S. A. & another (November 2005) "Common Missteps in Assessment Building Blocks and How to Avoid them (Part III of III)," *Netresults, NASPA's E-Zine*: Assessment Section.

Wosley, S. A. & another (December 2005) "Assessing Assessment," invited essay for the First-Year Assessment Listserv sponsored by the National Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

Conference Calendar

March 2 - 3, 2006 - The INAIR 20th Annual Conference will be held at the Fourwinds Resort & Marina in Bloomington, IN. More information can be found at www.inair.org.

March 19 - 22, 2006 - The American College Personnel Association (ACPA) will be holding their Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. More information can be found at the following website:
www.myacpa.org/conv06/convention.cfm.

March 31 - April 4, 2006 - The 2006 Annual Higher Learning Commission Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, IL. For more information, see the following website:
www.ncahlc.org/annualmeeting/.

April 2 - 5, 2006 - The 2006 SunGard Summit will be held in Orlando, Florida. More information can be found at:
<http://summit.sct.com/summit2006/index.html>.

May 14 - 18, 2006 - The Association for Institutional Research (AIR), 46th Annual Forum, will be held in Chicago, IL. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=4>.

June 12 - 16, 2006 - The Association for Institutional Research's (AIR) Advanced Foundations Institute will be held at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, GA. More information can be found at <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=6>.

For a more complete calendar of events, check the calendar at the INAIR website: <http://www.inair.org>