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President's Message

(Todd J. Schmitz)

In my office we call it the "fall crush", the time of year when you simultaneously love and hate this profession of ours. On the one hand, you never feel more vital to the work of the university, and hopefully, appreciated. Conversely, the "fall crush" forces you to deal with unrealistic expectations (deadlines), and you are often challenged by a "knowledge or information" gap between you and the people you serve. It's on this latter point that I want to ask for your reflection and input.

What can INAIR do to be a better resource for information or source for training and development? In particular, I believe that we can and should develop our website to be more of a warehouse/repository for data on Indiana higher education. To that end, are there requests made of you that could be addressed through data available in the "members only" section of the website? For example, would timelier statewide enrollment data be useful?

Similarly, are there professional development topics that would be worthwhile to address for you or your office? We have a great resource in our membership and I think we can, and should be tapping that knowledge base. All we need is to hear your ideas.

So, when the "fall crush" starts to subside, take a few minutes and think about what resources or professional development could enhance your professional work and send those ideas to me (schmitz@indiana.edu). The executive

committee would love to be able to report at the annual conference about progress made toward making INAIR a more valuable resource for all of us.

Until that time, keep working smart, and we'll look forward to gathering at our annual conference in the spring.

Todd J. Schmitz, INAIR President

Vice President's Message

(Patty McClintock)

2009 INAIR Annual Forum

Mark your calendars now for **March 26th and 27th** to attend the 2009 INAIR Annual Forum at the Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis Downtown. The [Hilton Garden Inn](#) is adjacent to Circle Center Mall and Monument Circle, is less than one mile from the Indiana State Museum and the Indianapolis Zoo and is within walking distance of some of the best restaurants and nightlife that Indianapolis has to offer. We will be following a slightly different forum schedule this year, the main differences being an increased presence of vendors and replacing the usual evening of dinner and music with a cocktail reception followed by dinner and evening entertainment on your own. Want dinner and a show? No problem – the Indiana Repertory Theatre and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra both have performances scheduled. Feel like dancing the night away? There are 10 nightclubs within walking distance. Maybe you'd like to catch the game

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and a burger – there are eight sports bars nearby. Want to experience the adrenaline of catching a game in person? The Pacers host the Miami Heat on Wednesday evening. Does a quiet, relaxing dinner with colleagues sound like your idea of a good time? There are 40 (count'em, 40) restaurants within a one-mile radius, from Asian to Italian, American to Mediterranean. If you can't find something to eat, you're just not hungry. All of this and more within a mile of the hotel!

The theme is "Accountability, Assessment, and Accreditation", which should allow for a wide range of presentations addressing topics of interest to everyone. Watch for the Call for Proposals and registration materials that will be available in the next few months. Please consider presenting a

paper	research in action
panel discussion	birds of a feather
demonstration	poster session
scholarly research	table topic
pre-forum workshop	

or something completely different at this year's forum. Here's a chance to share your expertise and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Think about asking some of your colleagues to attend; most IR offices work closely with their Registrar, Admissions, and Information Technology offices, to name a few. The official call for proposals will begin in November and the target date for submission is Monday, January 5th. The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss many of the issues we all face, including assessment practices, calls for increased accountability, and accreditation needs.

I'll see you at the Forum!

Patty McClintock, INAIR Vice President

From the Membership Committee (Tim Escue)

Did you know that anyone can be a member of

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INAIR? This includes graduate students, interested in Institutional Research. Please encourage them to join INAIR to help understand the issues. Membership fees are only \$25 annually.

For those of you, who were unable to attend the conference, don't forget to renew your membership through the online membership form at www.inair.org.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to Tim Escue, Membership Committee Chair, at tescue@ivytech.edu or 317-921-4688.

From the Publications Committee (Teresa Sanders)

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter.

I would like to encourage everyone to use the website and the newsletters as opportunities to share the information among INAIR members. If you have information (upcoming events, job postings, publications, presentations, awards, etc.) that could be posted on the website or included in the next newsletter, please let me know.

Please direct questions/suggestions related to the INAIR web site and newsletters to Publications Committee Chair, Teresa Sanders, at tsanders@indiana.edu

PROMOTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Maggie Dalrymple was promoted to the Associate Director of the Office of Institutional Research at Purdue University, West Lafayette. Maggie's responsibilities include an expanded role in Purdue's strategic planning efforts as well as taking a leadership role in assessment activities.

Andrea Ingle recently accepted a position as Institutional Research Specialist at Ball State University.

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Kirsten Leonard, Electronic Resources/Documents Librarian at Indiana University Kokomo has been given an additional appointment as the Assistant Director of Institutional Research.

Chris Maxwell was promoted to Senior Research and Planning Analyst in the Office of Institutional Research at Purdue University, West Lafayette. Chris is responsible for in-depth analytical studies, applications' development, and is a key member of the AAUDE (AAU Data Exchange) Web Front-End development team.

Don Sprowl, Director of Institutional Research at Indiana Wesleyan University, has been promoted to Associate Provost. IWU is currently searching for a new Director of IR.

Jacob 'Jake' D. Williams has joined the IR team at USI as Research Associate. Jake has a BS in Business from USI and is currently finishing his MBA, also at USI. He worked as a graduate student and in a temporary full-time position in the IR office prior to accepting this permanent full-time position. In this position, Jake will take responsibility for the coordination of the USI Fact Book update and our annual Assessment Day testing, as well as other IR data reporting.

AWARDS/HONORS

Dr. Don Whitaker received the Ball State University 2008 Outstanding Administrative Service Award.

PUBLICATIONS

Kuh, G. D., Cruce, T. M., Shoup, T. R., Kinzie, J. L., & Gonyea, R. M. (2008). Unmasking the effects of student engagement on first-year college grades and persistence. *The Journal of Higher Education*, 79, 540-563.

JOB OPENINGS IN INDIANA

Indiana Wesleyan University posted an

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opening for **Director of Institutional Research** (IR) which provides essential data gathering, analysis, and presentation functions. For more information, visit

<http://www.indwes.edu/hr/Positions/showjob.asp?jobnum=1345>

Indiana Wesleyan University posted an opening for **University Registrar** which oversees the systems and processes of academic records and the conferral of degrees and academic awards, ensuring the overall academic integrity of the institution. For more information, visit

<http://www.indwes.edu/hr/Positions/showjob.asp?jobnum=1346>

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana has an opening for **Associate Dir. of Institutional Research**. This position will conduct and coordinate various day-to-day institutional research functions of the College. As one of the permanent, full-time staff members in the institutional research unit, the position will carry out studies and analyses to help the College better understand its characteristics and performance and develop strategies for institutional improvement. For more information, visit

<http://www.inair.org/page.asp?page=1273>

University of Evansville has an opening for **Institutional Research Analyst/Assistant Registrar** which provides reporting and analysis functions for the Office of Institutional Research and is responsible for the maintenance of student academic records for the Office of the Registrar. He/She will generate and query databases in order to respond to internal and external reporting requests and to support the Offices of Institutional Research and the Registrar. The Analyst/Assistant Registrar will also maintain the student records database and files, processing registration and other academic records-related activities. For more information, visit

<http://www.evansville.edu/aboutue/employment.asp?vactype=Administration>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 23 – 24, 2008

The **Ohio Association for Institutional Research and Planning, (OAIRP)** will hold their fall conference at Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

For more information, visit <http://www.oairp.org/page.asp?page=3034>

October 26 – 28

IUPUI Assessment Institution w/IPEDS will be at the Westin in Indianapolis.

For more information, visit <http://www.planning.iupui.edu/574.html>

November 4 – 6, 2008

The **South East Asian Association for Institutional research (SEAAIR)** will hold their 8th Annual Conference at Novotel Hotel, Surabaya, Indonesia.

For more information, visit <http://seaair2008.com/>

November 5 – 7, 2008

The **22nd Annual Michigan Association for Institutional Research Conference**, will be held at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, Michigan

For more information, visit <http://www.miair.wayne.edu/events.htm>

November 6 – 7, 2008

Illinois Association for Institutional Research will hold their 38th Annual Conference at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois.

For more information, visit http://www.pir.ilstu.edu/iair/annualforum/38th_forum/

November 12 – 14, 2008

The **Mid-America Association for Institutional Research (MidAIR)** will hold their annual conference at the Holiday Inn at the plaza, Kansas City, Missouri.

For more information, visit <http://www.mid-air.org/page.asp?page=506>

November 19 – 21, 2008

The **Australasian Association for Institutional Research (SSIR)** will hold their annual Forum in Canberra, Australia.

For more information, visit <http://www.leishman-associates.com.au/air2008/>

December 4 – 6, 2008

The Association for Institutional Research (AIR), the American Association for Community Colleges (AACCC), and the National Community College Council for Research and Planning (NCCCRP) with support from the Institute for Education Sciences-National Center for Education Statistics (IES-NCES), offer **Data and Decisions Workshop for strategic decision-making for community colleges** in Austin, Texas.

For more information, visit <http://www.airweb.org/?page=1338>

January 21 – 24, 2009

Annual Meeting of the **Association of American Colleges and Universities** will be held in Washington, DC.

For more information, visit <http://www.aacu.org/meetings/annualmeeting/>

February 6 – 10, 2009

28th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience will be held on in Orland Florida.

For more information, visit <http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/annual/index.html>

March 26 – 27, 2009

INAIR 22nd Annual Conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Indianapolis. The official call for proposals will begin in November and the target date for submission is Monday, January 5th. The website (www.inair.org) will be updated in the upcoming weeks with conference information.