



Mississippi Association for Institutional Research

TO: Institutional Research Officers, Assessment Officers, Effectiveness, Officers, SACS Officers and Committee Members, IPEDS Officers, et al

FROM: Jennifer Moore, 2009-2010 MAIR Vice President

DATE: February 8, 2010

SUBJECT: MAIR Spring Conference-Columbus, MS (April 8-9, 2010)

GREAT NEWS! During these times of tight budgets, you may be eligible to attend the upcoming MAIR Conference absolutely free of charge. Just apply for one of the IPEDS travel grants (insert URL), and you may qualify for up to \$500 in travel expenses – enough to cover your travel, food and lodging for the entire conference.

This year's MAIR Conference will have programming for anyone in higher education involved with research, assessment, student services, SACS accreditation, IPEDS, and communication strategies.

Of special note this year, the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) and (MAIR) are co-hosting a one-day IPEDS Workshop (April 8) for data providers and users in conjunction with MAIR's Annual Conference. Financial support for this workshop is provided by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). To receive more information and to register for one of the 40 available slots please visit the following website: <http://www.airweb.org/mair2010ipedsws>.

And if you're a newcomer to the field, please indicate your interest in attending the half-day Workshop for Newcomers which will be offered if there is enough interest.

We hope that you will consider registering for the MAIR Conference, and we encourage you to bring other members within your department/division to receive this invaluable professional development.

Attached is a registration form for the conference and a draft agenda. We look forward to seeing you this April in Columbus, Mississippi!



MAIR Spring 2010 Conference

Mississippi Association for Institutional Research

When:
April 8-9, 2010



Where:
Mississippi University for Women
1100 College Street
Columbus, Mississippi 39701

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SPRING 2010 MAIR CONFERENCE AT MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN IN COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI! Join MAIR in beautiful, historic Columbus, Mississippi, during the Spring Pilgrimage (April 5-17) <http://www.columbus-ms.info/> for a true meeting of the minds with your MAIR colleagues.

Although MUW is hosting the conference, MAIR has negotiated a conference rate of \$89 per night for a block of 40 rooms at the Holiday Inn Columbus, which is conveniently located at the intersection of Hwy 82 and exit 45 North, close to MUW. Amenities include a wireless data connection in each room and Fat Daddy's Night Club which features karaoke on Thursday nights. The conference rate will expire after March 8. Please mention MAIR and use the group code M10 when making your reservations:

Holiday Inn Columbus
1200 Hwy 45 North
Columbus, MS 39705
662-327-7077

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/home>

The conference registration fee is \$75 and includes MAIR dues, Thursday's dinner at J. Broussard's Restaurant, Friday's lunch, and all conference sessions. The deadline to register for the conference is **Monday, March 8, 2010**.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Check the Appropriate Blank(s):

_____ Registration Fee	\$75.00
_____ Workshop for Newcomers (Thurs. Morning)	\$ 0.00

Total: _____

My Registration Fee (Check or Cash) Payable to MAIR:

_____ is enclosed _____ will be paid at the conference

Deadline to Register: Friday, March 8, 2010

Please mail or fax registration form to:

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Copiah-Lincoln Community College

Post Office Box 649

Wesson, MS 39191

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REMINDER

Door Prizes—Each conference participant is asked to bring one door prize.



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AGENDA: Thursday, April 8, 2010 Location: MUW

- 8:00- 8:30** **Registration (Cochran Hall 1st Floor Ball Room)**
- 8:30- 5:00** **IPEDS Workshop (McDevitt Hall Computer Lab) *Register at the following link:* <http://www.airweb.org/mair2010ipedsws>**
- 9:30-12:30** **“Survival Tips for IR Newcomers” (Puckett House 1st Floor)
Mitzy Johnson (Mississippi State University)**
- 12:30-1:30** **Lunch for IPEDS and Newcomer Workshop Attendees
(Cochran Hall 1st Floor Ball Room)**
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- 1:30-5:00** **Programming for Those Not Attending the IPEDS Workshop (Cochran Hall
1st Floor Ballroom)**
- Presenters to Include:**
- Dr. Mary Harrington (University of Mississippi)
“What SACS IE Evaluators Look For”**
- Dan Smith (Northwest CC)
“SACS Fifth-Year Interim Report from a Community College Perspective”**
- Dr. Beverly Moon (Delta State University)
“SACS Fifth-Year Interim Report from the Perspective of a 4-Year
Institution That Has Been Through the QEP Process”**
- Suzanne Simpson / Marcie Behrens (Delta State University)
“VSA Participation Discussion”**
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- 5:00-5:45** **Reception (Puckett House 1st Floor)**
- 6:30-until** **Dinner at J. Broussard’s Restaurant (Columbus’s double-decker red bus
will leave from the Holiday Inn at 6:25 to take us to the restaurant and will
pick us back up.)**

AGENDA: Friday, April 9, 2010 Location: MUW
8:30-1:00 (Cochran Hall 1st Floor Ballroom)

Presenters Include:

Elaine Turner (Mississippi State University)
“Fact Book Creation and Web Design”

Dr. Eric Daffron (Mississippi University for Women)
**“ Discussion of the SACS 5-Year Interim Report from the Perspective of a 4-Year
Institution That Has Not Been Through the QEP Process”**

Business Meeting / Luncheon