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As you have already heard from Ed, this years' annual IDS Project Summer Conference will take place on Tuesday, August 4th and Wednesday, August 5th at SUNY Oswego on the shores of Lake Ontario. This meeting will be the biggest, most exciting conference to date, and, by the way, this is year six for the IDS Project. We will be conducting "free" training sessions for the much anticipated ILLiad Version 8 and for the new ALIAS system which makes unmediated journal article borrowing/lending a reality for the first time. Think of the time savings to be gained with this wonderful tool. Oswego had been participating in a pilot trial of ALIAS and I can guarantee that it is a "revolutionary" advancement in the world of ILL.

Knowing how badly the economy has impacted our libraries, we have done everything we can to keep the cost of the conference to an absolute minimum. Please consider rooming in our dorms. They have been recently refurbished and are right on the Lake. Last year, we had over 70 people in Johnson Hall (we'll be there again this year) and we had a lot of fun. Ed and I stayed in Johnson as well and I do have a couple of suggestions based on our stay. You will be supplied with bedding linens and towels (the bathrooms/showers are a short walk down the hall from your room), but you may want to bring your own pillow. Theirs are not very comfy. I would also recommend that you bring a folding patio chair if you'd like to sit out outside. Last year we had a dearth of outdoor chairs and it is beautiful on the deck in the evening. There is, by the way, a large lounge in the dorm and I understand that we have some folks once again bringing their Wii game stations, so we will undoubtedly have fun with them. There will also be a supply of snacks and beverages (water, soda, wine and beer) in the dorm. And, this year, we will have an early morning coffee service in the dorm's lobby. There is a kitchen with two big refrigerators in the dorm and, if you wish, you can have a small fridge located right in your dorm room for an extra fee of just \$6.00. You will see a spot on the registration form to reserve a mini fridge if you would like one.

Ultimately, you have several different housing choices. I wholeheartedly recommend the dorms for their convenience and because they offer such a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your colleagues, but we have also once again made arrangements at two hotels that face out on the Oswego River and the Lake. Charges for dorm rooms and hotels for the year are as follows:

Dorms (price per person):

- Single, 1 night (\$44.00)
- Single, 2 nights (\$72.00)
- Double, 1 night (\$30.00 per person)
- Double, 2 nights (\$48.00 per person)

The room registration desk in the dorm will be open during the following hours:

- Monday, August 3 Noon to 10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 4 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 4 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, August 5 . . 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In addition to the dorms, you have a choice of two different hotels. The hotel farthest out toward the Lake, the Best Western Captain's Quarters (all rooms have a water view - - very scenic) is definitely more expensive (\$129/night for singles and \$141/for doubles). To reserve a room, call 315-342-4040. Be sure to mention that you are attending the IDS Project Conference and make your arrangements before July 10th to get the special rate.

The second hotel, Econo Lodge Riverfront, just to the south of the Captain's Quarters, and also on the river is less pricey at only \$70/night for single or doubles. Their number is 315-343-1600. Again, mention IDS and register by no later than July 10th.

Meetings this year will once again be held in our Campus Center but breakfasts and lunches will be in Cooper Dining Hall (a short walk from the CC). Maps will follow.

Registration for the full two days, which includes all meals and breaks, is \$58/person. This covers two breakfasts, two lunches, a yummy bar-b-que on Tuesday night (grilled chicken, swordfish and sausage with peppers, plus a vege dish), dorm food and drinks and multiple breaks with nourishment. If you are staying in the dorms, simply figure out your room costs, add the \$58 and you have your total. Those staying at one of the hotels will basically send on just the \$58 registration fee.

Last year, we had attendees pay separately for their registration fee and for on-campus housing. To make it a little easier this year, you will only need to make out a single check to "**Oswego College Foundation, Inc.**" to cover both costs. Send payment, by no later than July 24th, to:

Debra Graham (315-312-4232)
116 Penfield Library
SUNY Oswego
Oswego NY 13126

** Bring a little pocket cash, however, if you want to purchase an IDS tee shirt (\$12) and/or enjoy a drink from Tuesday evening's cash bar.

Any questions you might have can be directed to me at 315-312-2724 (mbell@oswego.edu); Natalie Sturr at 315-312-3565 (sturr@oswego.edu) or Shannon Pritting at 315-312-3567 (pritting@oswego.edu).

Oswego has an envied reputation . . . no, not for our snow,



but for our glorious sunsets.



The Lake provides the best backdrop in the world for these marvels of nature. We are delighted to once again welcome IDS'ers to our campus this year. I promise you a very worthwhile conference packed

with information you will need for the year ahead. I'd also like to extend a special welcome to new members and to those who are thinking about becoming members and would like to sample what IDS is about by joining us for two day of fun and learning.



See you in August!!

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