Colleagues:

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW:

The IDS Project's 8th Annual Summer Conference is Tuesday, August 2, and Wednesday, August 3 at the Albany Law School in Albany, NY. This year's conference theme is "Valuing Community and Innovation." Over 250 attendees are expected.

This year's conference is packed with information and training regarding exciting new strategies for discovery, acquisitions/collection development tools & strategies, and implementation of best practices for resource sharing. Session tracks include ILL/DD; Acquisitions/Collection Development/Technical Services; Information Technology; and Library Administrators.

In addition, this year's conference will be offering two immersive Institutes--one on ILL/DD Best Practices, and the other the Getting It System Toolkit (GIST). GIST is the new ILLiad-based acquisitions software and tools that provide easy work flow integration of ILL and Acquisitions for improved collection development and standalone Gift and De-selection tools.

We have also created a series of sessions on the new IDS Search, an innovative union catalog built around the IDS resource-sharing network.

You can choose to follow an entire track or institute, or choose individual sessions from across each track.

CONFERENCE AGENDA:

A preliminary conference agenda:
http://tinyurl.com/idsconf2011agenda
and descriptions of many sessions:
http://tinyurl.com/idsconf2011descriptions

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Robert Lippincott is responsible for the development and implementation of effective public media educational services for PBS, local public television stations, students, teachers and parents.

Matthew Sheehy leads the Harvard Depository, where he manages a secure, reliable, and cost-effective archival environment for over 8 million library materials and addresses the changing nature of access to print and digital resources.

The IDS Conference also offers presentations by resource sharing leaders and industry innovators who will offer a comprehensive view of where libraries are headed:

Anne Kenney	Carl A. Kroch University Librarian	Cornell University
Jennifer Kuehn	Coordinator of Document Delivery Services	Ohio State University
Tom Bruno	Head of Resource Sharing	Widener Library, Harvard University
Lars Leon	Head of Resource Sharing & Delivery Services	University of Kansas Libraries
Kevin Reiss	Library Web Developer	Princeton University Library
Dave Williams	Technical & ILLiad Systems Support	Notre Dame University
William Gee	ILL & DD Librarian	East Carolina University
Cristina Pope	Library Director	SUNY Upstate Medical University
Genie Powell	Chief Customer Officer	Atlas Systems Inc.
Dustin Stokes	Senior Software Developer	Atlas Systems Inc.
Tim Bowen	Product Manager	Copyright Clearance Center

NOTE:

Monday evening, August 1, everyone is invited to a BBQ from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm followed by a "Welcome Meet & Greet" starting at 8pm. These events are great opportunities to catch up with familiar colleagues and warmly welcome new ones.

If you are interested in learning more about the IDS Project, there will be an orientation session from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm Monday evening.

CONFERENCE COST:

Attendees will have two registration options:

1. Full registration and all meals: $150.

Conference registration includes the following:

 * Attendance to sessions in all 4 tracks
 * Monday BBQ Dinner
 * Tuesday and Wednesday Conference Programs
 * Snacks & drinks at each break
 * 2 hot breakfasts
 * 2 lunches
 * Tuesday dinner reception (cash bar) at the New York State Museum--and free carousel rides!
 * Free shuttle to and from the New York State Museum
 * Free car parking in close proximity to the Albany Law School
 * Fun-filled social gatherings Monday & Tuesday evenings---Wii games, wine, beer, sodas, water & snacks...and great camaraderie!

2. One-day registration and meals: $100.

ON-CAMPUS SUITE-STYLE LODGING: $70/person/night.

A 4 or 5 person suite in the recently-renovated residence hall that's very close to the conference center. Each suite has individual bedrooms, sitting room, full kitchen, two bathrooms with showers, air conditioning, wi-fi, flat screen TV, and linens.

If you have a situation where restricted local travel funding is preventing your attendance, please contact me 585-245-5172, edr@geneseo.edu

HOTELS:

For those of you who want to stay in a commercial hotel, there are two located near the Albany Law School:

Hilton Garden Inn at Albany Medical Center
62 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York, 12208
Phone: (518) 396-3500
$119 for 2 Queen Beds Room (Reserve by July 11 for conference rate)

Towne Place Suites
22 Holland Avenue, Albany, New York, 12208
Phone: (518) 860-1500
$114 for 1 Bedroom Suite (Reserve by July 1 for conference rate)

Be sure to bring a NYS tax exempt form, if applicable.

TRANSPORTATION:

Albany is well-served by bus, train, and airlines. Instructions on getting to the conference site from public transportation are found at:
http://eres.geneseo.edu:8080/ocs/index.php/idsprojectconference2011/home

DRESS:

Definitely casual. We want everyone to be comfortable during our days of work and nights of play.

HOW TO REGISTER: (NOTE: CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED)

Go the following URL:
http://tinyurl.com/IDSConfRegistration

Just answer all the questions and hit the submit button. You should receive a confirmation email. Please register for the conference and your lodging as soon as possible. This will help us a great deal in planning all of the conference logistics.

CONTACTS:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the conference, please contact:

Shannon Pritting, for local information and registration, pritting@oswego.edu (315-312-3544)
Ed Rivenburgh, for program session information, edr@geneseo.edu (585-245-5174)

We look forward to seeing you in Albany at this summer's IDS Project Conference!!

Ed Rivenburgh