

June 17, 2009

1994 Land Grant colleagues and FALCON members:

The First Americans Land-grant Consortium (FALCON) is pleased to announce its 5th Annual Conference, scheduled for October 17-20, 2009, at the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) Waterfront Centre, in Washington, D.C.

The theme of this year's FALCON conference is, "**Strengthening Wellness Programs at 1994 Land Grant Institutions.**" The conference will also celebrate the 15th year of land grant status for tribal colleges and universities. The meetings will focus on research, teaching, and community programs being conducted at 1994 Land Grant Institutions by students, faculty and staff. There will be a strong focus on students, and tribal college students are especially invited to participate and present their work.

The conference is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2009, and to conclude on Tuesday, October 20, at 11:00 a.m. Please note that October 20th has been added to the meeting schedule for breakout sessions at CSREES where special topics have been arranged for discussion with CSREES National Program Leaders. Also note that a reception to celebrate 15 years of land grant status has been scheduled for Monday evening, October 19, at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Proposals for faculty and student presentations and posters sessions are now being accepted. Please complete the attached Call for Presentations application as soon as possible, and no later than September 15, 2009. Application for student travel scholarships is attached, and is also due by September 15, 2009.

Please complete the attached registration form and submit your registration no later than October 9, 2009. Registration can also be made at the conference site. Registration fees are \$250 for the entire conference or \$100 per day, required for all attendees, which includes refreshments during meeting sessions and a reception at the National Museum of the American Indian celebrating the 15th anniversary of 1994 land grant status. Registration fees for CSREES personnel are discounted by 50 percent.

A small block of rooms has been reserved at the Channel Inn Hotel, 650 Water St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024, which is closest to the CSREES Waterfront Centre. Room rates are \$165 + tax per day. Call the hotel at 800-368-5668 to make your reservations and reference the FALCON room block. Please note that all meetings will be held at the CSREES Waterfront Centre—no meetings will take place at the hotel.

There are also a number of alternative hotels listed below that are within walking distance of CSREES. Attendees are responsible for making their own arrangements with these alternate hotels.

Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel

480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024
Phone: (202) 484-1000
<http://www.lenfantplazahotel.com/>

Mandarin Oriental Hotel
1330 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20024
Phone: (202) 554-8588
<http://www.mandarinoriental.com/washington/>

Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol
550 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024
Phone: (202) 479-4000
<http://www.hicapitoldc.com/>

We look forward to joining with you in showcasing the health and wellness programs being conducted within the 1994 land grant community. Should you have any questions regarding the FALCON Annual Conference, please contact John Phillips at (573) 234-2064, and at johnphillips@mchsi.com.

Sincerely,

Terry Tatsey
FALCON President