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### **"Show and Tell": Promoting Excellence in Institutional Research**

NCAIR/SCAIR Joint Conference

February 22-24, 1999

"Show and Tell", the title of an old beach music song is our theme for the 1999 NCAIR/SCAIR joint conference to be held February 22-24 at the Wyndham Oceanfront Golf Resort, 10000 Beach Club Drive in Myrtle Beach. A joint conference planning committee co-chaired by Dave Smathers, NCAIR president-elect and Charles Parker, SCAIR president-elect is hard at work trying to make sure that this conference fulfills the needs of both groups for camaraderie and for professional development. Assisting the co-chairs are Interdeep Chatrath, Robert Perkins, Noelle Kehrberg, Anne Marie Bellamy, Robert Fry, Ross Griffith, Jeremy Fisher, Yihong Gu, Ron Caplette, and Sarah Carrigan.

We need your participation to make the program a success. In this edition of the newsletter you will find the call for proposals. Please think seriously about sharing - show and tell-the good things you are doing with your colleagues. The turnaround time is short - only one month. Get your proposals in so they can be considered.

The Wyndham hotel has set a room rate of \$62 for singles and doubles for our conference. For those wanting to make advance reservations they can be reached at 800-248-9228. Just state that you are attending the NCAIR/SCAIR conference. Registration materials will be sent out in December so look for them then.

### **NCAIR Has Web Site**

On July 9, 1998, the Executive Committee authorized creation of NCAIR's own site on the world wide web and appointed Robert Ussery as Editor. The site was activated on July 20th at the address below.

**<http://www.nr.infi.net/~ncair/index.html>**

The site will serve as an available location for NCAIR news, membership directories, historical documents, and links to IR resources. File transfer services - anonymous FTP - are also being developed.

Participation of the membership in supplying information and content for the web site are invited and submissions will be credited. If you create or have historical NCAIR documents in word processor or other computer file format, please send them via email to the Editor at **[ncair@nr.infi.net](mailto:ncair@nr.infi.net)** for possible publication.

Does anyone have an NCAIR logo in GIF format? Contact Robert Ussery if you have ideas about items that should be on the web site.

Currently a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, current membership list including e-mail and other addresses and telephone numbers are available at the site. The site also has links to institutional research web sites and to other sites of interest to institutional researchers. Copies of newsletters will be on the web in the future.

### **President's Corner**

By Paul Nagy

I have a number of announcements regarding the activities of your professional association. First Xiaoyun Yang and J. Keith Brown of the North Carolina Community College System Office are the recipients of this year's Best Paper Award. The paper was presented at the 25th anniversary conference held last March in New Bern. The paper, titled "Using Unemployment Insurance Data and Job Record Data to Track the Employment and Earnings of Community College Students," was selected upon recommendation of the Best Paper Committee and by approval of the Executive Committee.

Traditionally, the winner(s) of the Best Paper Award have the opportunity to present their research at the national AIR conference in the following year; however, Xiaoyun and Keith's paper had already been accepted for presentation at AIR in 1998. Instead, each will receive a certificate of recognition and the paper will be published in the conference proceedings to be distributed this fall. Congratulations to Xiaoyun and Keith!

It is also my pleasure to report progress on initiatives outlined in the last newsletter. It is our good fortune that **Leonard Ballou** and Robert Ussery have graciously agreed to update their original work, *NCAIR - Its Story*, which chronicles the history of the association through 1985. I am confident that volume II will exhibit the same wit and wisdom as the volume I. The target date for this publication is the year 2000 annual conference.

A sincere thank you is extended to Robert Ussery for the development of the NCAIR Web Page. Once again Robert is pioneering new initiatives for the association. He has also volunteered to serve as the first Web Page editor. Visit this work in progress. All contributions are welcome. Read more about the Web Page elsewhere in this newsletter.

I have transmitted a letter to Terry Russell, Executive Director of the Association for Institutional Research(AIR), expressing NCAIR's interest in hosting the national convention. At present all convention locations have been identified through 2002. I will keep you posted on any information I receive regarding final site decisions.

Congratulations to Nerissa Rivera and the Special Programs Committee for organizing an excellent summer drive-in conference at the McKimmon Center on the campus of NC State University. The July drive-in consisted of workshops focusing on two technologies, SAS and the Access database. All workshops were well-attended and the feedback was positive.

Finally and importantly, make your plans now to attend the 1999 joint NCAIR/SCAIR (South Carolina) conference in Myrtle Beach, S. C. Included in this newsletter is your first opportunity to register for the annual conference. Also included is a "Call for Participation." Share the findings of your research and planning initiatives by submitting proposals for presentation at a concurrent session.

### **Summer Drive-In**

A summer drive-in conference was held in July at the McKimmon Center on the NC State University campus. There were 12 people in attendance at the Access session and 9 for the SAS session. Both sessions featured hands-on experience with the product. Comments from participants indicated that the sessions

were quite worth-while. Nerissa Rivera and her committee deserve a great deal of credit for arranging the facilities to make such training available to the NCAIR membership. The committee did all the planning for this conference with internet meetings.

### **News Items**

Historian - **Leonard Ballou** of Elizabeth City State University is working on updating the history of the NCAIR organization.

Brooks Cates of Elon College has been undergoing chemotherapy at Duke Medical Center. Brooks has provided unwavering support for NCAIR. Best wishes Brooks.

### **Membership Survey**

#### **What would you like to have at summer drive-in conferences?**

Hands on computer training-- list areas of interest

Assessment

Accreditation

Other - specify

#### **What information would be helpful to you on the web-site?**

Information about NCAIR

Links to other Institutional Research sites

Links to sites containing information about federal, state or other higher education laws, rules or current information

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Other - specify

**Would you prefer to receive an e-mail newsletter and not a printed copy if a copy was available on the web site?**

**Where would like to go for a NCAIR Conference?**

**Do you know of a computer training facility that would be available for a summer drive-in?**

**What new initiatives should NCAIR undertake? Would you be willing to work on this initiative?**

**Do you have an e-mail address?**

**Are there other people at your institution who might like to know about NCAIR? Would you be willing to forward their e-mail addresses?**

Please submit responses via e-mail to: [ruth\\_craven@ncsu.edu](mailto:ruth_craven@ncsu.edu)

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