

CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE ON NON-NATIVE FOREST INSECTS AND DISEASES

November Meeting Logistics Sheet

Dates: Wednesday – Thursday, November 12 – 13, 2008

Location: JW Marriott – 235 Louis Street, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan
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Website: <http://www.ilovethejw.com/>

Please contact Dana Goodson of RESOLVE at dgoodson@resolv.org or 202.965.6209 if you have any questions regarding logistics.

About the Venue

The meeting will take place at The JW Marriott in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The JW Marriott Grand Rapids is situated in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan, just 25 miles from Michigan's celebrated West Coast. The JW is committed to earth-friendly practices. You can read about the environmental initiatives here: <http://www.ilovethejw.com/about.html>

Please note when making travel arrangements that the conference will begin at 9:00 am on November 12th.

Registration

For secure, online registration please go to www.ContinentalForestDialogue.org. Please note that online registration will close at midnight on **Friday, November 7, 2008**. After that date, you may register on site. Registration payment will be accepted in check or cash (please bring exact change). There is a \$60 registration fee which will cover all meals and other costs associated with the two-day event (the cost for single-day attendees will be \$40 for the first day, which includes the evening reception, and \$30 for the second day).

Overnight Accommodations

There are two options for overnight accommodations:

- Courtyard by Marriott – Grand Rapids Downtown:
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/grrdt-courtyard-grand-rapids-downtown/> [NOTE: the Courtyard is connected to the JW Marriott by a skywalk]
- JW Marriott: <http://www.ilovethejw.com/>

The deadline for the group rate at both hotels has passed. Attendees can still make their own reservations by contacting Marriott reservations at (800) 971-4762 (the group is “Continental Forest Dialogue,” but the group rate has expired). Please remember to specify which location.

If you are interested in participating and these expenses would preclude your attendance, please contact Dana Goodson of RESOLVE (dgoodson@resolv.org; 202-965-6209), as a limited number of scholarships are available to cover accommodation costs.

JW Marriott Amenities

- 37" flat screen TV in each room
- JW Jack Pack that allows you to hook up and recharge your laptop, mobile phone, iPod, etc.
- Luxurious bedding consisting of a down comforter, designer duvet, and cotton-rich linens
- Lush, thick terry cloth bathrobes
- Complimentary personal care products
- Hair dryer, iron/ironing board, cordless phone, and coffee maker in all rooms
- Individual climate controls
- Gourmet-stocked mini bar and fridge
- Spacious in-room workspaces, complete with Steelcase Leap 2® chair
- Wireless Internet access
- Computerized safe box
- Nightly turndown service
- 24-hour state-of-the-art Fitness Facilities (Quicktime 360)
- 24-hour private in-room dining
- Executive Business Center with 24-hour faxing, copying, printing, and shipping

Courtyard Amenities

- Air conditioning
- Alarm clock
- Coffee maker/tea service
- Crib
- Individual climate control
- Iron and ironing board
- Luxury bedding - crisp linens, thicker mattresses, custom comforters, fluffier pillows
- Hair dryer

Proximate Airport

- 18 minutes from Gerald R. Ford International Airport
- Taxi fare from the airport to the JW Marriott is approximately \$35

Driving Directions to JW Marriott

From Gerald R. Ford International Airport

As you leave the airport, take a right at the first traffic light, Patterson Avenue. Go about two miles to 28th Street and turn right. Go about one-half mile to I-96 West to Grand Rapids. Then take I-96 to Downtown Grand Rapids. Take exit 77-C, Ottawa Avenue. Go three blocks to Pearl Street. Turn right. You will soon take a left on Campau Ave. and then another right on Louis St. The hotel entrance is on the right and the parking ramp is on the left.

US – 131 Northbound (arriving from the South)

Exit 85B at Pearl Street. At the bottom of the ramp turn right onto Pearl Street. Cross the river and turn right on Campau Ave. (approximately one quarter mile from the highway) Once on Campau Ave. you will soon make a right on Louis St. The hotel entrance is on the right and the parking ramp is on the left.

US – 131 Southbound (arriving from the North)

As you approach the downtown area, the traffic will narrow to two lanes. Stay to the right. The freeway then adds an exit only lane on the far right. Stay in the center lane and follow the signs that say “downtown” (the extreme left and right lanes will exit) At the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Pearl Street. Cross over the river and turn right onto Campau Ave. (approximately one quarter of a mile from the highway). You will soon turn right on Louis St.

The hotel entrance is on the right and the parking ramp is on the left.

From I – 96 Westbound (from Lansing/Detroit)

Follow I-96 West to the Grand Rapids area.

Take I-196 West (also called the Gerald R. Ford Freeway) to Downtown Grand Rapids.

Then take exit 77-C, Ottawa Avenue. Go three blocks to Pearl Street. Turn right.

You will soon take a left on Campau Ave. and then another right on Louis St.

The hotel entrance is on the right and the parking ramp is on the left.

From Chicago/Indiana via I – 94 East

Take I-94 to I-196 North/East to Grand Rapids.

Continue on I-196 (also called the Gerald R. Ford Freeway) into the downtown area.

Take Exit 77-C, Ottawa Avenue. Go three blocks to Pearl Street. Turn right.

You will soon take a left on Campau Ave. and a quick right on Louis St.

The hotel entrance is on the right and the parking ramp is on the left.

From Holland via I – 196 East

Take I-196 East to Grand Rapids.

Continue on I-196 (also called the Gerald R. Ford Freeway) into the downtown area and take exit 77-C, Ottawa Avenue.

Go three blocks to Pearl Street.

You will soon take a left on Campau Ave. and then another right on Louis St.

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