Colleagues:

The Southern Regional Science Association is teaming with the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association to host their annual conferences **April 7-9, 2005** in Arlington, Virginia. This is to announce the call for regular papers and to encourage students to participate in the paper competitions.

Information can be found at the Associations, respective Web sites:

Southern Regional Science Association http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/index.htm http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/index.htm

Mid-Continent Regional Science Association http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa/ http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa/

The SRSA/MCRSA meetings will be bigger and better than ever, and remain a great buy among professional and academic association meetings. Early registrants will enjoy a reduced meeting registration fee for members of either Association of \$160 and \$210 for non-members. In addition, a special reduced fee for students will once again be in effect. The full student registration fee is \$40.00.

The meeting will take place at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, a 3 Star Hotel within easy walking distance of Georgetown and just two blocks from the Washington Metro system. We're getting a great rate (\$165 per night) at one of Washington's premier meeting establishments with easy access to all the sights of the nation's capitol.

All persons wishing to submit an abstract or session proposal are encouraged to do so electronically via e-mail to Cynthia Rogers at crogers@ou.edu by December 17, 2004.

The joint meetings also offer students two opportunities to participate in student paper competitions, the SRSA's Barry M. Moriarty Graduate Paper Competition and the MCRSA's M. Jarvin Emerson Memorial Student Paper Competition. Strongly encourage your students to enter the paper competition. It's a great learning experience and the odds of recognition are favorable for good work. Additional details can be found at the Associations' Web sites.

The SRSA and MCRSA are organizations consisting of an interdisciplinary membership from academics and other public and private organizations. The MCRSA is interested in using the tools of regional science to help solve applied problems in rural and urban areas at the local, state and national levels. The SRSA seeks to foster research and discussion focusing on the region including the application of tools, methods and theoretical frameworks specifically designed for regional analysis.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions about participating in the SRSA's 44th and the MCRSA's 36th Annual Conference.

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