

In Anticipation

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As conference proposals rolled into my office this spring, I experienced what I am sure all seasoned ISETA Members anticipated: elation at the prospect of once again participating in a conference that typifies collaboration and camaraderie. For those who are new to ISETA, you can look forward to a gathering of individuals who take pleasure in growing together through the positive exchange of ideas and the sharing of joyful experiences.

Several traditions continue for the 2002 Meeting. Thursday morning's continental breakfast kicks off the conference with a welcome from our host institution, Point Park College. That evening, the College will host a reception from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Fountain View Room of the Sheraton Station Square Hotel complete with wonderful appetizers and a cash bar. Friday's itinerary includes the members' business meeting luncheon and the dinner cruise on one of the boats of the Gateway Clipper Fleet. Traditionally, the Friday night activity has been an opportunity to informally network and enjoy the company of conference members who share your interests. Space is still available for the cruise event and conference attendees should sign up when they collect their Program Guide and Proceedings booklet during registration.

For our adventuresome members who use the conference as an opportunity to explore new locations, Pittsburgh is the only city to be rated three years in a row among the top five most livable by "Places Rated Almanac". What would you expect from the city that brings you experiences ranging from Mister Roger's Neighborhood to the Andy Warhol Museum? ISETA participants will find easily accessible museums and tours that exhibit the city's history, art, and culture. Information regarding sightseeing opportunities and cultural events is located in both the host hotel lobby and in the adjacent Station Square shopping area. The following web addresses will tantalize your sense of discovery: citysearch.com Pittsburgh; visitpittsburgh.com; pittsburgh.com; pittsburgh.net; and pittsburghlive.com.

One last bit of information, upon arrival from the airport indicate to your driver that you would like to enter the city through the Fort Pitt Tunnel. My city with glistening skyscrapers banked by water and hills will await you on the other side. As described by one New York Times writer, Pittsburgh is the only city in America with an entrance. I anticipate your arrival!

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