



**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ON NATIONAL
RECREATION SURVEYS AND
ASSESSMENTS**

**Knoxville, Tennessee, U.S.A,
September 11-13, 2000**

Dear Colleagues:

The International Symposium on National Recreation Surveys and Assessments has been scheduled for September 11-13, 2000. By holding the symposium later in the year, we hope that people will also take the opportunity to attend "Trends 2000" the 5TH Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trends Symposium to be held in Lansing, Michigan from September 17-20, 2000. Both of these symposiums will serve as a forum for social science practitioners from around the world to share their experiences, methods, innovations and results from national surveys, assessments, and research pertaining to leisure and recreation. It is hoped that these symposiums will lead to improved and new opportunities for international cooperation.

The International Symposium on National Recreation Surveys and Assessments is to be sponsored by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, the Finnish Forest research Institute, the United States Forest Service and the University of Tennessee. This symposium will still be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA; the site where the United States is presently conducting its eighth National Recreation Survey. This will provide a unique opportunity for visitors to see a national survey in progress.

The symposium will be held Monday through Wednesday (noon), with an optional field trip offered from Wednesday afternoon to Friday evening. The field trip will feature sites in the Great Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains of the Southern Appalachians, as well as local tourism, arts and crafts, museum, historic and outdoor recreation destinations. This schedule will leave people time for themselves on the weekend to either explore some more or to travel on to the Trends 2000 symposium in Michigan.

The International Symposium on National Recreation Surveys and Assessments will provide an overview of nationwide surveys worldwide; the history and evolution of the United States National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (with a site visit); issues and advancements in survey technology; problems with sampling and possible solutions; statistical methods; innovations; and experiences and successes with national assessments generally. The Trends 2000 symposium is primarily a forum for discussing and exchanging ideas among all sectors involved in outdoor recreation and tourism -- academe and industry, public and private, profit and non-profit, markets and communities. Both these symposiums are open to social scientists and practitioners involved with national-scale surveys, assessments or research within the broad field of recreation, leisure, tourism and forestry (or other related areas).

If you are interested in attending the International Symposium on National Recreation Surveys and Assessments please contact either Gary T. Green (USA), at 706-559-4269 or at gtgreen/srs_athens@fs.fed.us, or at the Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Assessment Group Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Rm 231, 320 Green Street, Athens, GA 30602-2044, United States.

If you are interested in attending the Trends 2000 Symposium in Michigan, please contact the Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources at Michigan State University, 172 Natural Resources Bldg., East Lansing, MI 48824-1222, U.S.A. or by phone: (517) 353-5190 or fax: (517) 432-3597.

Accommodations for the International Symposium are as follows:



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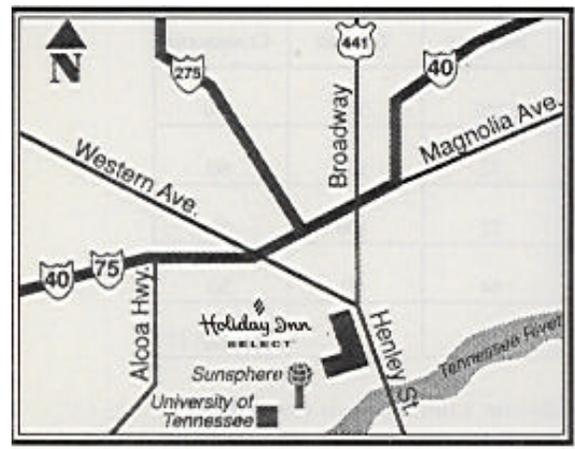
Downtown at Convention Center
525 Henley Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, USA
37902

(423) 522-2800 – fax (423) 523-0738

Symposium Room charges: \$69 + tax

Location/Transportation Facts:

- ✓ Located conveniently off I-40 & I-275/75 in Downtown Business District
- ✓ 15 miles to McGhee-Tyson Airport
- ✓ Adjacent to Knoxville Convention and Exhibition Center
- ✓ Adjacent to Knoxville Convention and Visitors Bureau
- ✓ ½ mile to University of Tennessee campus
- ✓ ½ mile to the Old City
- ✓ Transportation to/from airport through Airport Shuttle Express, (423) 573-5423 (nominal fee).



Accommodations:

- ✓ 11 floors, 293 rooms
- ✓ All rooms include:
 - ★ coffee maker
 - ★ remote control cable TV
 - ★ iron & ironing board
 - ★ hair dryer
 - ★ electronic key access for added security
 - ★ expanded bath amenities
 - ★ in-room movies
 - ★ cosmetic mirror
 - ★ clock-radio
- ✓ Concierge Level featuring added amenities: key access, express check-out, newspaper, light secretarial services (thru Executive Office), concierge attendant (7:00 - 9:00 a.m.), private lounge offering complimentary continental breakfast. Wet bar and refrigerator in Parlor Room

available.

- ✓ Handicap rooms available
- ✓ Non-smoking rooms available

Dining/Entertainment:

- ✓ Windows Over the Park Café
- ✓ Room Service
- ✓ Gibby's Grille & Bar

Services/Facilities/Shops:

- ✓ Complimentary parking for hotel guests
- ✓ Indoor Pool - Jacuzzi - Sauna
- ✓ Workout facility on premises (guest discount privileges at YMCA)
- ✓ Gift Shop
- ✓ Dry cleaning (outside service), coin-operated laundry