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The APT Newsletter

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THIS WEEK - THE INAUGURAL APT CONFERENCE!

The Program Committee is pleased to announce the final program for the Inaugural APT Conference. The conference will be held this Thursday through Saturday, October 17-19, 2003, at Calvin College's Prince Conference Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. To see the final program, visit the APT Gateway website, or go directly to this page:

[APT - Inaugural Conference Program](#)

There are 103 paper-givers, chairs, and discussants who have confirmed their participation at the conference. Interest in the conference was so strong that the Program Committee was able to limit the number of people doing double duty to five. To view an index of conference participants, visit the APT Gateway website, or go directly to this page:

[Index of Inaugural Conference Participants](#)

Scholars attending the conference come from a wide variety of North American institutions, as well from colleges and universities in Britain, Germany, Israel, Iran, and Singapore. In addition, faculty members from Michigan, Illinois, New York, and Ontario will be attending the conference as observers.

If you would like to attend the conference, feel free to join us in Grand Rapids. Registration for faculty and full-employed people is \$85. Registration for graduate students and people employed part-time is \$50. Pre-registration is closed, but you can register at the conference.

Lunch on Friday and dinner on Saturday were included in the fee for individuals who pre-registered. At this point, we cannot guarantee a meal for anyone who registers at the conference. However, if you act immediately by e-mailing Dennis McEnnerney at apt@coloradocollege.edu, it may still be possible to reserve meals for you.

SPECIAL GRADUATE STUDENT DAY RATE

To encourage attendance by graduate students who are not on the program but who can visit Grand Rapids this weekend, the Program Committee would like to announce special graduate student attendance rates of \$10 per day (Friday, Saturday) or \$15 for the whole conference. This rate does not include meals. Graduate students with a valid university identification can register at these rates upon arrival at the Prince Conference Center.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION UPDATE

As some of you know all too well, the APT On-Line Membership Application page did not always work smoothly. To make it easier for people to join APT, the membership application web page has been revised. The new page is narrower (to fit most screens), and the instructions are clearer (required fields are indicated, for instance). In addition, the affiliation field has been lengthened so that our colleagues at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey - New Brunswick, can plug their institution's unbelievably long name into the website without causing it to malfunction. Several other minor, recurrent problems have been corrected. We hope the result will be a more seamless introduction to the Association.

In addition, a new application process has been instituted, in order to help maintain the security of the Association's website and membership. To minimize potential security problems in the future, new memberships are now being screened, in a manner discussed in the e-mailed version of this newsletter.

We are hoping that this process will prove to be a practical and manageable one. If not, we will have to find some other way to confirm new membership information. Either way, please be assured that we will make every reasonable effort to protect the privacy of our members.

-Dennis McEnerney & Emily Hauptmann, Co-Founders

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