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REF: **MRC Winter Meeting: February 3 – 4, 2009**

Airport Hilton Hotel, Knoxville

We have now pretty well firmed up the agenda for our 2009 Winter meeting, and again, it looks outstanding. We are scheduling several “Best Practice” sessions covering a wide variety of interests. We have minimized the amount of MRC “business” that we plan to discuss, but have left enough time to deal with any significant issues that may arise. As always, we have included time for you to meet, socialize and network with your colleagues in the MRC and with UT faculty and staff. The tentative, but fairly firm, agenda is attached. As usual, the basics are: start at 1 PM on the 3rd and wind up at 2:30 PM on the 4th. Dinner on the 3rd and continental breakfast and lunch on the 4th will be provided, along with appropriate breaks.

We are continuing to encourage you to bring multiple attendees (within reason) from your company to our meetings, especially when you can use the meeting to help sell the concepts of maintenance and reliability excellence to others in your organization. However, for our planning purposes concerning meals and breaks, we will need to know who is coming to the meeting. **Please call or e-mail Robbyn Hensley (865-974-9627 or mrc@utk.edu) and let us know your attendance plans, whether or not you are coming.**

We will be meeting at the Knoxville Airport Hilton Hotel. There is a block of rooms reserved for MRC attendees at a rate of \$92/night (block is only being held until January 19). Reservations may be made by calling (865) 970-4300. Don't forget to use the code “UTMRC” or to mention the UT MRC Members’ Meeting when making your reservations. There is also a limited number of sleeping rooms at the government rate of \$70/night.

All activities associated with this meeting will be at the Airport Hilton, including our social hour and dinner on Tuesday night, so no ground transportation is required for those of you flying in.

Many of you have hosted MRC interns at your facilities this past summer and may wish to contact them while you are in town. If you need assistance in doing this, please let Robbyn know and we will do our best to help. However, please remember that most students have hectic schedules and may not be available, and especially without advance contact.

Business casual attire is appropriate for all aspects of this meeting.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us. Meanwhile we are looking forward to seeing you all in February! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

AGENDA for MRC 2009 WINTER MEETING (Tentative)

Tuesday, February 3

**** Knoxville Airport Hilton ****

- 1:00 - 1:30 PM Welcome, Announcements, Introductions
- 1:30 - 2:45 PM **Best Practice Presentation** by Paul Casto (Eastman)
“Reliability at Eastman Chemical”
- 2:45 - 3:15 PM BREAK
- 3:15 - 4:15 PM **Best Practice Presentation** by Klaus Blache (MRC)
“North America M&R Benchmarking Survey - Revisited”
- 4:15 - 5:00 PM **Best Practice Presentation** by Martin Robinson (IRISS)
“NFPA and its Implications on Thermographic Inspections”
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM BREAK
- 6:00 - 6:45 PM Hospitality Time at the Hilton
- 6:45 - 8:00 PM Dinner and Networking at the Hilton

Wednesday, February 4

**** Knoxville Airport Hilton ****

- 7:30 - 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 - 8:30 AM Status of Programs: MARCON, Interns, Monash, Etc.
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM **Best Practice Presentation** by Ramesh Gulati (AEDC)
“Designing for Reliability”
- 9:30 - 10:00 AM BREAK
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM **Best Practice Presentation** by David Mortin (U.S. Army AMSSA)
“Reliability Best Practices”
- 11:00 - 11:30 AM **Best Practice Presentation**
“Focus on the UT Engineering Departments”
- 11:30 - 12:00 N **UT MRC Interns – Expectations**
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM LUNCH
- 1:00 - 2:15 PM **Best Practice Presentation – Panel Discussion**
“Advancing Reliability Programs During Hard Times”
- 2:15 - 2:30 PM Wrap-up