## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERSTATE MILK SHIPMENTS

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TO: NCIMS Conferees

FROM: John L. Miller, Conference Chairman

SUBJECT: 2013 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend the **34th National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments scheduled for April 19-24, 2013** at the **Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, Indiana.** We are looking forward to a Conference agenda that will provide opportunities to deliberate many important issues facing the Grade "A" Milk Program. We hope you plan to attend and assist in the resolution of proposals submitted for consideration.

For the past several Conferences, computers with overhead projection have been used in the General Sessions, and the Council and Delegate voting sessions, to assist conferees in the deliberation of individual proposals. Therefore, all proposals must be submitted electronically using **the electronic form posted on the NCIMS web page (www.ncims.org) that can be downloaded.** Information will be provided on the website and later in this mailing on how to download and complete the proposal submission form. Additional instructions will be included on the proposal form in the proposed solution section directing how to identify added and deleted text when editing the referenced documents.

Please note that the proposals must be submitted, preferably, by e-mailing the electronic submission form, or on a diskette or CD using the electronic submission form. No handwritten, typed, or faxed proposals will be accepted. **The deadline for the receipt of all proposals, including proposed changes to the Constitution or Bylaws, using the electronic submission form (mailed diskette, CD or by e-mail) is February 4, 2013.** Proposals must be received in the office of the Program Committee Chair by this date, not postmarked by this date. E-mailed proposals must be received by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on February 4, 2013. Proposals may be e-mailed, sent on diskette or CD, or hand delivered, (not faxed), to:

Cary Frye, NCIMS Program Committee Chair International Dairy Foods Association 1250 "H" Street NW, Suite 900 Washington, DC 20005

E-mail address: cfrye@idfa.org

You will receive written confirmation of receipt of your proposal sent on diskette or CD, and an e-mail reply will be sent to individuals sending proposals by e-mail. If you do not receive this confirmation, please contact Cary to ensure your proposal was received. Her phone number is 202-220-3543.

Proposals may be submitted to the 2011 PMO, the 2011 MMSR, the 2011 Procedures, the 2011 Constitution and Bylaws, the 2400 Forms and the 2011 EML. As is always the case, a proposal may address any section of any document being considered.

Enclosed you will find registration information for the Conference. Please complete the advance registration form and mail it, with payment, to Marlena G. Bordson, at the address on the form, so that it is received no later than March 18, 2013 to take advantage of the early registration fee. Conferees sending in registration forms and/or registration fees after March 18, 2013 will be charged the full registration fee. The Executive Board has agreed to accept payments through PayPal. Those registrants who wish to use PayPal to submit fees must contact Marlena G. Bordson for instructions and will be required to submit a non-refundable electronic transaction convenience fee of \$15 per registrant. Registration fees are not refundable after 30 days prior to the Conference. No refunds will be granted after March 18. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the NCIMS Executive Secretary. Substitutions may be made subject to NCIMS Procedures without penalty and may be made at the door.

Also enclosed is hotel room reservation information. Lodging arrangements must be made directly with the **Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, Indiana**. The Indianapolis Marriott Downtown features 622 guest rooms. The conference rate is \$159 for single or double occupancy with choice of standard double beds or standard king bed and \$169 for triple/quad occupancy with standard double beds. **The cut-off date to receive this special hotel room rate is March 25, 2013.** Rooms and rates cannot be guaranteed after that date.

The negotiated hotel parking rates are \$20 for Self Parking for the length of the Conference. Complimentary in-room internet connection and service will be extended to all attendees.

The hotel does not provide shuttle service to and from the airport. Go Express Shuttle is \$10 one way from Indianapolis International Airport. The shuttle operates 8:00 am to 11:00 pm Monday through Sunday. The number is 800-589-6004 or visit their website <a href="www.goexpresstravel.com">www.goexpresstravel.com</a>. Carey Indiana Limousine can provide share a ride or private limo transportation. Reservations may be arranged via their website at <a href="www.careyindiana.com">www.careyindiana.com</a> or 800-888-4639.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you at the 2013 Conference. Please feel free to contact me, Cary or Marlena with any questions about this Conference and the proposal submission process.