

August 24, 2009

Greetings!

The 36th annual meeting for the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research is fast approaching. Again, thank you for your registration. Your attendance is vital to the success of the meeting. I know you will enjoy your visit to Salt Lake City and the University of Utah.

As you plan your trip, I want to make sure that you have the following information:

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept 11

- For **transportation** between the airport and the Guest House you can take a taxi or the Express Shuttle. For the latter, please call 800-397-0773 or www.xpressshuttleutah.com for your reservation. If you are able to reserve transportation for multiple travelers, please read the attached letter from the shuttle service for a discounted rate.
- An **open house reception** will be held at the Guest House, room B, 7 to 10 PM
- When you check in at the welcome reception, please plan to **register** as well for the meeting: the fee is \$50 (US cash only please).

SATURDAY EVENING, Sept 12

- A **welcome reception** offered by the Utah Birth Defect Network will be on Saturday evening. Remember the tradition: if you would like, bring a bottle of **your favorite wine** from your country to share with the group at this reception.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Sept 14

- Our half day **excursion** will be on Monday afternoon. We will be visiting Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort located in the majestic Little Cottonwood Canyon in the Rocky Mountains. We have some nice hikes planned, so please remember to pack a **jacket, sweater, and clothes for hiking**. Note that we will be at **elevations from about 2400 mt at the base to 3000 mt** on top of the Tram. You will also have access to the Spa (roof-top pool, hot tub, lockers, eucalyptus steam room, a dry sauna and work out room) to relax and refresh after the hike(s) or for the whole afternoon. See www.snowbird.com and www.cliffspa.com if you are interested in booking an extra 'beauty' treatment. After our afternoon activities at Snowbird, we will dine at the Cliff Lodge (ICBDSR dinner).
- Please let me know by August 27th if you have a guest traveling with you. The cost for the Snowbird excursion and dinner will be \$75.00 for each guest not already registered for the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in September! Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional help with your travel plans.

Best regards,

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