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6th Annual Ford PAS National Networking Conference

June 24-26, 2008

Logistical Information

Location

The conference will be held at the **Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa** in Rancho Mirage, California.

<p>Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa</p> <p>41-000 Bob Hope Drive Rancho Mirage, California 92270 Phone: 866-423-1195; 760-568-2727</p> <p>Links: www.RanchoLasPalmas.com www.palm-springs.org</p>	
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Conference Registration Opens March 19, 2008

To register for the conference visit www.organizational-services.com/fordpas.

The conference is limited to 250 individuals, so to take part you will need to register as soon as possible.

Registration fees are as follows:

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| • March 19–April 15 | Early Bird Special | \$160 |
| • April 16–May 23 | Regular Registration | \$220 |
| • After May 23 | Late Registration | \$320 |

If you register by the early bird special deadline of April 15, your name will be entered in a drawing for one night’s free lodging at the conference! Three winners will be notified by April 20.

All conference participants will receive a confirmation letter by May 30. (Please note that confirmation letters will be mailed at three different times, after the early bird special deadline, regular registration deadline, and late registration deadline.)

Cancellations must be made directly with our meeting planner, Amy Lozen, by June 6, 2008, via e-mail at clozen@organizational-services.com, or fax at 734.526.5613.

Overnight Accommodations

Rooms are available at the special group negotiated rate of **\$129 single/double** occupancy **before Friday, May 23, 2008**. This rate is also available three days before and three days after the conference if you wish to extend your stay. After May 23, rooms will go on sale to the general public and may not be available and/or will be more expensive. **So reserve your space before Friday, May 23!** Current city and state room taxes are 10% per day.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Before 5:00 PM May 23, 2008

(After May 23, rooms may not be available and/or will be more expensive)

Call Direct (866) 423-1195

Indicate that you are with the Ford Conferences

\$129 per night, single/double occupancy

Internet Connection and Business Service Center

If you plan to bring your laptop, complimentary Internet connection is available in hotel guest rooms. Wireless Internet connection is available in the hotel lobby and the public meeting space. The Business Service Center at the hotel also offers computer terminals for a nominal fee. Business Service Center hours are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday, with extended hours available through the resort concierge.

Ford Cyber Cafe

Ford will provide a Cyber Café for use during the conference. The cyber café will be located across from the Registration area. The hours of operation are:

- Sunday, June 22 4 PM – 7 PM
- Monday, June 23 7 AM – 8 PM
- Tuesday, June 24 7 AM – 8 PM
- Wednesday, June 25 7 AM – 8 PM
- Thursday, June 26 7 AM – 6 PM

On-site Registration

- Tuesday, June 24 2–4 PM; 8–9 PM
- Wednesday, June 25 7 AM

General Schedule

- The conference begins with an opening reception on Tuesday, June 24, from 5:30–7:30 PM.
- The conference ends on Thursday, June 26, at 5 PM with the Ford PAS student presentations you don't want to miss!

On-site Contacts

If you need immediate assistance on-site in Palm Springs, please call Janet Padilla 313.549.9662 or Amy Lozen 734.645.9665

Meals Included in Your Conference Registration

Opening Reception: Hors d'oeuvres and Complimentary Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks

* Other alcoholic beverages available on cash basis

- Tuesday evening

Breakfast

- Wednesday, Thursday

Lunch

- Wednesday, Thursday

Attire

Attire for the conference is business casual.

Getting to Palm Springs

The Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa is serviced by the Palm Springs International Airport (Airport Code: PSP).

Getting to the Hotel

The hotel is approximately 10 miles (15–20 minutes) from the Palm Springs International Airport (Airport Code: PSP).

- Exit Airport and follow sign to “other desert cities”, proceed on Kirk Douglas Way
- Left on Ramon Road (.25 miles)
- Right on Gene Autry Trail (1.5 miles)
- Left on East Palm Canyon (AKA Hwy 111) (6.5 miles)
- Left on Bob Hope Drive (.4 miles)
- Right on Rancho Las Palmas Drive

Taxi: Taxi fare is approximately \$35 one way.

Parking

All outdoor parking and self and valet parking are complimentary at the resort.

Local Area

For detailed information on the local area, please visit www.palm-springs.org

Suggestions:

- The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway - www.pstramway.com
- The Palm Springs Art Museum - <http://psmuseum.org/>
- Knott's Soak City - www.knotts.com
- The Living Desert - www.livingdesert.org
- The Palm Springs Air Museum - www.palmspringsairmuseum.org
- The Indian Canyons in Palm Springs - www.theindiancanyons.com
- Joshua Tree National Park - www.joshuatree.org