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The Call for Proposals is now available and you can review the information at: sietarusaconference.com
We invite you to submit your proposals by the deadline of October 15, 2009.

The Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research in the United States of America (SIETAR-USA) is an educational membership organization for those professionals who are concerned with the challenges and rewards of intercultural relations. Our members work within many environments and professions—business and industry, consulting, training, K-12 and higher education, counseling, all aspects of the media and arts, to name a few. SIETAR-USA members bring a vast array of experience and perspectives to the field of intercultural relations, both in the USA and around the world.



SIETAR-USA is a point of connection for people from many cultural and professional backgrounds who explore differences on many levels; engage in cutting edge research related to cultural dimensions of interactions between and among individuals, organizations and political entities; continually search for and provide avenues to effective relations across cultures; and work with students and others to expand worldviews and build skills for successful interactions in intercultural arenas. These activities take place in multicultural or cross-cultural situations, within national borders or around the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The SIETAR-USA 2010 conference is being held in Spokane, WA. Historic, yet modern and vibrant, Spokane's past contrasts with cutting edge creativity, forming a city rich in heritage and innovation. The theme of the 2010 conference is *Living and Working in an Intercultural World*.

Why should you attend the Tenth Annual SIETAR-USA conference? Our SIETAR-USA membership goals provide the focus for our annual conference. As a participant or presenter you can benefit in the following ways:

- 1 Business Opportunities.** *Helping members grow their careers and businesses.* Being able to exhibit and/or present provides an opportunity to demonstrate your capabilities to an audience that can "get the word around" about what you do, find a job (we're amazed how often this happens at our conferences), and create and expand your business connections. This past April 2009 conference at Cary, N.C. included participants from across the U.S. and from England, France, India, Germany, Canada, Brazil, Iran, British Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
- 2 Networking.** *Connecting intercultural professionals from around the USA and from around the world.* Connecting professionals in the field in various ways, electronically as well as face-to-face. Professional networking has been uppermost in our plans for conferences with long coffee breaks and group lunches, and relaxed evening activities.
- 3 Professional Development.** *Providing opportunities to gain professional recognition and to expand skills, knowledge and resources.* Conference programs and workshops increase participants' knowledge and skills. Be part of the action and join in the on-going effort to explore future directions for intercultural relations in the three areas represented in SIETAR: education, training and research.
- 4 Giving Back.** *Providing opportunities to grow the profession.* Volunteering to serve the Society by joining committees associated with the conference and becoming a SIETAR-USA volunteer as well as mentoring aspiring colleagues (or being mentored), and sharing resources and knowledge demonstrates your professionalism.

The conference registration website will open soon—watch for our announcements and please consider submitting a proposal by **October 15, 2009**. We look forward to seeing you in Spokane!

All the best,

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2010 SIETAR-USA Conference Co-Chairs