

VANCOUVER ISLAND RURAL CONFERENCE "UPDATE"

Conference reminder:

MAY 1 - 5, 2000

Malaspina University-College, Nanaimo, BC, Canada

Details: www.mala.bc.ca/ruralconf

Since our last e-announcement went out around the world, we became excited and enthused with the response from people so interested in issues affecting rural communities. Judging from the number of requests for brochures (still available if you didn't get one), our committee has put together a conference that promises to be a major international event.

Of concern to our planning, however, is the low response to early bird registration; leaving us unable to predict how many people are planning to attend the conference. To ensure that you do not get left out of our plans, we are asking you to please e-mail us as soon as possible with your intentions; especially with respect to the tours and banquets.

To the impressive list of confirmed speakers, we are pleased to include Dr. John Wootton from Rural Health Canada and Dr. Bill Reimer from the Canadian Rural Restructuring Foundation. Being able, in one week, to listen and talk and meet them, along with Jonathan Sher, Paul Nachtigal, Toni Haas, John Bryden, Tom Tiller, Emilia Martinez-Brawley, Jack Shelton, David McSwan, Andrea Wyman, Mark Witham, Gary Hart, and Chris Sidoti, and presenters from around the world looking at interdisciplinary rural issues promises to be a unique and memorable event.

In contribution to strengthening the rural network, please forward this message to all of your rural contacts interested in issues affecting rural communities.

See you in May

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