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Dear Tri-State Colleagues:

The time has come to finalize plans for this year's 66th Tri-State Thoracic Society meeting which will be held once again at the Landmark Resort in Door County's beautiful Egg Harbor from September 10-12, 2010. This year's conference will include presentations from each state covering six topics along with talks given by our guest speakers. Friday night's "Fun Night" presentations, as always, will be a forum for you to bring your interesting cases, x-rays, and slides to stump your colleagues. *We would stress the importance of attending the entire meeting.*

The scientific program looks to be excellent this year. We are very fortunate once again to have outstanding guest speakers. They will be Dr. Clayton Cowl from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine (medical pulmonary disease), and Dr. Raja Flores from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (surgical thoracic disease) as well as pathology support from Dr. Jeffrey Myers (University of Michigan) and radiology support from Dr. David Spizarny (Henry Ford Hospital). Increased participation from our colleagues in training (i.e. fellows) in the Tri-State training programs is a real priority this year.

The topics for this year's scientific program will be:

- Interventional pulmonology (medical, radiology, pathology)
- Influenza
- Chest wall disease
- Asbestos related lung disease
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Mycobacterial disease

The Tri-State Thoracic Conference provides a unique opportunity to interact with clinicians from three states in discussion forums centered on specific patient problems. As such, it becomes a unique opportunity for discussion at a very practical level for both private practitioners and academic physicians alike. The discussions and presentations are designed to be of interest to practicing pulmonologists, critical care physicians, thoracic surgeons, radiologists, and pulmonary pathologists.

Once again, the Landmark Resort is eager to host our meeting with meal sessions designed to complement the discussions. All meals will be held on the premises, allowing for additional social interaction. Please visit our website at www.tristatethoracicsociety.com to download the **REGISTRATION FORM and MEAL PACKAGE PREFERENCES** (meal choice for Friday and Saturday nights). Please mail or fax these forms with the proper payment to Lori Heimer, Executive Secretary, Mayo Clinic, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905, or fax to 507-266-4372 by **AUGUST 3**.

Please note that the **ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS July 27**, and these must be made **DIRECTLY WITH THE LANDMARK RESORT** (form on www.tristatethoracicsociety.com website)

Door County, especially in the early fall, is one of the most scenic areas nationally, and allows a wonderful opportunity for a late summer escape. Antique shopping, scenery, and golf are all available. An ample time block is available in the mid-afternoon on both conference days to allow for other activities. Golf tee times may be made individually by attendees with the Alpine Golf Resort.

We look forward to seeing you at the Tri-State meeting.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cyndi Ray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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2010 General and Michigan State Chairperson

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