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Dear Tri-State Colleagues:

The time has come to finalize plans for this year's 65th Tri-State Thoracic Society meeting which will be held once again at the Landmark Resort in Door County's beautiful Egg Harbor from September 11-13, 2009. This year's conference will roughly follow the format of previous conferences -- presentations from each state covering six topics along with talks given by our guest speakers on Sunday morning. 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.

The scientific program looks to be excellent this year. We are very fortunate once again to have outstanding guest speakers. They will be Dr. Marvin Schwarz from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (medical pulmonary disease), and Dr. Michael Reed from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (surgical thoracic disease) as well as pathology support from Dr. Jeffrey Myers (University of Michigan) and radiology support from Dr. Thomas Hartman (Mayo Clinic Rochester). 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:

- Management of chest trauma
- Inhalation lung disorders
- Unusual lung and mediastinal tumors
- Mycobacterial infections
- Interventional pulmonology (medical, radiology, pathology)
- Sleep

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, MEAL PACKAGE PREFERENCES** (meal choice for Friday and Saturday nights), and **TRISTATE SHIRT ORDER FORM** (if desired). 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 28, 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.

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