

Information and Ideas from VaCP Collaborative Awareness Committee #1

1. Information

Save the Date!

October 28 to October 30, 2010
Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C.

Why? The world's Collaborative Professionals are coming to town! You are invited to join us to learn, network and celebrate Collaborative Practice.

What is Forum? This year is the 11th annual meeting of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Forum is a place to exchange ideas and to broaden perspective on best Collaborative practices. It is a time to explore research and other global initiatives for peaceful resolution of conflict.

What is the benefit to me? This is NOT your typical CEU. There are many teaching and training formats specifically geared to general audiences as well as advanced practitioners. You may register for pre-Forum one-day training institutes (on October 27 and 28) or for the Forum plenary meetings and workshops (on October 28-30) - *or register for both.*

What will it cost? The 2009 costs are a good predictor of what you can expect:
2009 pre-Forum Institutes \$190 each
2009 Forum Registration Fees \$485 for IACP members

The price includes many social and networking opportunities throughout the week - including the VaCP Annual Meeting on Thursday afternoon.

2. Ideas

You will receive registration materials from IACP in July. The costs of attendance will be much more manageable if you start saving NOW - 8 months before Forum. Putting aside \$100/month will allow you to save enough for registration and pre-Forum Institutes. And you can block off those dates NOW and work a couple of extra hours each month to create income reserves for your time out of the office.

Since Forum is so near to us this year (for the first time), travel expenses are minimal. VaCP will be arranging with local Collaborative professionals in the area to host our members who need accommodations. More on this in future emails.

3. Practice Tip

PBS Fundraising Drives are underway now through March 31 in most PBS station areas. You can issue a challenge on the radio to other Collaborative Professionals in your area to match your pledge. The announcers will then mention CP for the duration of the challenge to raise money - and at the same time they will be raising awareness (and curiosity) about Collaborative practice. When your challenge is over - get another PG member to issue another challenge, and then another, so the message will be repeated throughout the campaign.

Your PG might even take on a night at the station to answer phones for the television campaign so that attention is focused on the Collaborative Professional *volunteers* in your community.