

# 2003-02-03 ISPI Vancouver Bulletin

The [2003 ISPI Conference](#) will be held in Boston in April. This bulletin has three purposes:

1. To identify co-presenters for an ISPI Vancouver “cracker barrel” event, tentatively planned for May 6, that will highlight some of the best 2003 ISPI Conference sessions.
2. To remind you about significant 2003 ISPI Conference fee discounts for early registrants.
3. To initiate sharing of a few other ideas if you are going to the 2003 ISPI Conference.

## Co-Presenters for Conference Highlights Event

If possible, the May 6 ISPI Vancouver event will consist of several mini-sessions, each reflecting an outstanding session of the April 2003 Boston conference. If there are sufficient presenters, we will use the “cracker barrel” format: each presenter will lead a mini-session several times at her/his designated table, with the participants moving to new tables after each mini-session. If there are fewer presenters, they will lead one sequence of mini-sessions for everyone.

[Jim Wright](#), our VP Communications, has agreed to plan the possible May 6 event, coordinate the presentations, and be one of the co-presenters. If you are going to the ISPI Conference, please agree to co-present. Our VPs of Programs and Special Events are currently arranging events for the next few months, so the immediate need is to determine whether to schedule this Conference Highlights event, a kind of event that is typically well received by our members.

**If you are registered for the ISPI Conference or thinking of going, please email Jim right away at [jimw@ola.bc.ca](mailto:jimw@ola.bc.ca) with the subject line “ISPI Cracker Barrel.”** Just let Jim know that you are (or may be) going to the conference and that you may/won’t be able to co-present on May 6.

## ISPI Conference Discounts

With ISPI membership (distinct from chapter membership), US\$145, the ISPI Conference fee is US\$695. Up to Feb. 10, it is discounted to \$595 or to \$200 if you are eligible for the [Special Offer](#). The Special Offer applies if (a) you didn’t go to any of the past three ISPI Conferences and (b) someone paying the \$595 rates agrees that you can use his/her name on the registration form as the “Full Conference Registrant with whom you are attending.” Each \$595 person can sponsor one eligible \$200 person, but only until Feb. 10. Try to work this out with someone you know. However, Jim, who already has the \$200 rate, is willing to take names of \$595 people and would-be \$200 people and put them in touch with each other. **If you can help or are looking for help in this way, please inform Jim at [jimw@ola.bc.ca](mailto:jimw@ola.bc.ca) by 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, Feb. 5,** with the subject line “ISPI Special Offer.” Jim will check the messages on Wednesday evening and try to put \$200 people in contact with \$595 people to finalize the arrangement.

## Ideas of Possible Interest If You Are Going to the Conference

The ISPI Conference hotel, the Boston Sheraton, has rates of US\$179 (1 person) and \$199 (2). Jim Wright is taking advantage of lower rates available at nearby hotels. (He has a \$US99 room but may cancel and book for less if he finds a male colleague who wants to share a 2-bed room.) **To share ideas, contact Jim at [jimw@ola.bc.ca](mailto:jimw@ola.bc.ca) with the subject “Conference Ideas” by Feb. 6.**