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From David Spooner, BSA Program Director
To: All Members of the Participating Societies of Botany 2010

We are looking forward to the Botany 2010, to be held this year in Providence, Rhode Island July 31-August 4, 2010

This year's meeting offers a variety of informative and entertaining activities in a city surrounded by natural areas, near the ocean, and noted for its great variety of restaurants providing ample opportunities for great evening dinners with your friends. It also offers housing in some beautiful hotels within 1-3 blocks of our convention center. For students and others on a budget these are very affordable if you share a room with your friends, or use our Roommate Finder Service to find roommates. To get the room you want REGISTER AND RESERVE YOUR ROOMS EARLY!

Some of the highlights include:

- Fifteen field trip options, before, during, and after the meeting, ranging from 2-day overnight trips to single and half-day trips. These are being organized by Elizabeth Farnsworth, Senior Research Ecologist of the New England Wildflower Society, who knows the area and local field trip leaders well. Our members have told us that field trips are one of the most important aspects to our meeting, and Elizabeth has gone to great effort to offer trips to some of the most scenic and scientifically interesting areas in the northeast.
- Ten half-day symposia conveniently spaced over mornings and afternoons on Monday to Wednesday, covering a range of topics from systematics, ecology, educational methods, physiology, structure and development.
- Sunday workshops with a special focus on educational techniques, one with the participation of our Sunday evening plenary speaker, Kenneth Miller.
- Hundreds of individual talks and posters covering every aspect of botany.
- Society business meetings, banquets and social events allowing you to catch up on what's going on in your group and allowing you to make new colleagues and friends.
- Special talks such as this year's plenary speaker, noted educator Kenneth R. Miller, particularly known for his opposition to creationism, including the intelligent design movement, and author of *Finding Darwin's God* and *Only a Theory*. His Sunday evening plenary lecture will address the teaching of evolution controversy and possibly followed by a book signing.

Abstract Submission Site will open February 1, 2010 - Make sure you submit your abstracts by the deadline - April 1st. Conference registration site open Feb 15, 2010 with the early registration deadline of June 25, 2010 for significant savings.

Consult the conference website 2010.botanyconference.org for more details about the meeting and how to submit abstracts, register and secure housing.

See you in Providence!

David

