Dear PMIGers:

It is time once again to make plans to attend this year's Person Memory Interest Group meeting, prior to the SESP conference in Philadelphia. Our meeting this year will be held at the YMCA Tockwogh Camp and Conference Center in Worton, Maryland, which is on Chesapeake Bay, less than 2 hours drive from Philadelphia. This facility offers hiking trails, water activities, migratory bird-watching, and more on the scenic Eastern Shore of Maryland. You can get more information online at http://www.ymcade.org/branches/tockwogh/conference.cfm

Last year's conference, at Angels Landing Inn in the mountain town of Julian, CA, was a superb meeting at an excellent facility with a unique atmosphere. Around 40 people attended and heard some excellent talks on a variety of topics relating to social cognition. A major highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Thomas M. Ostrom Award for the year 2005 to co-honorees Norbert Schwarz and Fritz Strack. This award is presented annually at our meetings.

As is our tradition, the formal program sessions will be held all day Wednesday (October 11) and Thursday morning (October 12). After lunch on Thursday we'll leave for the SESP convention in Philadelphia. However, we strongly encourage people to arrive on Monday (October 9) if possible, to enjoy a full day Tuesday of exploring the outdoors, sightseeing, talking with long-time friends, getting to know newcomers to our meetings, and general informal activity. This aspect of our schedule has become a valued hallmark of PMIG meetings and people find that it's much more than a day of relaxation; it's also a time of merging science with nature, of informal sharing of ideas, of learning about others' research in one-to-one conversations, etc.

Accommodations. Costs of attending PMIG will once again be quite low this year. We have reserved several cottages at the YMCA facility (each sleeping 6 in three separate bedrooms), as well as some rooms at the Lodge. The total cost for three nights and 2 full days of meals (Tuesday dinner through Thursday lunch) is estimated to be around $165 plus tax, well below our usual standard of $100/day. Some single rooms are available, but their cost will be somewhat higher and their number is limited.

If you wish to share a room, on the attached reservation form you can indicate a preference for a roommate, but please confirm that arrangement with that person prior to sending in your reservation. If you wish to share a room but do not have a specific person in mind, the organizers will assign roommates within gender.
Meals. Group meals will be provided for two days, beginning with dinner on Tuesday night and extending through lunch on Thursday. People arriving on Monday and prior to dinnertime on Tuesday can drive to local restaurants for meals before Tuesday dinner. We will have our traditional hospitality suite, with drinks and snack foods available in the evenings. The costs of these supplies are included in your registration fee.

Registration Fee. The registration fee this year will be $30. This fee covers the supplies for our hospitality room as well as other costs associated with putting on the conference. Please send your registration fee check, made out to PMIG, to Dave Hamilton no later than September 1. Non-U.S. residents who do not have easy access to U.S. funds can pay the fee in cash at the conference. Receipts for the registration fee will be available at the conference.

The registration deadline is September 1, 2005. This deadline is firm because we must provide the conference center a final count of participants. If we do not have your registration information by September 1, there may not be a room for you at PMIG!

Travel and Arrival. The Tockwogh conference center is on Still Pond Neck Road in Worton, MD. Driving directions are available on the website at http://www.ymcade.org/branches/tckwogh/conference_directions.cfm. Mapquest says that the distance from the Philadelphia airport is about 76 miles, with driving time 1 hour 45 minutes. The registration form asks you to indicate your day and time of arrival at the airport (if you are arriving by other means, please indicate). As always, we need people to share rides from the airport to the conference site, so please indicate (a) if you are planning to (willing to) rent a car or (b) if you will need a ride. As in the past, we will try to circulate information on arrival days and times so people can coordinate transportation. Note: In the past, many people have not provided their flight arrival information on their registration forms. If you haven't booked flights by the time you mail your registration form, please email Dave and/or Eliot once you know your schedule.

Presentations. The registration form asks you to indicate whether you would like to speak at this year's meeting. We typically have more requests to speak than we have time slots on the program. As in the past, the organizers will select speakers according to a sophisticated algorithm that incorporates many complex factors and reflects the organizers' immense combined wisdom and experience. We will let you know whether or not you are selected for this year's program as soon as possible. Although graduate students are welcome to attend PMIG, they are not invited to make presentations. A data projector for computer presentations will be available for speakers; if you need additional equipment, please let us know on the registration form.

Questions? If your questions are not answered in this letter or at the PMIG website http://www.indiana.edu/~sooccog/pmig.html, email either of us to ask.
We hope to see you at PMIG `06! Remember to complete your registration form, along with a check for $30 made out to PMIG, and to mail them to Dave no later than September 1.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name__________________________________________________________

Address:

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Phone number:_____________ Email:____________________________

Housing preference:
   _____ Prefer **single** room (availability limited; higher cost)
   _____ Prefer **double** room (lower cost)
       I will share a room with (please confirm in advance):

   _____ I'm feeling lucky, assign me a roommate

I will arrive on: _____ Monday, October 9
       _____ Tuesday, October 10
If flying to Philadelphia, arriving at:
   Time:______________________
   Airline & flight number: ____________________________
   _____ I will rent a car at the airport and can provide rides for others
   _____ I will need a ride from the airport

Please indicate any special dietary requirements (e.g., vegetarian, no red meat, food allergies):
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I would like to give a presentation: Yes _____ No _____ (No presentations by graduate students)
   Title of presentation: __________________________________________
   Please provide a 2-3 sentence summary on an attached page.

Return this form with a check for **$30** (payable to **PMIG**) by **September 1** to:
   Dave Hamilton
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