



September 2018

Dear Colleague:

Once again it is time to register for IPANA's Annual Conference co-located with RIPA. This event will be held at The Houstonian in Houston, Texas on October 23-25, 2018.

Accompanying this letter is preliminary conference information as well as registration materials, including instructions for making your preferred hotel accommodations. You should make your reservation at The Houstonian **now** to assure you have a room, even if you are uncertain about attending. We also encourage you to stay at this property rather than off-site! It is better to have a room and not need it than to need it and not have one!

We want you to be aware of certain deadlines in making your arrangements for IPANA's Annual Conference:

- Registration fees for the conference will increase after **Tuesday, September 27**, so make sure you register on-line following the instructions below;
- The reservation deadline at The Houstonian is also **Tuesday, September 27**. However, you should reserve your room sooner rather than later.

Featured speakers at this event include a keynote presentation by BWAY/Mausser. The Fall conference will feature a presentation by Exxon Mobil. You will also learn about the latest issues surrounding the steel tariffs with a presentation by John Packard of *Steel Market Updates*

In addition to these presentations, IPANA's independent affiliates will meet to address regulatory and technical challenges facing the various segments of the industrial packaging industry.

Plan now to join us in Houston, Texas on October 23-25 for this important event! See you there!

Sincerely,

Executive Director



16th ANNUAL MEETING

Featuring Meetings

of the

**International Fibre Drum Institute
Industrial Steel Drum Institute
Plastic Drum Institute
Rigid Intermediate Bulk Container Association**

Co-located with the
Reusable Industrial Packaging Association's Annual Conference



October 23 - 25, 2018

**The Houstonian
Houston, Texas**

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

(Subject to revision)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. IPANA Board Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration/Information Desk
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Welcome Networking Reception
Dinner on your own

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Joint IPANA/RIPA Registration/Information Desk
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. IPANA Associate Members Meeting (closed)
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Plastic Drum Institute/Rigid Intermediate Bulk
Container Association Board Meetings/Joint Membership
Meetings
Industrial Steel Drum Institute Membership Meeting

Lunch on your own

12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. IPANA/RIPA TopGolf Outing & Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ISDI Board of Directors Meeting (closed)
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. IFDI Board of Directors Meeting (closed)
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. IPANA/RIPA Suppliers Exhibition and Networking Reception

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Joint IPANA/RIPA Registration/Information Desk
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast in Suppliers Exhibition
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. IPANA/RIPA Joint Plenary Session
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. – 12 noon IPANA/RIPA Joint Plenary Session
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Accompanying Persons Tour - Houston Double Decker Bus
and Lunch
12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m. IPANA/RIPA Luncheon

IPANA Annual Meeting Concludes

GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Houstonian

The Houstonian reflects all that Houston is - strong, beautiful, friendly. The Houstonian offers an atmosphere designed to relax and pamper guests in a serene setting unlike any other in Houston. Local Houstonians and worldwide travelers alike flock to The Houstonian anticipating a rejuvenating and luxurious experience for each guest. The welcoming sense of arrival is evident from the moment guests arrive to our secluded haven tucked away within the beauty of nature.

Nestled within the wooded setting near Uptown Park, The Houstonian presents the opportunity for a personalized approach with nature in a purely urban oasis with modern appeal and convenient access to areas of interest in Houston. Mere minutes from dynamic Downtown Houston, Memorial Park and the Houston Galleria, The Houstonian has it all - location, southern hospitality and amenities that appeal to travelers all over the world. The Houstonian Campus includes the Houstonian Hotel, along with the world-renowned Houstonian Club and award-winning Trellis Spa.

RECOMMENDED DRESS FOR IPANA MEETING SESSIONS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Business Meetings – The attire for the annual meeting is business casual. For example, a man may wear slacks and a golf shirt and a sport coat (should he prefer). A woman may wear slacks, skirt, or dress. **Absolutely no shorts and/or tees or swim wear at any business sessions.**

Tuesday and Wednesday Receptions – The two joint IPANA/RIPA receptions in Houston – the Welcome Reception on the 23rd and the extended Networking Reception on the 24th – offer great opportunities to see old friends and make new ones. Recommended dress for these occasions includes jacket, slacks, and open collar shirt for men and comfortable evening wear for women.

OCTOBER 24 TOP GOLF OUTING

The RIPA/IPANA Top Golf outing will be held at the nearby site located 20 minutes from the Houstonian. Beginning at 12:00 p.m. a shuttle will take you to the event. Pricing of \$100.00 includes 3 hours of fun, transportation and lunch. Clubs will be provided if you do not wish to bring yours along. If you missed this event in Washington, D.C., you will want to sign up for this. You do not need to know how to play golf to enjoy this event.

SPOUSE/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS REGISTRATION/TOURS

IPANA's registration fee for a spouse/accompanying person is \$50.00. This fee includes two breakfasts and both networking receptions. A separate fee of \$194.00 is needed for the Houston Double Decker Bus, Lunch and stops at the Aquarium and the Butterfly Center on Thursday, October 25th from 9:30 am-2:30pm (approximately). The butterfly center is a stunning, three story glass structure built around a 50 foot waterfall! This simulated tropical rainforest is filled with exotic plants and hundreds of gorgeous live butterflies. These beautiful, delicate creatures imported from butterfly farms around the world will delight you as they flutter through the vegetation, stop to sip nectar or fruit juices, and occasionally alight on lucky visitors.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Two airports are located close to the Houstonian, the Bush [Intercontinental](#) Airport (24 miles) and [Houston Hobby](#) (19 miles).

Don't be left out!!!

Make your hotel reservations today for IPANA's 16th Annual Meeting – October 23-25, 2018

The special IPANA room rate at the Houstonian is **\$209.00 single/double**, plus taxes. Upgrades not included in the RIPA/IPANA contract can be obtained at higher rates, as available.

**The deadline for reservations at the RIPA/IPANA
guaranteed rate is September 27, 2018.**

There are two ways to make your preferred reservations:

1. For on-line reservations:

[Click here](#) to reserve a room at the rate of \$ 209.00. The RIP1018 Group Code is already entered,

Or

2. Phone 713-685-6810 and mention the IPANA-RIPA
2018 Annual Conference Code RIP1018

**Make your Houstonian reservation today!
You can always cancel later, if necessary!**

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OCTOBER WEATHER in Houston, Texas:

Average high temperature: 79 degrees; average low: 63 degrees