## ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAM

The accompanying persons program consists of voluntary, pay-as-you-go events, which will include opportunities for outings on each working day of the conference.

There will also be a fee of \$100 for accompanying persons due at the beginning of the meeting to cover the costs of the Welcoming Reception on Sunday evening September 30 and the conference banquet on Thursday, October 4.

Fall is a beautiful time in Colorado. However, the weather can be variable, ranging from warm and sunny to chilly with snow, sometimes all in the same day. In case of snow, the order of our activities may be rearranged, but we will try to visit all of the sites, or determine a viable alternative. Residents of Colorado find it helpful to be prepared to dress in multiple light layers of clothing so you can easily adjust to remain comfortable throughout the day/week. The American West is a casual environment where you can go to all but the nicest restaurants in casual attire.

## ANTICIPATED EVENTS

Monday, October 1st: Scenic drive from Boulder to the <a href="Estes Park">Estes Park</a> area. Traditionally, this is peak Aspen viewing season in the region. There will be time for picture taking, as well as lunch and walking around historic Estes Park. Weather depending, there may also be an excursion into <a href="Rocky Mountain National Park">Rocky Mountain National Park</a>. (Depending on the number of participants and available drivers, travel+lunch+park entrance fees are anticipated to total \$25. If the group is large enough to require commercial transportation, the total could be as much as \$95.)

**Tuesday, October 2nd:** Trip to downtown Boulder to view and learn about the <a href="Dushanbe Tea House">Dushanbe Tea House</a>, a gift from Boulder's sister city in Tajikistan. We will have lunch at the Tea House and then walk over to the outdoor, pedestrian <a href="Pearl Street Mall">Pearl Street Mall</a>. This district offers many shops unique to Boulder as well as an opportunity to see works by various local or regional artists. An excellent opportunity for souvenir shopping, if you like. (There is no entrance fee to see the Tea House. Lunch/shopping would make up your expenses, and possibly modest bus fare.)

**Wednesday, October 3rd:** The day features a trip to <u>The Wild Animal Sanctuary</u> which is an approximate 1 hour ride away through the farming region. (Entrance fee of approximately \$15.)

**Thursday, October 4th:** Local area trip to see the <u>Celestial Seasonings factory</u>, then lunch in their café. Followed by a visit to the <u>Leanin' Tree Western Art Museum</u>, featuring Old West & wildlife art in multiple media forms. (There are no entrance fees to these sites. Lunch/shopping expenses.)

Thursday evening features the Conference Banquet at the <u>Red Lion Inn</u> in Boulder Canyon. This event would be an appropriate time for dressier attire.

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS/CHANGES WILL BE POSTED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

Please notify the organizing committee of your intention to attend the Accompanying Persons program as soon as possible, and NO LATER than Friday, September 21, 2012, to help us provide adequate transportation and other facilities for everyone attending.

Attendance notification and other contact for accompanying persons at: IAPWSGUEST@GMAIL.COM