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**The International Association of Conference Centers of The Americas
Announces New Board of Directors**

(St. Louis, MO) – November 2010 - The International Association of Conference Centers of The Americas (IACC) has announced the election of new directors for a two-year term from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

Those re-elected to the Board include: Lois Berg, Director, Administrative Services at Wingspread Conference Center in Racine, WI; Alex Cabañas, Chief Development & Strategy Officer for Benchmark Hospitality International in The Woodlands, TX; Erin Peschel, Director of Sales & Marketing at the Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, OH; Dave Vogt, General Manager at Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, NY; and Eric Whitson, Director of Sales & Marketing at The National Conference Center in Leesburg, VA.

Newly elected to the board were Jim Bressler, Director of Sales & Marketing at the Executive Conference Center Washington Duke Inn in Durham, NC; Bob Cohen, Vice President of Sales with PSAV in Beachwood, OH; Paul Dolce, General Manager of The Bolger Center in Potomac, MD & Vice President of Conference Centers for Dolce Hotels & Resorts; David Kohlasch, General Manager of Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg, VA; Ken Misterly, General Manager at The Millennium Centre by Sodexo in Johnson City, TN; and Sean Sands, General Manager at Kellogg Conference Center at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

Other sitting board members include: Michele Dionne, Senior Conference Sales Manager at Dolce Hayes Mansion in San Jose, CA; Melissa Fromento, Group Publisher for MeetingsNet of Penton Media, in New York, NY; and Dan Techman, Director of Sales & Marketing at Esplanade Conference Center Doubletree Guest Suites in Downers Grove, IL.

The IACC Board of Directors has a total of 20 elected members and is comprised of persons who represent Active, Allied, Affinity Partner or Corporate Headquarters members in good standing.

Tom Cappucci, President, IACC Americas (and General Manager, University Place at IUPUI in Indianapolis, IN) stated, "The election of this new group is an exciting indication of the caliber of people we are attracting to the board of directors. They bring a broad range of skills and experience to the board and they will be instrumental in taking our organization to the next level as we turn the corner on the economy.

As the governing body of IACC of The Americas, directors are actively involved on all its operating committees and task forces including Annual Conference, Quality, Sustainability, Marketing, Emerging Trends, Technology, Leadership Development and the IACC Learning Network.

IACC was organized to provide and promote market awareness of conference centers as offering separate, distinct and special places and services; to collect and distribute information on the industry and its trends; to provide an exchange of experiences among its members; to address common problems, needs and opportunities; to provide programs and services that assist members in operating more effectively; and to respond to the needs and interests of conference center users as determined by the Board of Directors.

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Founded in 1981, the International Association of Conference Centres is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting understanding and awareness of the conference center industry and to giving member properties the tools necessary to provide an exceptional meeting experience. Active members meet a set of stringent Universal Criteria and agree to a Code of Ethics. Currently, the association includes approximately 400 members from the United States, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, France, England, The Netherlands, Germany and Japan. For more information, visit the website at www.iacconline.org. IACC = exceptional meeting experiences.

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