



Come Join Us for IPP26 in Boston!

We cordially invite all IPPers to join us next year in Boston for IPP26, July 27 – July 30, 2006! We're planning the biggest International Puzzle Party ever, and the first to be held in historic Boston.

We are especially happy to announce that IPP26 will be held at the Airport Hilton, located just minutes from downtown Boston's tourist destinations. The hotel is both modern and quiet, and will offer many special amenities to IPPers, including very reasonable room rates. The hotel features a main restaurant, a spacious lobby ideal for informal IPP gatherings, a lounge, and a coffee shop that will remain open late for us during IPP26. Other restaurants and foreign exchange facilities are located in the main airport terminal, a short distance away via a covered walkway.

IPP26 Highlights

Among our activities will be a Founders' Reception cruise in Boston Harbor, special banquets with magical and other entertainment, unique origami events, and a side trip to Bloomington, Indiana with Jerry Slocum.

Special IPP26 Theme: Origami

IPP26 will feature a series of special origami-related events, to be conducted by Michael LaFosse of the Origamido studio in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Michael will discuss the links between origami and puzzles and give origami lessons to IPPers and their families. We'll have

other origami experts at IPP26, and a special exhibit of remarkable origami models.

Optional Side Trip to Indiana for Opening of Slocum Library

After IPP26, there will be additional day of sightseeing in the Boston area on Monday, July 31. On Tuesday, August 1st, 2006, we'll fly with Jerry Slocum to Bloomington, Indiana for the grand opening of the Slocum Puzzle Collection at the Lilly Library at Indiana University on Wednesday, August 2nd. There will be a special display of puzzle highlights from Jerry's collection and other special events.

Tourist attractions in and around Boston

Boston has a wealth of tourist attractions close to the Airport Hilton hotel, including:

- Fanueil Hall—the most popular shopping mall in America
- Freedom Trail—a history-filled, self-guided tour featuring sites made famous during the American Revolution and later historic periods, including Paul Revere's House, the USS Constitution, Bunker Hill, and the Old North Church
- Boston Common/Public Garden—the oldest parks in America
- Copley Square, Back Bay—site of the historic Boston Public Library, Trinity Church, the John Hancock building, the Prudential Tower (with an excellent

observation deck), and the Prudential and Copley Place Malls (with over 300 stores)

- South End—the largest Victorian neighborhood in the US, featuring over eighty high-quality restaurants
- Newbury Street, Back Bay—the premiere shopping street in Boston
- Italian North End—wonderful Italian restaurants in an old-world setting
- Harvard Square, Cambridge—a book lover's dream

We are considering half- and full-day tours to the following sites:

- Peabody Essex Museum
- Boston Museum of Science
- Davis's Mega Maze, a corn maze designed by Adrian Fisher
- Boston Museum of Fine Art
- The Newport, Rhode Island mansions
- Sturbridge Village
- Plimoth Plantation
- Provincetown, Massachusetts

Some IPP26 Facts:

Room rate with taxes, in 2006 US dollars: \$119 per night

Access to downtown Boston will be available by subway, taxi, and a special free Hilton shuttle bus that will run all day to and from downtown Boston

Free access to hotel pool and exercise room.

Foreign currency exchange services available at Logan airport (a ten minute covered walk from the hotel)

Parking: 15% discount. Special offer available for off-site parking, with shuttle to lot

Questions? Look for the IPP26 Team in Helsinki. We'll be wearing special buttons and t-shirts (most of the time)! Feel free to ask anyone on the Planning Committee (See below).

RSVP

We will be sending an IPP26 Boston Announcement to you this coming October by email and by regular mail. It will contain a preliminary program, a description of all IPP26 Boston events, Puzzle Exchange rules, information about the Design Competition, and more details about our sightseeing trips. Also included will be a **pre-registration** form. **We must receive your reply no later than November 30, 2005** so we can plan for IPP26 Boston. You will be able to pre-register online at ipp26.org.

We hope to see you all in Boston next year!

Sincerely,

Chris Morgan (co-host), Saul and Paulette Bobroff (co-hosts),
and the entire IPP26 Planning Committee: Tom Cutrofello, Bob Finn, Benji and Ginda Fisher,
Rosemary Howbrigg; Harold Raizer, Henry and Jeanne Strout, Tim and Carol Udall

Want more information? Visit our new web site at ipp26.org !

Log on as User: "**Solver**" with Password: "**Burr**"

*** Note the capital letters. The name and password are case sensitive! ***

NOTE: Please keep the special User Name and Password confidential!

The web site has the latest information about IPP26, the hotel, and things to do in Boston!

Please send any email questions to: info@ipp26.org