



**Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
2009 RID National Conference  
Philadelphia, PA ~ August 1-6, 2009**

**FAQ's**

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**General Information**

<b>Q</b>	<b>WHAT IS THE 2009 RID NATIONAL CONFERENCE?</b>
<b>A</b>	It is the mission of the RID National Conference of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) to offer opportunities to develop the knowledge, wisdom and imagination of all interpreters through educational events and to promote participation in leadership opportunities to advance the profession and improve services.
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHO ATTENDS THE RID CONFERENCE?</b>
<b>A</b>	Join some 2,000 of your sign language interpreter industry colleagues in the city of brotherly love for a fun-filled week packed with tremendous educational, networking and marketing opportunities. Interpreters have the unique experience of becoming the voice for many, while demonstrating a passionate commitment to those they serve. By exhibiting at the 2009 RID National Conference and Exhibition, you can display your valuable products and services to the largest gathering of sign language interpreters in the world and demonstrate how your products will have a positive impact on their careers!
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHEN AND WHERE IS THE CONFERENCE?</b>
<b>A</b>	Philadelphia, PA <i>"Embrace Change - Honor Tradition"</i> Conference Dates ~ August 1-6    Exposition Dates ~ August 2-5 Philadelphia Downtown Marriott, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 Phone: 215.625.2900    Fax: 215.625.6041
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?</b>
<b>A</b>	The focus of Conference is tri-fold. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Education – A variety of educational sessions for professional development will be offered.</li> <li>➤ Networking opportunities – excellent and fun opportunities for networking with your colleagues and peers.</li> <li>➤ Exhibit Hall – The exhibit hall will feature a variety of products and services that allow you to do your job better!</li> </ul>
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHEN AND WHERE ARE FUTURE CONFERENCES?</b>
<b>A</b>	2011 ~ July 15-20 ~ Atlanta, GA ~ Atlanta Marriott Marquis
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHAT IS THE MEETING ATTIRE?</b>
<b>A</b>	The dress attire for this meeting is business casual. Slacks, casual dresses and comfortable shoes are encouraged to wear throughout the meeting. A sweater or jacket is also recommended, as the meeting rooms may be cool. Neckties, business suites, or other business attire are acceptable, but not necessary.

**Registration**

<b>Q</b>	<b>HOW AND WHEN DO I REGISTER?</b>
<b>A</b>	Registration is OPEN! The registration process is quick and simple. Please follow this link to register: <a href="#">2009 Conference</a>
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHAT DOES MY REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDE?</b>
<b>A</b>	Conference registration includes entrance to all educational sessions, general sessions, business meetings, the Exhibit Hall and the Opening reception. A ticket may be purchased for the closing dessert reception.

<b>Q</b>	<b>I AM NOT A MEMBER OF RID BUT A COLLEAGUE IS AND CANNOT ATTEND. CAN I USE THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO REGISTER AT THE MEMBER RATE?</b>
<b>A</b>	Membership is individual and non-transferable to others.
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHAT ARE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINES?</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Early bird</b> registration rate ends <b>February 28, 2009</b> . <b>Regular</b> registration rate ends <b>April 30, 2009</b> . <b>Late</b> registration ends <b>June 30, 2009</b> . On-site fess apply beginning July 1, 2009.
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY?</b>
<b>A</b>	All cancellations must be received in writing. If received by April 30, 2009, 75% of your registration cost will be refunded. Between May 1 and July 15, 50% of your registration cost will be refunded. There are no refunds after July 15.
<b>Q</b>	<b>HOW DO I BUY A CONFERENCE T-SHIRT?</b>
<b>A</b>	You may purchase a conference t-shirt on the registration form, or there will be a limited number on-site in Philadelphia.
<b>Q</b>	<b>I AM A MEMBER OF THE PRESS. HOW DO I REGISTER?</b>
<b>A</b>	Members of the press are strongly encouraged to attend the RID Conference and report on the latest trends and news in the interpreting field, and its leadership. For press credentials, please contact Tina Schultz, at <a href="mailto:tschultz@rid.org">tschultz@rid.org</a> .

#### Speaker Information

<b>Q</b>	<b>HOW CAN I BECOME A SPEAKER AT THE CONFERENCE?</b>
<b>A</b>	The Call for Presentations is now closed. The Call for Proposals for the 2011 RID National Conference will be posted on our website in the summer of 2010. Be sure to check back at that time for more details on the 2011 Conference.
<b>Q</b>	<b>IF I AM A SPEAKER, DO I HAVE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE?</b>
<b>A</b>	Yes, you must register using the standard registration form.

#### Hotel/Transportation

<b>Q</b>	<b>WHAT HOTELS HAVE BEEN RESERVED?</b>
<b>A</b>	The headquarters hotel is the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. The overflow hotel is the Philadelphia Courtyard by Marriott Downtown. There is not a separate member rate at the hotels. <a href="#">2009 Housing</a>
<b>Q</b>	<b>WILL TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED DURING THE CONFERENCE?</b>
<b>A</b>	All conference meetings will be at or directly connected to the two hotels listed above. Transportation is not needed.

#### Education

<b>Q</b>	<b>HOW IS THE EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPED?</b>
<b>A</b>	The Program Committee is comprised of ten outstanding RID members who are dedicated to making a large time commitment to ensure the programming is the best it can be at Conference. A few factors considered include the latest trends, the subject's relevance, registrants' evaluation of previous sessions and presenters, and the number of sessions allotted to each topic.
<b>Q</b>	<b>HOW MANY CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUS) CAN I EARN?</b>
<b>A</b>	The CEU count for this meeting will be posted on the RID website in the Spring of 2009.
<b>Q</b>	<b>WHAT IF THE EDUCATION SESSIONS ARE FULL?</b>
<b>A</b>	Education sessions may have limited seating, requiring a session to be closed if the room reaches capacity. Educational sessions are not ticketed, and therefore seating is available on a first-come basis. Sufficient room will be available at other sessions if your first choice is full.

#### Partnership Opportunities

<b>Q</b>	<b>HOW CAN MY COMPANY EXHIBIT?</b>
<b>A</b>	If you are interested in exhibiting, please follow this link: <a href="#">2009 Exhibits</a>





## Travel Facts for Philly!

### Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 USA  
Phone: 1-215-625-2900 Fax : 1-215-625-6000

#### **Parking**

- On-site parking, fee: 43.2 USD daily
- Valet parking, fee: 43.2 USD daily
- Off-site parking; contact hotel for details

#### **Area Airport - Philadelphia - PHL**

- Phone: 1 215 937 6937
- Hotel direction: 8 miles NE
- Driving Directions: Take I-95 North to 676 West. Take Broad St. Exit. Turn left onto Vine. Make a right onto 12th St. Hotel is at 12th and Filbert.
- Alternate Transportation : Tropiano Transportaton
- Airport shuttle service, on request, fee: 10 USD (one way)
- Subway service, fee: 5.50 USD (one way)
- Estimated taxi fare: 27.00 USD (one way)

#### **Other Transportation - Train Station**

- 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station. [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

#### **Hotel Safety Tips**

#### **August in Philly!**

The average high temperature in August is 83

degrees Fahrenheit and the average August rainfall is almost 4 inches.

**Join RID** and the largest representation of the interpreting profession at the 2009 RID National Conference. While there, immerse yourself in the *City of Brotherly Love*. With a wealth of history, culture, entertainment, music, shopping, sports and food, Philadelphia is the most historic host city for RID. [Learn more about Philadelphia>>](#)

1. Locate all the fire exits, elevators and public phones.
2. Always keep the door closed and locked when you're in the room.
3. Never open your door without first knowing who is at the door.
4. Call the front desk to verify unexpected deliveries, room service, or room repairs.
5. Place all your valuables in the hotel safe and get a written receipt for what you store. Be sure to confirm that the hotel's insurance will cover your items if stolen.
6. Leave the television or radio on when you go out of the room.
7. Do not place the "require maid service" sign on your door. It may signal that you are out of the room.
8. If you lose or misplace your key, notify the front desk immediately.
9. If you get in an elevator and are uncomfortable with someone in the elevator – get out! Get on the next elevator, or ask the hotel front desk for an escort to your room.
10. Be sure that your room has a deadbolt, a chain, and a regular door lock. Make sure you use all of them before going to sleep.
11. Do not ever hesitate to call the front desk!