Request for SIG, BOF and SHARE Fair Participation

Hello!

We hope you will participate in the 40th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, to be held from **Sunday, August 9 through Friday, August 14, 2020**, in beautiful **San Diego, California**. Hosted by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), the Conference objectives are to inform, instruct, and inspire attendees to explore and preserve their Jewish family history.

The Conference provides participation opportunities for Jewish Genealogy Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Birds of a Feather (BOFs) and others who may offer services or resources to Jewish Genealogists such as libraries, archives, historical societies, and other non-profit entities. The Conference offers SIGs and BOFs the opportunity to have meetings during conference week and along with other outside non-profit entities, to staff a table at our traditional “SHARE Fair” which is held on the opening Sunday of our annual conference.

Please read these instructions carefully. You will be asked to agree to the terms outlined in this letter on the application form.

**SHARE Fair**

SIGs, BOFs and other non-profit invitees will be provided with one or two 6’ draped tables and two chairs during the Fair. The organization may display and give away materials relevant to family history or research. In general, hotels do not allow taping or pinning anything to their walls, so your materials should be self-supporting. No electrical power will be provided; however, wireless internet will be available. Table locations will be assigned by the conference committee at our discretion.

**The deadline for SHARE Fair applications is Wednesday, January 22, 2020.**

Organizations may have up to 4 people admitted to the conference for the SHARE Fair only. The names of these individuals must be provided to the conference organizers prior to the SHARE Fair so that a guest badge can be prepared in advance. No one is allowed in the conference without checking in at Registration and receiving credentials for safety reasons.

**PARTICIPATION RULES & LIMITATIONS**

1. The organization takes responsibility for all materials brought or used during the SHARE Fair and any related expenses.

2. The organization will provide the names of those who will represent it to the conference before the day of the SHARE Fair. If not conference registrants, these guests will be admitted to the SHARE Fair only.

3. The organizations may sign up members if appropriate but should refrain from commercial sales as the SHARE Fair. Participation as a Vendor is encouraged but has an associated fee and a separate assigned location.

4. The organization affirms that their displays will not be controversial or offensive to Conference Registrants and commits to providing information which is relevant to Jewish Genealogy and Research.
5. The Conference may deny applications or later terminate them at its sole discretion. If terminated during the SHARE Fair, the Organization is to remove its display and leave the premises immediately.

**BOF Meetings / SIG Meetings and Luncheons with Speakers**

In addition to the SHARE Fair, BOFs are invited to request a meeting slot and SIGs are invited to request meeting(s) slots and schedule a SIG luncheon anytime during our conference between Sunday at noon through Friday at noon. Please indicate your preferred date and time in the attached SIG or BOF application. Conflicts cannot always be avoided, but we will try to make accommodations for those groups who notify us early enough in our scheduling process. Scheduling will be on a “first come, first served” basis, so please submit the application before the deadline.

**The deadline for SIG and BOF applications is Tuesday, December 31, 2019.**

If a SIG plans to invite a speaker, you may qualify for certain reimbursements. Meeting the speaker submission deadline of December 22, 2019, will allow the Program Committee to consider including your invited guest as a general speaker in our program. Please review the requirements in the SIG application for speakers and reimbursements.

**Application forms are available for download on the Conference website at:**

   SIG-BOF.iajgs2020.org

Thank you for considering participating in the 40th Anniversary IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy. We look forward to hearing from you and are available if you need help or have a new idea to discuss. Looking forward to seeing you in San Diego!

Sincerely,

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