

USIALE 2011 – Portland, Oregon

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! Plans are underway for the 2011 USIALE meeting in Portland, Oregon (tentative dates: April 3-7, 2011). Portland offers numerous amenities that we believe will provide an excellent meeting experience. The city is recognized widely as a modern “Ecotopia” because of its commitment to sustainability and progressive land use planning. Portland itself is rich in parks and recreation opportunities. Within the Pacific Northwest region exist some of the most diverse and scenic landscapes including the Columbia River Gorge, Pacific Coast, the Willamette Valley, and Cascade Mountains. Diverse ecosystems exist within the region including temperate rain forest, several different forest types, alpine, coast, high desert, and low-lying valley. Regional industries include wine, hops, grass seed, Christmas trees, timber, shipping, and fishing. Our conference program and planning will seek to feature the aspirations and challenges of living in the Pacific Northwest including an emphasis on locally grown food, limiting sprawl, maintaining ecosystem diversity, and maximizing landscape sustainability. Additional information will be available on the USIALE website as planning continues. At this time, we also appreciate any input and suggestions from the membership.

Local hosts:

Robert Scheller (Portland State University)

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Program Chair:

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