



March 12, 2008

Dear FICPI Colleagues and Friends:

On behalf of the U.S. Section of FICPI, I am pleased to transmit the registration packet for the meeting of the American, British, and Canadian (ABC) Sections, to be held in Charleston, South Carolina, USA, on June 3-6, 2008.

Charleston presents an exciting venue for the meeting. It is a city rich in history and tradition, and its historic downtown district has stood throughout the city's history as the cultural capital of the American South. The Charleston Plaza hotel, our meeting site, lies in the middle of the historic district, and a large number of the things to do and see are within walking distance from the hotel.

A business program will be held each morning, leaving the afternoons free for both registrants and accompanying persons to participate in the many available optional tours. John Hardaway is busy planning the details of the business programs under the theme "Change is in the air". I'm sure this timely theme will present much to discuss.

The registration packet outlines the scheduled and optional events, and it includes a registration form which should be returned directly to our meeting planners, JMC Charleston, by fax or mail. Also enclosed in the packet is a hotel registration form which should be completed and returned directly to the hotel. Both forms need to be returned by May 4.

While the ABC meeting has traditionally been hosted by the American, British, and Canadian Sections on a rotating basis, it should be noted that the meeting is open to all FICPI members worldwide.

Please feel free to contact me or the meeting planners if you should have any questions, and I will look forward to seeing you in Charleston.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles B. Elderkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the typed name.

Charles B. Elderkin  
President, FICPI-US

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**FICPI 2008 CHARLESTON  
JUNE 3 – JUNE 7 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Business Program</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Accompanying Persons' Program</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Evening Social Program</b>
Tuesday, June 3	10:00–7:00	Arrivals Registration, <i>Charleston Place</i>			7:00–10:00	Cocktail Reception <i>Palmetto Café, Charleston Place Hotel</i>
Wednesday, June 4	9:00–1:00 8:30–11:30	Registration, <i>Charleston Place</i> Business Meeting, <i>Charleston Place</i>	9:30–11:30 10:00–2:00 10:45–1:30 12:15–4:15 12:30–4:00	Aiken-Rhett House Tour King Street Shopping Charleston Cooks! Kayaking Home & Garden Tour	6:30–8:00 8:00	Cocktail Reception <i>The Old Exchange Building and Provost Dungeon</i> Dinner On Own
Thursday, June 5	8:30–11:30	Business Meeting, <i>Charleston Place</i>	9:45–1:45 10:45–1:30 12:15–4:15 1:30–3:30 1:30–5:30 2:00–5:15	Antique Walking Tour Charleston Cooks! Kayaking Aiken-Rhett House Tour Mepkin Abbey Ft. Sumter & Harbor Tour	6:30–10:30	Lowcountry Beach Party, <i>Folly Beach</i>
Friday, June 6	8:30–11:30	Business Meeting, <i>Charleston Place</i>	11:30–5:30 12:30–5:00	Golf at River Town Middleton Place Tour	7:00–10:00	Final Night Banquet, <i>Riviera Theater</i>
Saturday, June 7		Departures				



**2008 FICPI  
June 3 – 7, 2008**

**Charleston Place Hotel  
Charleston, South Carolina**

**2008 REGISTRATION FEE- \$1,200.00 USD for first registrant and \$1,000 USD each additional registrant. Registration fee includes the following:**

Tuesday evening cocktail reception at Palmetto Café, Hotel Breakfast Wednesday-Friday, Wednesday night Old Exchange Building cocktail reception, Thursday night Beach Party at Folly Beach, Final Night Banquet at the Riviera Theatre.

*Cocktail Reception, Palmetto Café, Charleston Place—Business Casual*

*The Old Exchange Building and Provost Dungeon—Business Casual*

Relax as your carriage begins its journey through America's most historic city. Tonight, your 30 minute carriage ride will drop you at the front steps of one of the most significant buildings in American history, The Old Exchange Building. Enjoy a traditional Charleston cocktail reception menu, libations and learning of the history of one of the finest examples of Palladian architecture in the country.

*Lowcountry Beach Party at Folly Beach—Casual*

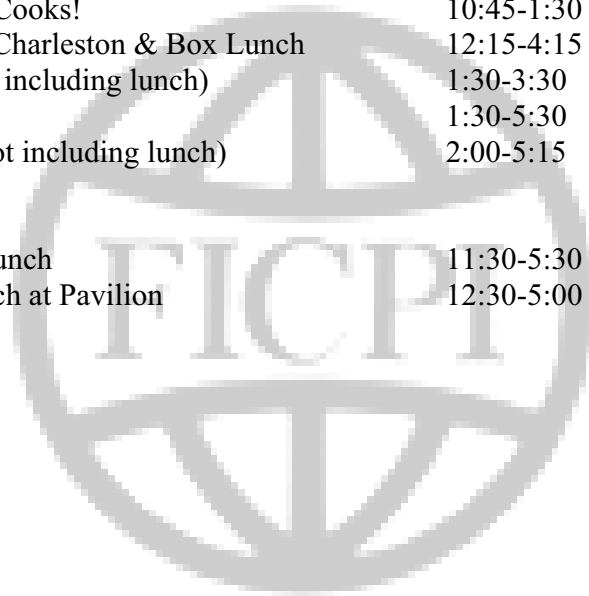
Tonight's casual festivities offer "the real deal" beach party by utilizing the Folly Beach County Park Pavilion and its surroundings. Enjoy the serene setting and sunset while listening to the tunes of Island Trio and enjoying a Lowcountry BBQ buffet.

*An Evening Of Doing The Charleston! Riviera Theatre—Coat and Tie*

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**2008 TOUR OPTIONS**

<i>Wednesday, June 4, 2008</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>Price/Person</i>
Aiken-Rhett House Tour (not including lunch)	9:30-11:30	\$ 44.00
King Street Shopping & Lunch at Palmetto Café	10:00-2:00	\$ 80.00
Cooking Class at Charleston Cooks!	10:45-1:30	\$ 107.00
Kayaking in the Estuaries of Charleston & Box Lunch	12:15-4:15	\$ 215.00
Home and Garden Tour & Lunch at McCrady's Tavern	12:30-4:00	\$ 110.00
 <i>Thursday, June 5, 2008</i>		
Antique Walking Tour & Lunch at Magnolia's	9:45-1:45	\$ 104.00
Cooking Class at Charleston Cooks!	10:45-1:30	\$ 107.00
Kayaking in the Estuaries of Charleston & Box Lunch	12:15-4:15	\$ 215.00
Aiken-Rhett House Tour (not including lunch)	1:30-3:30	\$ 44.00
Mepkin Abbey & Box Lunch	1:30-5:30	\$ 140.00
Ft. Sumter & Harbor Tour (not including lunch)	2:00-5:15	\$ 90.00
 <i>Friday, June 6, 2008</i>		
Golf at River Town & Box Lunch	11:30-5:30	\$ 200.00
Middleton Place Tour & Lunch at Pavilion	12:30-5:00	\$ 140.00



## 2008 TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

### *Antique Walking Tour & Lunch at Magnolia's*

This unique tour winds along Charleston's intimate lanes and main thoroughfares to explore some of its more sophisticated antique shops and art galleries. Discover the South's pre-eminent Antique District and enjoy expert commentary on the City's splendid architectural heritage. Finishing off at Magnolia's, one of Charleston's legendary lowcountry restaurants, you will enjoy a lecture by Dawn Evers, the Charleston Silver Lady.

### *King Street Shopping & Lunch at Palmetto Café*

This tour is lead by a savvy expert on Charleston's best clothing and accessory boutiques. Guests will be taken from shop to shop to experience the finds that Charleston has to offer. Followed by a high noon luncheon at Palmetto Café.

### *Home and Garden Tour & Lunch at McCrady's Tavern*

Enjoy a stroll through Charleston's magnificent Historic District and visit three of our masterfully restored museum homes, along with a viewing of many private gardens along the way. The tour includes: the stately Edmondston-Alston House, Nathaniel Russell House, and the Heyward-Washington House. Lunch will be served at McCrady's Tavern, one of Charleston's finest restaurants. As the site of a dinner held for George Washington in 1791, McCrady's Tavern will astound you as view the ceiling-high wine collection and enjoy the wooden oak ambiance.

### *Cooking Class at Charleston Cooks! With Tasting Lunch*

Learn the answer to what makes lowcountry cuisine the cornerstone of our coastal South Carolina heritage from the most masterful in the cooking industry! This fun demonstration class featuring the "Taste of the Lowcountry" menu is a great way to learn about the cuisine while enjoying regionally based recipes and sipping a glass of wine!

### *Kayaking in the Estuaries of Charleston*

Escape for an exhilarating afternoon on the water and paddle the winding saltwater creeks and uninhabited marsh islands of Coastal South Carolina. A safe, comfortable sea kayak provides you with a tranquil view of pelicans, egrets and dolphins, as well as a variety of plants and wildlife. Your locally trained guide is an expert paddler with a vast knowledge of the environment and the heritage of the surrounding islands. A gourmet box lunch will be provided.

### *Aiken-Rhett House Tour*

This trip includes a stop at the Battery Waterfront to view Fort Sumter and a tour of the Aiken-Rhett House, the most intact townhouse complex showcasing urban life in antebellum Charleston. Owned by generations of the Aiken family, one of the state's wealthiest families, their home is furnished with magnificent art and décor that has been collected from the family's European vacation.

### *Mepkin Abbey & Box Lunch*

Mepkin Abbey has long been a retreat for those seeking external beauty and internal reorganization. Once a Colonial rice plantation, today's Mepkin is a place of solemn prayer and hard work for the 30 Trappist monks who call it home. Guests may tour the church's award-winning architecture and sweeping gardens, or take part in the Monk's prayer and work. A gourmet box lunch will be provided. (Approximately one hour transfer each way).

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### *Ft. Sumter & Harbor Tour*

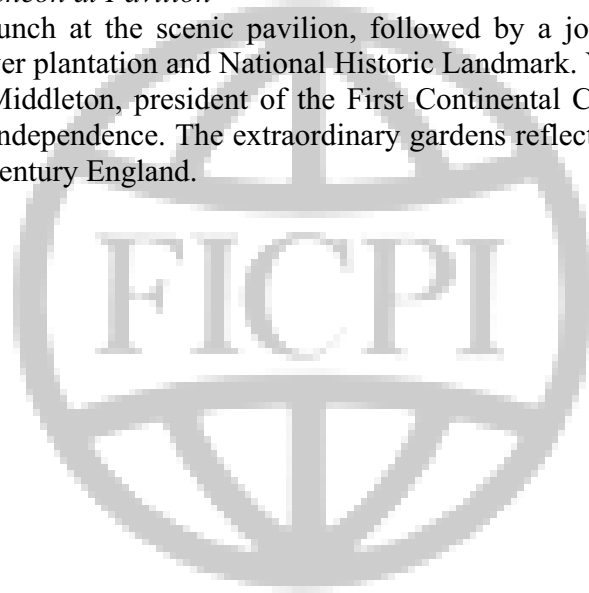
Your private coach and tour guide will escort you as your ride to Aquarium Wharf where you will depart to the island of Fort Sumter. On the boat to the Fort, you will learn about the scenic views of the harbor and learn about the first shots of the Civil War! Your tour includes a stop at Fort Sumter National Monument, where historians provide detailed information about Fort Sumter and its pivotal role in American history.

### *Golf at RiverTowne & Box Lunch*

Situated among scenic marshlands and majestic live oaks with 13 holes along the Wando River and Horlbeck Creek, this 18-hole championship course will feature exceptional year-round playing conditions with five sets of tees from 5100 yards to 7200 yards. Come see why the South Carolina Golf Course Owners Association has selected RiverTowne Country Club in Mount Pleasant as the 2004 South Carolina Course of the Year. Golf clubs are available to rent on-site for an additional \$40.00. A gourmet box lunch will be provided. (Approximately 30 minute transfer each way)

### *Middleton Place Tour & Luncheon at Pavilion*

Begin your afternoon with lunch at the scenic pavilion, followed by a journey around Middleton Place Plantation, an 18<sup>th</sup>-century river plantation and National Historic Landmark. Your tour will take you through Middleton, home of Henry Middleton, president of the First Continental Congress and his son, Arthur, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The extraordinary gardens reflect the symmetry and elegance of 17<sup>th</sup> century France and 18<sup>th</sup> century England.



2008 FICPI Registration

Please print out this form (2 pages) and fax to JMC Charleston at 843.577.0900.

■ STEP 1 – REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Name to appear on Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will require FICPI Assistance:  Audio  Mobile  Visual

■ STEP 2 – SPOUSE/GUEST INFORMATION

Spouse/Guest Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

■ STEP 3 – REGISTRATION FEES PER PERSON

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■ STEP 4 – FICPI TOUR TICKETS

<i>Date – Tour/Activity Name</i>	<i>No. Tickets</i>	<i>Total Price</i>
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
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**Tour Tickets Subtotal** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

■ STEP 5 – TOTAL DUE (ADD STEPS 3 AND 4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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■ STEP 6 – PAYMENT INFORMATION

*Please check one and print clearly.*

Check

Credit Card:  Visa       MasterCard       American Express

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Billing Address**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact** – In Case of Emergency During The Meeting, Please Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Number \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Number \_\_\_\_\_

■ STEP 7 – FAX OR MAIL

Fax to: JMC Charleston- (843) 577 – 0900

Mail to: JMC Charleston c/o FICPI 6A Charlotte Street. Charleston, SC 29403

■ STEP 8 – HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please contact Charleston Place Hotel directly at **1-800-831-3490** to make your hotel reservation. Mention the FICPI Conference to receive our special discount rate of **\$269.00** for deluxe single/double occupancy. Should you choose to fax your hotel reservation, please fill out the attached Charleston Place Hotel FICPI Reservation form and return to (843) 724- 7215. All reservations as well as changes in arrival, departure, type of accommodation and cancellations must be made by **May 4, 2008**, directly with the hotel, either in writing or by telephone. Should you cancel your reservation, the deposit will be refunded if notified within 72 hours prior to arrival and a cancellation number is obtained. **Please refer to the Charleston Place Hotel FICPI Reservation form for more information.**

**For registration questions, please call: 843 – 577 – 1100**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

The registration deadline is May 4, 2008. After this date, registration will be taken on a space available basis only at the FICPI Tour Desk.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellation or exchange requests must be received in writing by May 4, 2008. If a ticket holder requests a tour cancellation, all pre-registration money will be returned minus a **\$5.00 per tour cancellation fee.**

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### REFUNDS:

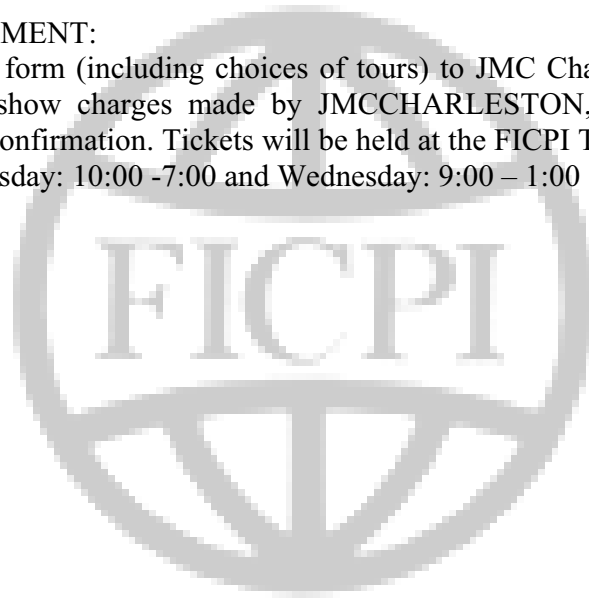
There will be no refunds or exchanges after May 4, 2008, unless a tour is cancelled due to failure to meet minimum participation requirement. In the event of JMC Charleston cancellation, you will be notified by May 14, 2008 via e-mail if a tour you have booked has been cancelled due to lack of participation. You will receive a full refund for the cost of the tour only. JMC Charleston retains the right to cancel any tour where requirements are not met. JMC Charleston reserves the right to make comparable substitutions if circumstances beyond our control necessitate a change in any element of the stated program. All tours will operate rain or shine.

### TOUR DEPARTURES:

Tours depart promptly from Charleston Place. Please arrive in the lobby 15 minutes prior to departure time.

### REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:

Please fax entire registration form (including choices of tours) to JMC Charleston at (843) 577-0900. All credit card statements will show charges made by JMCCHARLESTON, not FICPI. Your credit card statement will serve as your confirmation. Tickets will be held at the FICPI Tour Desk and can be picked up during Tour Desk hours. Tuesday: 10:00 -7:00 and Wednesday: 9:00 – 1:00



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Please print out this form (1 page) and fax to Charleston Place Hotel at (843) -724-7215

### CHARLESTON PLACE HOTEL FICPI RESERVATION

205 Market Street, Charleston, SC 29401-3133

Fax: (843) 724-7215, Group Reservations: 1-800-831-3490

E-mail: [groupers@charlestonplace.com](mailto:groupers@charlestonplace.com)

FICPI Deluxe Single/Double Rates: \$269.00  
Rates are subject to 12.5% state and local taxes.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

For arrival on (day/date) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) sharing accommodations \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check or money order      \_\_\_ Diners Club      \_\_\_ American Express

\_\_\_ Carte Blanche      \_\_\_ Visa      \_\_\_ MasterCard

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

There will be an additional charge of \$25.00 for a third person sharing a double room. Children under 18 may share the same room with parents at no additional charge. Rollaway beds are not available.

**Please indicate requested room type:**

\_\_\_ King      \_\_\_ 2-Double Beds      \_\_\_ Crib

**Cut Off Date for Reservations: May 4, 2008**

Reservations requested after the cut off date are subject to availability. Rooms may still be available after the cut off date but not necessarily at the group rated. Deposit equal to one nights stay required. Please note: Deposits will be refunded only if cancellations notification is received no less than 72 hours prior to arrival date. Reservation requests are subject to availability. Check In is 4:00 p.m. and Check Out is 12:00 Noon.

**BEFORE YOU ARRIVE ENHANCEMENTS  
&  
HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN...!**

**Sweetgrass Basket Cultural Arts Festival**

**June 6-7, 2008**

A colorful showcase of diversified sweetgrass baskets, quilts, paintings and crafts will be displayed at the SCAF on June 1st and 3rd from 4 to 7 PM & June 4th from 12 Noon to 7 PM on the grounds of Laing Middle School. The festival will include an assortment of Gullah Geechee skits, storytelling, folklores music, dance, children performers, along with demonstrations and lectures on the history of sweetgrass basket making in the Lowcountry. A variety of children and family activities will be provided by Creative Sparks and Cupcakes the Clown. An assortment of delicious Lowcountry Gullah Geechee foods will be provided by local restaurants and food vendors for all to enjoy. For more information, contact Marlene Henry, Events Coordinator at (843) 884-9910 or visit <http://www.sweetgrassfestival.org>

**Spoletto Festival USA**

**May 23- June 8, 2008**

Spoletto Festival USA has earned a reputation for offering programs of the highest artistic caliber, supporting new and innovative works, nurturing outstanding young artists, and expanding public appreciation of the arts. This focus has brought Spoleto international acclaim. For more information, call (843) 722-2764 or visit <http://www.spoletousa.org>

**The Have Nots! Comedy Improv**  
**Friday, June 6, 2008**

The funniest show you'll ever be a part of! No scripts! The Have Nots! (SC's only professional improv company since 1994) perform high-energy improv comedy based on audience suggestion, which makes each show different from the last. Where the locals go! Admission varies. For more information, please call (843) 853-6687 or visit <http://www.thehavenots.com>

**Charleston RiverDogs**

**Wednesday, June 4 & Thursday, June 5, 2008**

Don't miss any of the action! As Charleston's minor league baseball team, the RiverDogs games provide for an excellent summer evening activity. Situated along the banks of the scenic Ashley River, Joseph P. Riley Jr. Park has been rated among the best playing facilities on the collegiate and minor league levels, and once you've visited The Joe, you will concur. For more information, please call the Box Office at (843) 577- DOGS or visit <http://www.riverdogs.com>

For more information on "Happenings Around Town" during your visit, please go to: [www.charlestoncvb.com](http://www.charlestoncvb.com).

The weather in Charleston South Carolina is generally mild throughout the year, it is recommended that you bring a light jacket or sweater for evening activities.

**June - Normal High: 88°F, Normal Low: 68°F, Normal Average: 78°F**