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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: April 2, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing staff attendance and registration at the Interpreting World Heritage Conference in Sokcho, Korea, May 11 - 15.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing staff attendance and registration at the Interpreting World Heritage Conference in Sokcho, Korea, May 11 - 15.

Background: Deputy Executive Officer Amy Lethbridge has been selected as a speaker at the third annual Interpreting World Heritage Conference, to be held in Sokcho, South Korea, May 11 - 15. Sokcho is the entrance to Soerako-san National Park. Korea National Parks and Korea National Forest Service are co-sponsors of this event with the National Association of Interpretation. The conference will bring together 150 to 200 delegates from 30 to 40 nations in an effort to create opportunities for professional development for attendees and establish a network for professional associations and individuals involved in heritage interpretation around the globe. Lethbridge's presentation, "Interpretation on the Urban Edge," highlights the MRCA's urban outreach and interpretive efforts in the Santa Monica Mountains and, using those programs as a model, outlines elements of successful partnerships to ensure access and inclusivity to populations not traditionally served by park agencies.

Registration for the event is \$375. Lethbridge will pay all travel expenses but would like to attend on regular time.