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Greetings Forensics Friends:

The 27th Annual International Forensics Association (IFA) will be held in Lima, Peru, in March 2017. Competitors, coaches and friends of the IFA are welcome! We will continue our traditional goal of providing a competitive tournament outside of the United States, while providing wonderful opportunities to experience diverse cultures, exceptional architectural & artistic wonders, and sample culinary delights.

The tournament will be held on Monday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 14, 2017. We have reserved a block of rooms for the entire week and we have added additional rooms for those traveling earlier or later. (Travel information is included on the next pages) Our International Liaison, Tim Heisler, is working to include a special dinner reception for awards. That said there might be a small additional fee per person for the ceremony.

For the past six years, all participants have arranged for their own travel. With the advent of the Internet, there are no incentives offered by airlines. We do *strongly* request that all participants book their hotel space through the IFA website link that is listed in the travel section of this letter. Our rate includes an American breakfast, internet and all applicable taxes. The rate you are charged will be less than any that you may find online. Should there be a large shift in currency exchanges, we can negotiate with our representative at the hotel to adjust the rates. We cannot provide that service for those who do not book through our site.

Every school is responsible for a competition room in the hotel at the rate of 1 room per 10 entries. While you may find better rates nearby at an inferior hotel, in order to keep the tournament affordable for all schools to attend, we strongly advise that you make reservations at the tournament hotel. It is unfair for some schools to subsidize the costs of the tournament while others do not. While we appreciate the budget constraints that nearly all schools have, we have worked diligently to find a hotel that is affordable for all. In order to continue the IFA, if a substantial number of contestants do not use the tournament hotel, we will be forced to change our per slot room requirement and/or increase the per person fee for those not staying at the hotel. We cannot stress the importance of this for the sustained viability of the tournament.

Two final notes: In 2014, we re-established our affiliation with the National Communication Association (NCA.) Part of our agreement includes that our Officers remain current with their membership. NCA also encourages all participants to attend the NCA Convention (this year marks their 102nd year Anniversary and will be held in Philadelphia) and to keep current with your membership. If you are attending NCA, please make every effort to attend our Business meeting, which will be held Thursday morning, November 10, 2016. Please

also note that our travel agent, Ms. Jill Kraatz of Experient has booked a block of rooms for IFA and for anyone that may be attending with you at an EXCELLENT rate. I will provide a link for booking rooms, however if you are planning for NCA now, please contact Jill directly at jill.kraatz@experientselect.com

We expect a large tournament in Lima, the inquiries so far have been tremendous. We hope that you are able to join us for what we know will be a wonderful experience for all. Details for the hotel and our travel agent are included in the following pages of this letter. Come celebrate 27 years of the IFA with us in Lima, Peru! Can't wait to see you there....

Best regards,

Barbara S. Baron ~ President for the IFA

Please see the following pages for Travel Details

See the attachments for travel forms and links for things to do in Lima, Peru.