



## 3<sup>rd</sup> National Detector Dog Conference (NDDC 2003) May 19-23, 2003 at North Miami Beach, Florida. U.S.A

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to invite you and your colleagues to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Detector Dog Conference on May 19-23, 2003 at North Miami Beach, Florida. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested. The theme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Detector Dog Conference is "The Expanding Role of Detection Canines in Homeland Security". The Conference will be held at the Ramada Plaza Marco Polo Beach Resort.

Registration for the conference is \$250, which includes handouts, breaks and a conference reception. After May 1, 2003 registration will be \$300. Register on line at <http://w3.fiu.edu/ifri/K9conf/K92003.htm> or call 305-348-6211.

Please book hotel reservations directly with the conference hotel (Ramada Plaza Marco Polo Beach Resort 877-327-6363 or 305-932-2233) and mention the K-9 Conference. A great rate of \$69/night is available at this beachfront hotel until 4/20/03. ([www.ramadaplazamiabeach.com](http://www.ramadaplazamiabeach.com)). The hotel address is 19201 Collins Avenue, North Miami Beach, Florida. The hotel is 10 miles from Ft. Lauderdale Int'l Airport (FLL) and 20 miles from Miami Int'l Airport (MIA).

This conference brings together many of the world's leading experts in the field of detector dogs including scientists, trainers and handlers. While the emphasis for this 3<sup>rd</sup> NDDC will be on the expanding role of detection canines in homeland security since 9/11/01 including explosive detector dog teams, all detector dog types are included in the conference. One major goal of this meeting is to refine scientifically sound best practice procedures for detector dog teams aimed at improving contraband interdiction from enhanced detection capabilities to improved courtroom defensibility. Invited speakers will be giving presentations and panel discussions will be held at the end of each days talks. The planned program and updates are available at <http://w3.fiu.edu/ifri/K9conf/K92003-announce.htm> and <http://www.ifri.fiu.edu>.

Thank you for sharing this information with your colleagues and please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Yours Sincerely,

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