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Enhancing the Tradition

Next Annual Conference for ILBA – April 1-4, 2004

As the **International Conference on Handcrafted Log Building** approaches, our conference committee is finalizing program details. This world-class event will take place at the Tigh-Na-Mara Resort, in picturesque Parksville, BC on Vancouver Island. This is a true ocean paradise, located on the Pacific Ocean offering a full conference and recreation facility in an exquisite West Coast setting. A short stroll down their seafront walkway will lead you to one of the largest ocean beaches in British Columbia, sheltered by Douglas Fir and Arbutus trees. The facility can be easily accessed from ferry terminals on Vancouver Island, just 40km from the Departure Bay terminal or 45km from Duke Point. If you would like to fly in there are 3 airports close by; the Nanaimo airport is 40km away, Qualicum Beach Airport 10km, and the Comox airport is 50km from the facility. Register early, as space is limited for this event. Our advice to all potential participants is to register early, and not miss this spectacular conference opportunity.

The conference will take place April 1-4, 2004. Pre-conference workshops will begin prior to these dates, and we also recommend that conference participants take the opportunity to explore the area, which is abundant with activities for all ages. At press release time, the pre-conference workshops are scheduled to include complex log building techniques, as well as classes in timber framing, cord wood building techniques, log grading, thatch roof construction, and more.

The Tigh-Na-Mara Resort & Conference Center at Parksville is the main venue for our conference courses, seminars, lectures and slideshows. Organizers have balanced the conference to present opportunities for participants to have a good time and go home with new skills. Our goals are to foster a better understanding for the industry worldwide. Seminars will be led by experts in the industry and touch on subjects of interest to participants. There will be the ever-popular jig demonstrations, ongoing workshops and seminars specific to all aspects of the handcrafted log building industry, as well as an overview of cordwood building techniques, living earth roofs, thatch roof systems, marketing seminars, human resource seminars, a log builder's competition, slideshows, live auction, our annual trade show, evening entertainment, and much, much more.

Suppliers to the handcrafted log building industry are also excited to attend. It is evident that the sponsors are prepared to invest in the future of the craft by assisting in bringing us together. Participants will meet representatives from the sponsoring companies as well as from the log building associations and publications.

The public will have the opportunity of attending on Saturday to participate in guided tours of projects underway, to meet with builders and participate in a slide show which will portray the work offered by the handcrafted log home industry. All participants must pre-register in advance and space is limited so we encourage you to contact our office ASAP at 1-800-532-2900 or visit our website at www.logassociation.org.