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UNIVERSITY PRINT MANAGERS' GROUP

“DEALING WITH A MONEY SQUEEZE”

Annual Conference 2009

31st May - 3rd June

Troon Marine Hotel

The 2009 Conference commences with dinner on Sunday evening 31st May ends Wednesday lunchtime 3rd June. UPMG Members, who make a full-time booking and pay before 31st March, are entitled to an 'early bird' fee of £385 for a standard room or £435 for an executive room. The fees for bookings after 31st March are £440 for a standard room and £485 for an executive room.



The Hotel is situated in its own grounds, with 200 parking spaces, a few yards from the sea with many of the rooms overlooking the Royal Troon Golf Course. The hotel is a mile from the railway station with airport connections to Prestwick (4 miles) and Glasgow (35 miles). The hotel is now part of the Barcelò Group and has recently been upgraded to one of their premier hotels. It is expected the UPMG Conference will occupy all 89 bedrooms.

University Print Managers, for many years, have needed to prove the worth of their services. There have been many threats to their existence and the current credit crunch and high inflation situations added to budget cuts only compound the uncertainties. Previous conferences have proved it is possible not only to overcome these threats but to offer additional services which bind the Print Unit more firmly into a university's core business. Thus the title for the 2009 Conference.

The topics for the conference programme have all been chosen from the 2008 questionnaire responses which pointed towards a successful future if positive steps are taken. Therefore, it is expected that the programme will cover:

- reducing budgets/increasing demand
- staff morale/improving performance
- funding methods for print units
- non paper recyclable goods,
- web based/electronic job submission
- smart cards
- document scanning/archiving
- self service for students/print on demand

There will also be member's sessions, group discussion and an exhibition. Two suppliers will be asked to present case studies on specific relevant topics and speakers are being invited from overseas. "Networking" will include a visit to Culzean Castle & Country Park or a round of golf (probably not at Royal Troon!) or a visit to the hotel's leisure centre and the Conference Dinner.

A booking form and further details can be obtained from:
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