

TO ALL BUREAU MEMBERS

An important milestone for the Bureau will be reached this summer, August 20-23, when we host the first conference of the Governmental Research Association to be held outside the U.S.A.. A programme has been arranged that includes the following topics:

- * Metropolitan Government Reform: A Comparison of Canadian and U.S. Experience
- * Financing Local Government in the '80's
- * Attacking Public Apathy
- * Ethics in Government
- * Controlling Urban Growth
- * Maximizing Accountability in Education
- * Cost-Saving Innovations in Government

Some key speakers are already committed: Prof. Marvin Lunenfeld, Fredonia State College, New York; The Honourable John Robarts, former Premier of Ontario; Prof. Joseph F. Zimmerman, State University of New York at Albany; Paul Godfrey, Chairman of Metropolitan Toronto; Charles K. Bens, Bureau of Municipal Research; Michael Smithers, Municipal World Magazine; Alderman Susan Fish, City of Toronto; Mary Charlesworth, Pennsylvania Economy League; The Honourable Darcy McKeough, Treasurer of Ontario; Glenys Parry, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Harry Hatry, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; Troy R. Westmeyer, Legislative Commission on Expenditure Review, Albany, New York; Michael Warren, Toronto Transit Commission.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to consider attending this conference. Our objective is to have 50 delegates from the BMR membership, in addition to those from the other organizations. We are confident that the sessions will be stimulating and informative.

Think about reserving August 20 to 23 for this conference and pass on the above information to any of your associates who might be interested. More details will be forthcoming.

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PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN,
1978 GRA CONFERENCE.

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