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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Be Prepared . . .

Tom Jones
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I awoke from my annual hibernation that follows summer school just in time to get prepared for the beginning of a new semester. Recent e-mails noted some of you have tried this too by venturing to the mountains or the seashore for extended stays and forgoing contact with civilization—it can be rejuvenating.

The dates of the 2002 Annual Meeting are rapidly approaching. So that you are prepared to fully enjoy the conference's activities, remember to check the preliminary program on the Institute's

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website (<http://www.decisionsciences.org>). On behalf of the Institute's membership, I convey a heartfelt thank you to Tim Smunt (Program Chair), Scott Shafer (Associate Program Chair), Brooke Saladin (Proceedings Coordinator), Scott Sampson (Website Coordinator), and Annette Fowler (Electronic Submission Technology Specialist) for the arduous work they have done to create a superb annual meeting. In addition, let me express appreciation to the Track Chairs, Theme Chairs, and Coordinators and to each of you who assisted them as reviewers for the papers, proposals, and competitions.

While conferences provide numerous professionally enriching activities, I believe—and I suspect so do many attendees—another important aspect is looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. During the 2002 Annual Meeting, there are two new social events for networking opportunities and fun that you will want to attend: "Cruisin' Cuisine," an evening dinner cruise, and "Dine Around," dinner at restaurants in the Gaslamp Quarter (located within walking distance of the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina). After dinner, everyone can meet at Dick's Last Resort for music and dancing. Details and registration information for these social events are available on the Institute's website and elsewhere in this issue of *Decision Line*. Also, mark your activity schedule to attend the Welcome Reception on Saturday and the President's Reception on Monday. As always, the President's Luncheon on Tuesday provides a finishing touch to the conference by recognizing award winners and others deserving of special recognition. I hope to see you in San Diego.

To continue the success that the Institute has enjoyed in the 33 years since it was founded in 1969, then your role is important—this is your organization. Please contact me with your comments and suggestions.

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