



Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, guests and participants of the 2009 IPMA-HR Eastern Region's 81st Annual Training and Development Conference in Mystic, Connecticut from October 4th through the 7th. Your efforts and active participation during our four days spent "Falling into the Mystic-al World of HR" produced an energizing and enlightening experience for all. From the content-rich plenary and breakout sessions to the exhibitors' demonstrations of their great HR products to the delightful evening events culminating in our beautiful night at the Mystic Aquarium, the 2009 Conference was a success!

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Finally, congratulations to President Bill Cole and the newly elected Eastern Region Board: Michael Coury, Maureen Mehan, Mark Van Bruggen, Tammy Cunningham, Karen Bass, Kathy Cappeta, Maureen McDermott, and Vicki Arpin. Best of luck and here's to another great year for the Eastern Region and our Chapters!

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