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## **UGA Center for Continuing Education Receives \$5000 from Meeting Professionals International Foundation**

Athens, Ga. — The Meeting Professionals International Foundation presented the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education with a check for \$5000 during the 2009 MPI Conference recently held at the World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The donation was in recognition of the Georgia Center's Conference and Meeting Management Certificate Program and will be used to expand the program.

Marcia Whitworth, director of operations, MPI Foundation, presented the check to Denise Logan, department head, Georgia Center Department of Professional and Personal Development. "The University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education is honored to have received this funding award from MPI acknowledging our established and very successful Conference & Meeting Management Certificate Program," Logan said.

The Conference and Meeting Management Certificate Program has been offered in Metro Atlanta since 1999 and more than 1,000 meeting and event planning professionals have graduated from the program, according to Shirley Chesley, coordinator of the program. Held at UGA Gwinnett Campus in Lawrenceville, the program is designed for individuals with three or more years of experience in the meeting and event planning industry. The program has served participants from throughout the southeastern United States.

Two advanced conference and meeting management courses, Project Management and Event Marketing, are available to individuals who have been in the event planning field for more than five years. Many graduates of the Conference and Meeting Management Certificate Program also participate in the advanced courses.

For more information about the Conference and Meeting Management Certificate Program call 706-542-3537 or go to <http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/is/cmmc>.

The Georgia Center is a unit of the University of Georgia's Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach. The Center provides innovative lifelong learning opportunities through its continuing education programs. On UGA's campus, the Georgia Center includes a full-service hotel with 200 rooms and suites, restaurants, banquet areas, conference rooms, auditoriums, a fitness center, and a computer lab — all under one roof. For more information, go to [www.georgiacenter.uga.edu](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu).