

## IACP Conference 2010

The Portland food community is buzzing about the upcoming International Association of Culinary Professionals' annual conference, taking place April 21-24 at multiple venues around town. Over 800 attendees from around the world will descend upon the city to take part in educational seminars and networking events that expose our progressive culinary scene. The good news for non-IACP members—or those that don't have the means to cough up a \$700 conference registration cost—is that there are a couple events open to the public, so you too can get in on the action.

On Friday, April 23rd at the Oregon Convention Center a Culinary Book Fair like no other will be underway from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Rub elbows with celebrity foodies Ruth Reichl, Michael Ruhlman, and Madhur Jaffrey, as well as about 50 other renowned cookbook authors, including Diane Morgan, that will be signing and mingling with attendees. Some will even provide tastes of their recipes, and Powell's will sell books onsite for signing. Public admission to the book fair is \$10 per person or \$15 at the door. View a full list of participating authors and get more information at [iacp.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=895](http://iacp.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=895).

Later that evening, a formal dinner in conjunction with the conference is open to the public, too. "A Culinary Duet to benefit The Culinary Trust" is a family-style dinner that celebrates the harmony of our local food and culinary artistry. Chefs Jason French, Adam Sappington, Naomi Pomeroy, and Lauren Fortgang are teaming up with cheese guru Steve Jones, chocolatier David Briggs, and Aaron Dionne, culinary director of Bon Appetit Management, to create a meal inspired by Oregon's epicurean traditions. The dinner will take place at the recently renovated Leftbank Annex event space, and tickets run \$145 for IACP members or \$165 for non-members. For tickets, email [conferenceevent@theculinarytrust.com](mailto:conferenceevent@theculinarytrust.com). Visit [theculinarytrust.org/calendar](http://theculinarytrust.org/calendar) for more information.

If you really want to meet the luminary chefs and presenters, then why not volunteer? Get involved by contacting Blake Van Roekel at [blake@goodkeuken.com](mailto:blake@goodkeuken.com).

For more information about the International Association of Culinary Professionals and the 2010 Conference, visit [iacp.com](http://iacp.com).