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Crack open the vitamin water, flop back on the sofa, and enjoy the Olympic competition! The “Olympics” for IFMA is World Workplace that is quickly approaching. This year WWP will be October 17 – 19 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to the event are some very worthwhile educational sessions. The event itself offers a selection of seminars, which are truly “World Class”. The trade show is always lots of fun, very large, and well worth the time. Our chapter is entered into stiff competition for 6 important International awards. We *will* be bringing home some “gold” from the Awards Banquet on the last evening! It’s worth the trip to get to know your colleagues, learn a few things and have some fun. Currently there are at least 30 people from our chapter registered and we expect that number to grow. I encourage everyone to strongly consider making the short journey with us.

Also at World Workplace, the accreditation of the UCI Facility Management Certificate program will be announced. Members of our chapter have worked for over three years to finally see this alliance to fruition. UCI is one of only four programs in the country to be recognized by IFMA in this manner. Congratulations to **John Secor, AIA, CFM** for all of your hard work on this achievement. In addition to being a busy architect, planning commission volunteer, great husband and father, John is an instructor in the UCI program and has been the Chapter Education Chairman for 5 years. His wife is very happy to cross the certification process off of his “to do” list! Also, thank you to **Rogelio Rodriguez**, the Director of the Engineering & Science Programs at UCI extension for his efforts in making this happen. For more information on the UCI program, see <http://unex.uci.edu> or call?

This UCI Certification program will bring to members of our chapter the important benefit of Foundation Scholarships! Yes, that could mean money for you – the working professional. The IFMA Foundation also funds research projects. The current program for scholarships within the chapter has been suspended for a few years. The chapter previously awarded the **Dick Rosas scholarship** to undergraduate students who were members of the student chapter at Cal Poly Pomona. Since there is no longer a student chapter, we decided to re-direct the efforts towards benefiting our professional membership. If you are interested in finding out more about our local scholarship program, you may contact John Secor at (714) 564-0065. For more information on the Foundation and its offerings, contact **Jennifer Shramo of Pacific Building Care**. Jennifer is serving as the Regional Liaison for the Foundation and is busy raising tons of cash for this worthy cause. We know Jennifer can do it! Jennifer can be reached at (949) 261-1234.

See you at the Golf Tournament on September 2!

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