

Short Takes

Museums & Attractions

➤ Missouri's **Springfield Art Museum** is presenting an exhibition of 30 watercolor paintings from members of the Japan Watercolor Federation from June 11 to Aug. 7. The mission of the federation is to create a new generation of watercolor concepts based on both traditional ethnic background and contemporary Japanese art culture, promoting freedom of expression and technical diversity. For more information, call 417.837.5700 or visit www.springfieldmo.gov/art.

Programs & Packages

➤ **Dolce Hotels and Resorts** is offering all-inclusive prices and a new 15 percent discount on group rooms with the launch of its "Zen Some" promotion. The program is available at any of its 27 properties worldwide for corporate meetings and events

booked by Oct. 31 and occurring by Feb. 28, 2012. Dolce is extending extras without the extra charge, including customized menus, audiovisual needs and Wi-Fi. For more information, visit www.dolce.com/zen and enter the code ZEN15 on the submitted RFP.

A Good Read

➤ The **National Conference Center** recently released a white paper titled *The Science of Food for Thought: Enhancing Meetings Through Food*, the first issue of a quarterly white paper series by the conference center. The white paper elaborates on how to have the most productive meetings with food. Research and experiments by Andrea Sullivan, M.A. of BrainStrength Systems, and Executive Chef Craig Mason expose the truth about the effects of sugar in the afternoon, keys to choosing the ideal meeting lunch and the value of consuming locally

grown food. Sullivan and Mason explain how food and timing can improve meeting performance, memory cognition and mood. The paper was produced to

provide detailed information for meeting planners who are looking to incorporate a brain-friendly approach to food that may lead to more productive meetings. For more information, call 703.729.8000 or visit www.conferencecenter.com.

Personnel Profile

➤ The Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau named **Michael Tarrvice** president of convention sales. Tarr previously served as senior manager of regional sales for the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority. Prior to that, Tarr opened and managed the Chicago-based Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau. **MFMA**

