

# ***2012 Sister Cities Symposium: Connecting People & Ideas***

Sunday, April 15	Poolside Welcome Reception Hilton Riverside (casual attire)
Monday, April 16	Breakfast & Opening Ceremonies at the Wilmington Convention Center
Plenary Session	<b>North Carolina's Role in the Global Economy</b> Keith Crisco, North Carolina Secretary of Commerce
Monday Lunch	<b>Spoletto, Italy: How it put Charleston on the map as a US destination</b> Mayor Joe Riley, Charleston, South Carolina
Monday Sessions	† some sessions run concurrently †† sessions that are off-site are either within walking distance or transportation will be provided

## ***Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Sustainability, Urban Planning, New Markets***

- Innovative Sustainable Animal Housing Solutions – Dr. Christopher Brown (UK)
- Green Tech Campus Initiative – Dr. Peter Appleton (US)
- Push Forward the Development of New Urban Areas in Innovative Ways – City of Dandong (PRC)
- Local Foreign Trade Zones & International Business Briefing – Richard (Rick) Catlin (US)
- Politics and Development in the Caribbean Basin – Dr. Ed Paul, Honorary Consul Belize
- Cape Fear Future: What challenges and opportunities exist? ††(session location Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce)

## ***Education & Technology, Special Education, Cross Cultural Teaching Methods***

- Global E-Learning Design & Implementation – Dr. Sue Jen Chen (US)
- High IQ & Delayed Academic Achievement: Perceptions of Causes and Long-term Effects – Anne Favier-Townsend (UK)
- Internationalizing Teacher Development – Dr. Susan Catapano & Dr. Dennis Kubasko (US) (via SKYPE from the field in San Pedro, Belize)
- Walking in the Shoes of an English Learner – Dr. Debbie Powell (US)
- International Partnerships Panel Discussion – Alex Lee (UK), Barbara Brodigan (UK), Mark Gallovic (US), Anne Favier-Townsend (UK)

Monday Evening	Mayor's Official Welcome to Wilmington & Banquet (business attire) Keynote Speaker: Phillip J. Kirk, Jr. <b>"Why Leadership is Important"</b>
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Tuesday, April 17	Breakfast & Networking
Plenary Session	<b>Moving Forward to Meet Market Demand</b> Glenn Carlson, Chief Commercial Officer, North Carolina State Ports
Luncheon Topic	<b>In the Nuclear Industry the Future is Now</b> Dr. Eric Loewen, President American Nuclear Society Chief Consulting Engineer GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy
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## Tuesday Sessions

### ***Sustainable Tourism, Emerging Markets, Inbound & Outbound Investment***

- The Economic Value of Coastal Resources – Dr. Peter Schuhmann (US)
- The Other 4/5ths of the World: Opportunities in Emerging Markets – Joe Dougherty (US)
- Business to Business Networking for Businesses Looking for New Markets  
††(session location: NC Port Facilities–Wilmington)

### ***Global Education and its relative value in the nation and world, Digital Literacy***

- Globalization and Its Impact on Schools Round Table
- Global Education = Global Citizen – Patrick Carroll (UK)
- Global Education and World View: Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Carina Brossy (US)
- Media Literacy for Global Interdisciplinary Curricula – Dr. Florence Martin (US)
- “Conclusions – How Do We Incorporate Global Education into the Current System?” Round Table

Tuesday Evening	Sightseeing, networking or simply relaxing on your own
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Wednesday, April 18	Breakfast & Awards
Plenary Session	<b>International Links: Who should drive them?</b> Colin Jaynes, Executive Secretary, Doncaster International Partnership
Special Planning Session	2013 Sister Cities Symposium – Host City: Doncaster, UK
* Certain topics/speakers subject to change	