The Association for the Anthropological Study of Consciousness (AASC) will be holding its Fifth Annual Conference in Pacific Palisades CA [in the Los Angeles area] on March 1-5, 1989. Anthropological and other interdisciplinary contributions to the study of human consciousness are hereby invited.

Individual papers, organized sessions, informal discussion groups, workshops, media presentations (film, audio, video, slide) and other appropriate contexts for the study of consciousness may be submitted. Contributions are particularly solicited in the topic areas listed below.

Interested participants should send a typed 100-200 word abstract of the proposed presentation, identifying the topic(s) and type of presentation, specifying the length of time needed and any audio/visual requirements. Send abstract, name, address, phone numbers, institutional affiliation, and $35 conference registration fee ($20 for AASC members) to AASC 1989 Conference, 336 Blue Ridge Dr, Martinez CA 94553. Information about accommodations available on request.

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