

2009 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium

Here are a few reminders and some additional information about the upcoming 2009 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We have arranged for special room rates for Symposium participants at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. The deadline for making your hotel reservations is **5:00 p.m. on November 24, 2009**. After that, the hotel is not contractually obligated to provide reduced rates or guarantee room availability. You can reach the hotel by phone at 1-800-222-8733 or reserve a room online at <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/RLSA-DT-PDR-20091209/index.jhtml>.

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

The deadline for early registration for the Research Symposium is **November 3, 2009**. Registering by that date will cost you less and avoid the potential delays associated with same-day or last-minute registration. You can register for the Symposium on-line at: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/pds>. On-line and mail-in registration will end November 23, 2009; after that, registration can only be done in person at the Symposium. Please note that Symposium registration is separate from hotel accommodations.

WEBSITE

The link to the Pierce's Disease Control Program's website containing Symposium information is http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/Research_Symposium_Details.html. You can download the Symposium brochure and registration materials from the website.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

This year's Symposium includes a one-hour session for Roundtable Discussions, where you can discuss specific areas of interest with your colleagues. Five topics have been selected for discussion:

- A. Targeted Research Objectives
- B. How Much Vector Control is Enough?
- C. Efficacy of Predator Control of the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter
- D. Source-Dependent *Xylella fastidiosa* Alternative Forms
- E. Anticipated Effects of Psyllid Control Measures on Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Predators
- F. *Pending*
- G. Open Topic

To assist with planning, we would appreciate your letting us know which roundtable discussion topic group you will be participating in. Also, please let us know of other topics you would like to have added to the list. Please forward your responses and suggested topics to Dr. George Bruening (gebruening@ucdavis.edu) by **November 13, 2009**.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Doug West if there are any questions. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium!

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