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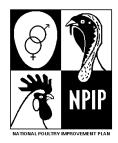
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TO: Official State Agencies and the NPIP Family

The 43rd Biennial Conference of the National Poultry Improvement Plan will be held <u>August 30-September 1, 2016</u> at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel in Bellevue, Washington. I encourage you to get those dates on your calendar, reserve your hotel room and plan your air travel. The requests for proposed changes to be considered at this conference have been distributed and the deadline for submission is **April 1, 2016**. Following receipt and compilation, the proposed changes will be published and available on the NPIP Website by **June 13, 2016**.

Please regsiter for the conference by clicking on the following link: http://form.cpif.org/capoultry/2016NPIPREGISTRATION

We have a block of hotel rooms reserved for August 29-September 1, 2016 at the conference rate of \$202/night. You can make hotel reservations by clicking on the following link: NPIP 2016 Biennial Conference. Room reservations can also be made by calling (425) 462-1234. When booking your room, ask for the group code: NPIP 2016 Biennial Conference to get the special rate.

The Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Seattle's Eastside is located at 900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. An excerpt from their website says it best:

"The Hyatt Regency Bellevue is a contemporary hotel and meeting destination in the heart of Seattle's Eastside. With artfully elegant spaces and Asian-inspired accents, our hotel is an upscale retreat for business travelers and vacationers alike.

Located <u>20 minutes</u> from Sea-Tac International Airport and nine miles east of Seattle, our hotel in Bellevue, WA serves as an anchor within the trendy Bellevue Collection. When staying at one of the top hotels Bellevue, WA offers, you'll be right in the heart of dining, shopping and entertainment at <u>The Bellevue Collection</u>, with over 45 restaurants, 250 stores and a vibrant nightlife. Explore the Woodinville Wine Country to get a taste of the local <u>wineries and breweries</u>. Soak in mountain views, scenic hiking, biking trails and other outdoor adventures nearby. Enjoy cultural activities at the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Art Museum, and Sculpture Park."

CEVA Animal Health, Huvepharma, Merck Animal Health, Zoetis Animal Health and Elanco Animal Health have kindly agreed to sponsor several events during the Biennial Conference as a courtesy to the poultry industry attendees! There will be an Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, August 31st; reception and dinner with entertainment on Wednesday evening; buffet breakfast on Thursday morning, September 1st; and coffee breaks throughout the meetings. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of these companies.

A welcome reception hosted by state associations and allied industries is planned for Tuesday, August 30th for those arriving early enough to attend. Please see additional information attached. We are looking forward to an excellent meeting in Washington!

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