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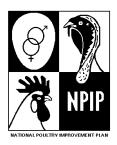
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To: Official State Agencies and Friends of NPIP

The Official State Agency Meeting for the the National Poultry Improvement Plan is scheduled for May 16-17, 2017 at the DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel in Portland, Maine. I encourage you to register, reserve your hotel room and plan your air travel.

Be sure to register for the OSA meeting. You may complete the attached registration form and mail it to the California Poultry Federation or you can register online for the meeting at: https://fs27.formsite.com/capoultryfederation/NPIP2017REGISTRATION/index.html

A block of hotel rooms is reserved for May 15-17, 2017 at the conference rate of \$106/night. Reservations can be made by calling (207) 775-6161 ex.0 and referencing: USDA-APHIS-VS-NATIONAL POULTRY to get the conference rate. You can also book your hotel room online at http://group.doubletree.com/USDAAPHISVSNPIP using the group code: UVA. The deadline to make your hotel reservation is April 13, 2017.

Enjoy the ideal location of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland, ME just five miles from all the attractions of downtown Portland. Stroll to The Maine Mall – New England's largest mall offering a wealth of stores, restaurants, and entertainment options. Walk to the many restaurants in the local area so close they share a parking lot with the hotel. Head downtown to the historic Old Port of Portland with a charming atmosphere and a variety of unique boutiques, shops, and attractions to discover.

Take time to see the Portland Head Light Lighthouse, the historic lighthouse which was the first to be built by the US government. Visit the Victoria Mansion, a landmark 19th Century home distinguished by its architecture and original interior. In warm seasons, visit Old Orchard Beach to stroll the 500 foot pier over the Atlantic Ocean or take the family for an exhilarating day out at Funtown Splashtown USA, located only a few miles from the hotel.

Sponsored events will include a reception on Tuesday evening at the hotel. There will also be an IDEXX laboratories tour and catered dinner provided on Wednesday night.

The General Conference Committee Meeting (half day) will also be held at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on the morning of May 18, 2017 and we encourage all OSA's to attend this very important meeting as well.

We are looking forward to having an excellent meeting in Maine!

Sincerely,

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