



Welcome to the 88th Annual Eastern Plant Board Meeting!

You are cordially invited to attend the 2013 Eastern Plant Board meeting held in downtown Harrisburg, Pennsylvania April 9, 10, and 11. Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey and the Eastern Chapter of the Horticultural Inspection Society will once again be joining us in hosting concurrent meetings with their members.

Meeting Registration

Please complete the registration form and return it no later than March 15, 2013. Registration is \$275.00 per person, if received before March 15th or \$325.00 per person after March 15th. Single day registrations for April 9 and 11 will be \$110.00 per person. Single day registration for the tour date April 10th will be \$125.00 per person.

Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda is located at <http://nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index>.

Accommodations

A block of rooms is available at the Crowne Plaza Harrisburg/Hershey. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown Harrisburg. It is within walking distance to an assortment of local restaurants, shops and pubs. The tranquil Susquehanna River is just a couple of blocks away!

For sports fans the Harrisburg Senators will be hosting the New Britain Rock Cats of the Minnesota Twins. The Senators are the Minor League team for the Washington Nationals. For more information on tickets please visit their website at www.milb.com

Meetings will be held in the hotel Tuesday-Thursday.

Web Link:

www.CrownePlaza.com/cp-harrisburg

How to Book Online:

- After clicking on the Hyperlink you will be redirected to our Hotel's local website.
- On the Left Hand Side you will see a box to "Book This Hotel"
- Type in or Choose from the Provided Calendar the Dates currently Blocked (i.e. Check In: **April 8, 2013**; Check Out: **April 11, 2013**)
- At the Bottom of this Box you will see **Group Code**, Click on this, a Empty Box will appear, here you will enter the Group Code: **OEP**
- Click on the "View Rates" Box. The Next Screen will show your Discounted Block Rate of **\$108.00** for a **Queen** sized bed. Click on "Book this Room" and continue booking the reservation as any other time.
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Exhibit Displays

Participants are invited to bring displays, posters, or distribution items to share with the group. Please notify Dana Rhodes in advance.

Speaker Presentation Requirements

Speakers are asked to provide a copy of your presentation prior to your assigned time. Each presentation should be provided to Dana Rhodes prior to your arrival. At the very latest presentations should be provided to the monitor assigned to your speaker room on the morning of your presentation. Should you require any equipment other than the laptop and projector assigned to each room, please notify Dana Rhodes one week prior to your arrival.

Tour

Participants are invited to join us at Longwood Gardens on April 10, 2013. Longwood Gardens will provide us with information on the Sentinel Plant Network and Public Gardens Association. Tours of the gardens and conservatory will be provided after the educational presentations. Comfortable walking shoes and layered clothing are recommended on this day. A taste of PA Dutch dining will be included on the bus trip back to Harrisburg. We will be stopping in Lancaster County for dinner. The heart of Amish Country!

Attire

April can be a very unpredictable time of year for Pennsylvania. Temperatures can range from 30's to 60's. We suggest you bring clothing which you might layer for your strolls by the river or for exploring the downtown happenings in the evenings.

Accommodations

If you are travelling with a spouse/friend and they will be joining us for meals and the trip to Longwood Gardens, please complete a registration for each guest.

Open House

We would like to invite participants to visit our lab facilities on Monday, April 8, 2013. We will have tours and hands on demonstrations available during the hours of 12:00 noon - 4:00pm. Come visit Virology, Entomology, Pathology, Nematology, and our Herbarium. Please RSVP to Dana by March 31, 2013 if you would like a tour. Our Agricultural building is only 3.54 miles from the Crowne Plaza!

Door Prizes

If you would like to donate a door prize representing your state or agency or a fun item to share, we will be collecting door prizes at the registration desk.

Contact Information

For further information contact Dana Rhodes (717)772-5205 or email danrhodes@pa.gov