

2011 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

86th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Plant Board
37th Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Inspection Society
76th Annual Eastern Region Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Meeting
April 11 – 14, 2011
Worcester, MA



EASTERN PLANT BOARD OFFICERS:

President – Gary Gibson, West Virginia
Vice-President – Vicki Smith, Connecticut
Secretary-Treasurer – Carol Holko, Maryland

HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY OFFICERS:

President – Ethan Angell, New York
Vice-President – Sarah Scally, Maine
Secretary – Mark Taylor, Maryland
Treasurer – Tia Blevins, Connecticut

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The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources has the honor to host the 2011 Annual Meetings of the Eastern Plant Board, the Horticultural Inspection Society and the Eastern Region Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey program. The meeting will run from Monday, April 11th through Thursday, April 14th and will be held at the Worcester Hilton Garden Inn located at 35 Major Taylor Boulevard, Worcester, MA Phone: 508-753-5700.

- **Registration:**

The registration fee is \$240 if paid before March 25 and \$280 as of March 28. These fees include most meals, with the exception of two dinners. Cash or checks written to the **Eastern Plant Board** will be accepted. We cannot accept credit or debit card payments. For those unable to attend the entire meeting, the single day registration fee is \$100.00.

- **Accommodations:**

The hotel rate is \$90 per night plus 14.45% tax. All reservations will require a major credit card or deposit equal to one night's lodging (room and tax) to guarantee your reservation. All reservations must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 25, 2011. Reservations can be made online at <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=BEDWOGI> using the group code of DEPAG or by calling 1-508-753-5700 and referencing group code DEPAG or the Eastern Plant Board. There is covered parking available across the street from the hotel at \$8.95 per day. Check in is 4:00 p.m. with check out at 12 noon.

- **Transportation:**

Arrangements have been made Worcester Airport Limousine for transportation from either from Logan Airport in Boston or Green Airport in Providence. Reservations can be made at: <http://www.wlimo.com> or by calling 800-660-0992.

- **Tour (included)**

The Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program, composed of USDA APHIS, and Massachusetts Departments of Conservation & Recreation, and Agricultural Resources, will be our guides for an informative tour of the Worcester County ALB Regulated Area. We are scheduled for buses to pick up attendees at 3 PM at the hotel for an approximately two hour tour of the continuing survey and removal areas as well as review of the scheduled treatments.

- **Door Prizes:**

If you would like to donate a door prize to be raffled off to meeting participants, please bring it with you to the meeting.

For additional information please contact Phyllis Michalewich at (617) 626-1801 or by email at: phyllis.michalewich@state.ma.us or Lee Corte-Real at (617) 626-1776 or by email at: lee.corte-real@state.ma.us. We hope you can join us at the meeting!