

3rd Annual *Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals*

In conjunction with the annual meeting of the US Animal Health Association (**USAHA**), and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (**AAVLD**)

October 18, 2014, Westin Hotel, Kansas City, MO,
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Meeting Announcement and Call for Abstracts

The Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals (MDA) multi-state initiative is pleased to announce that its 3rd Annual Conference will be held in association with the annual meeting of the US Animal Health Association (USAHA) and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD), at the Westin hotel, Westin Crown Center, 1 E. Pershing Road Kansas City, MO. (816-474-4400) October 18, 2014.

We are building on our prior very successful conference held in Chicago, IL and San Diego, CA, and are working to also make this a truly memorable meeting. We invite you to come join your scientific colleagues in a forum for discussion of current research in diseases caused by mycobacterial species including *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* (the causative agent of Johne's disease) and *Mycobacterium bovis* (the causative agent of the tuberculosis in various animal species), and to help set the agenda for future research in this important area impacting animal and human health.

Investigators working in mycobacterial disease research are invited to submit a scientific abstract for presentation in poster sessions during the 3rd MDA Annual Conference for discussion with your colleagues and over 1200 of attendees in at the USAHA/AAVLD meetings.

To submit an abstract, please complete the form, attach it to an email message and send to the address shown below. Invited investigators will have the opportunity to present their selected abstracts as part of the joint MDA poster sessions with the US Animal Health Association (USAHA) and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD). We also encourage submission of any posters presented at the 12th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis in Parma, held in June 2014.

What to send: Abstract (maximum 350 words) and non-technical summary along with your contact information (name, organization, title, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone); See attached form. Student and postdoctoral trainees should indicate their status on the form to be eligible for discounted attendance at the USAHA conference.

When to send: Send your abstract by September 29, 2014. Presenters will be notified by September 30, 2014.

Where to send: Submissions must be made via email. Please submit your abstract via email to: Robab Katani rxk104@psu.edu with "MDA 2014 Call for Abstracts" in the subject field of the email. For more information, please visit our website at:

<http://mycobacterialdiseases.org/> or contact Robab Katani at (814) 867-0256.

For Additional Meeting / Travel Related Information:

Please visit: <http://www.aavld.org/hotel-reservation-2014>

Registration:

Attendees are encouraged to register for the highly informative USAHA/AAVLD Conference. However, registration fees are not required for those wishing to attend the MDA meeting only and investigators are encouraged to pre-register for the MDA meeting by sending an email to Robab Katani at rxk104@psu.edu.