

Greetings Fellow Microbiologists!

The Connecticut Valley Branch, in conjunction with the Eastern New York Branch, the New York City Branch, and the Northeast Branch, would like to invite you to join us for the Region I Joint meeting to be held on Oct 22-23, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT.

We have lined up an exciting program with a great roster of speakers including our Plenary Lecturer, Dr. Stanley Maloy from San Diego State University, speaking on "Evolution of Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Development." Our evening banquet will feature Dr. Derek Lovley of the University of Massachusetts speaking on "A Systems Approach to Understanding and Optimizing Microbe-Electrode Interactions and their Applications" (see his exciting video on YouTube!)

Over the two-day conference we have scheduled 8 sessions on topics including emerging Infectious diseases, arthropod-borne diseases, microbial ecology, vaccine development, nosocomial Infections, and Influenza. We also are highlighting a session on "Building a Microbiology Career" geared toward students and early career Microbiologists, and a session on "Microbiology Education" geared toward college educators.

There will be a poster session with cash awards for exceptional student posters. Note: We have extended the poster submission deadline to Oct 1st !

We also are featuring vendor exhibits. We still have a few spaces available for vendors if anyone is interested.

A block of rooms is being held at the Crowne Plaza until September 22, 2009 at \$119 per night for a single or double. Please contact the hotel directly at 1-888-233-9527 as soon as possible to get the discount.

Please contact me for registration forms and poster abstract submission forms.

Hope to see you in Connecticut in October!

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