Colleagues,

The dates and location for the October meeting of the Multi-state project S-1065, “Sustainable Practices, Economic Contributions, Consumer Behavior, and Labor Management in the U.S. Environmental Horticulture Industry“, have been set. The meeting will be October 11-13, 2016 in Lexington, Kentucky. These were the best dates for the greatest number of individuals. These dates also allowed me to negotiate with the hotel for the UK rate ($119.00 + tax per night; including breakfast and free wifi) and will allow us to avoid some traffic associated with events in town.

The theme of the tour day will be the relationship of the horse industry and landscape horticulture.  We will visit horse farms with extensive grounds as well as the Keeneland race track, which is a beautiful setting.

**The tentative schedule is:**

Tuesday, October 11 is a travel day. We will walk to a nearby restaurant that evening for dinner.

Wednesday, October 12 is a tour day.

 Two or three horse farms

 Keeneland race track for lunch and most of the afternoon

 A local retail garden center if the schedule allows

 Dinner as a group (probably an informal one at the Ingram’s home)

Thursday, October 13 is the business meeting. We will meet on campus. There will be an optional tour of The Arboretum following the business meeting.

UK will provide a van for transport on Wednesday and Thursday (including airport runs). You should not need a rental car.

Below if the hotel information. I encourage you to make reservations as early as possible. This is a time of high demand for hotel rooms in Lexington. Here is a reservation link for our group…

**[Book your group rate for UK College of Agriculture](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=UK%20College%20of%20Agriculture%5Elexkn%60UKAUKAA%60119.99%60USD%60false%602%6010/11/16%6010/14/16%609/11/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes" \t "_blank)**

**Hotel Information:**

**Courtyard Lexington Keeneland/Airport**

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**Hotel Website:** http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lexkn-courtyard-lexington-keeneland-airport/

**Hotel Amenities:** Exercise Room;Free High Speed Internet;Free Local Calls;Indoor Pool;Jacuzzi/Hot Tub;Meeting Room;Guest Laundry;Business Center;Hair Dryer;In Room Coffee;Shuttle;Market/Suite Shop;Valet Laundry;Bistro;Fridge (all rooms)

**Restaurants within Walking Distance:** Beaumont Bar And Grill, Azur, Kobe Stonegrill and Sushi, Masala, Subway, Bru Burger Bar, Mi Mexico, Sahara, Waffle House, Texas Roadhouse, Roly Poly, Puccinis, Quiznos, Peking Bistro

**Blue Grass Airport - Lexington - LEX**

Airport Phone: +1 859 425 3100

Hotel direction: 3.4 miles SE

* Airport shuttle service, scheduled, complimentary
Shuttle Phone: 1 859 224 0460
* Alternate transportation: Lexington Taxi, Estimated taxi fare: 11 USD  (one way)