**PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA**

The organizing committee will initiate the process of selecting and inviting scientists to participate in this conference in July / August of 2016. Below is a preliminary agenda, and invited speakers are listed in each session. Please note that since this agenda is preliminary, session times, dates, and speakers may change. The final agenda will be set by mid-September of 2016.

***Conference on Mycobacterial Diseases in Animals***

***Addison-Clark room on the 4th Floor***

***Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois***

***Sunday, December 04, 2016***

***Preliminary Agenda (Note – Invitations to speak/Chair have not been sent as of the time of proposal submission)***

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| 7:00 AM | Registration and Poster Set-up |  |
| 8:00 AM | Welcome and Introductory Remarks by Vivek Kapur, Gary Thompson (Administrative Advisor of Multi-state Initiative); Peter Johnson / Margo Holland (NIFA Program Managers); Michael Carter (USDA APHIS)  |  |
| 8:30 AM | **Scientific Program** |  |
|  | **Plenary Session 1:** Increase understanding of the **epidemiology** and transmission of Mycobacterial diseases in animals, including predictive modeling. Session Chair: Scott Wells (University of Minnesota) | One Plenary speaker, Two Invited Talks (one each in JD and TB) |
| 9:30 AM | **Plenary Session 2:** Develop and implement new generations of **diagnostic tests** for JD and TB. Session Chair: Paul Coussens (Michigan State University) | One Plenary speaker, Two Invited Talks (one each in JD and TB) |
| 10:30 AM | Poster Session I |  |
| 11:30 AM -1 PM | Working Lunch / Breakout Session for Each Plenary Area |  |
| 1:00 PM | **Plenary Session 3:** Improving our understanding of the **biology and pathogenesis** of Mycobacterial diseases, as well as the host response to infection. Session Chair: Luiz Bermudez (Oregon State) | One Plenary speaker, Two Invited Talks (one each in JD and TB) |
| 2:00 PM | **Plenary Session 4:** Develop programs to evaluate and develop new generations of **vaccines** for JD and TBc. Session Chair: Fred Quinn (UGA) | One Plenary speaker, Two Invited Talks (one each in JD and TB) |
| 3:00 PM | **Plenary Session 5: Extension/Outreach:** Develop and deliver **education and outreach** material related to JD and TBc in electronic and print form for use by various stakeholders. Session Chair: Ken Olson | One Plenary speaker, Two Invited Talks (one each in JD and TB) |
| 4:00 PM | Poster Session II |  |
| 5:00 PM | Reports from Breakout Sessions |  |
| 6:00 PM | Adjourn, Committee Meetings, Writing of Reports |  |