**Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality Council**

***Serving the Needs of the Wheat Industry***

*MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT*

Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality Council

 Western Extension Research Activity 1009

AACC International PNW Section

The Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality Council (PNW-WQC) will hold its annual Collaborative Testing Program meeting in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Section of the AACCI and the Western Extension Research Activity 1009 committee - “Systems to Improve End-use Quality of Wheat”. The meeting time and place is Wednesday, January 25th through Friday, January 27th 2017 at the Hotel Contessa, San Antonio, Texas. The Hotel Contessa is located in the historic Riverwalk area of San Antonio. Their address is 306 W Market Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205-2971.

Holding a combined meeting of these three organizations has proven to produce a valuable forum for wheat quality issues in the Pacific Northwest. With many facets of the wheat industry represented, from wheat variety development through final product production, interesting discussions have resulted from the synergy of viewpoints present. Indeed, this meeting has helped shape the model of wheat quality in the Pacific Northwest.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 25th, tours of wheat & flour processing facilities in the area and points of local interest are being planned. **PLEASE indicate on the registration form if you are interested in participating in the tour.** Knowing how many people will attend helps immensely in planning. The cost of the tour will be $50. Tour destinations are being planned. Two stops are being planned then ending with dinner. For questions or tour suggestions, please contact Doug Engle, doug\_engle@wsu.edu.

On Thursday, the Western Extension Research Activity committee (WERA-1009) meets in the morning to share information on projects and issues of wheat research in the Western United States. AACCI-PNW section will host a half day of technical presentations on wheat quality in the afternoon. On Friday, the PNW-WQC will review quality characteristics of new wheat varieties. Everyone is encouraged to attend all three sessions to broaden the scope of experience and ideas available for discussion.

On Saturday, January 28th we are planning a golf outing. Please indicate if you are interested in participating on the registration form; details to follow.

Room reservations are to be made individually by the registrants. Please identify yourself as a Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality Council registrant to receive special room pricing of single/double @ $189/night. A limited number of rooms are available to Federal and State government participants at the prevailing government rate, currently $120 per night *with government ID*. This rate will be finalized October 1st. Please reserve your rooms as early as possible so we can adjust our room block if necessary. The Hotel room cancellation policy is 48 hours in advance.

The more we know about how many people are attending the more responsive we can be in enlarging the room block.  The room block will come off for our event on Monday, December 26th, 2016. This is earlier than in most years. PLEASE BOOK EARLY. If you wish to extend your stay, our conference rate room pricing will be offered, based on availability of rooms at the discount price, three days before and three days after the block nights of Tuesday January 24th through Friday, January 27th.

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Direct reservation line number is (210) 298-8058.  *Please make reservations as early as possible as to make adjustments to the room block more effective.  The room block will be removed Monday, December 26th*.

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**For primary rate rooms our group code is 466285.**  Group page:

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**For government rate rooms our group code is 467609.**  *Government ID required at check in*. Group page:

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**Ground Transportation Options:**

The San Antonio International Airport is located 8 miles or approximately 15 minutes from downtown San

Antonio. Airport Transfers are available through Go Airport Shuttle. Go Airport Shuttle provides airport shuttle service from 7 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. daily. Shuttles depart the airport for the downtown hotels approximately every 15 minutes. Buy tickets online at <http://goairportshuttle.com/san_antonio_international_sat_airport_shuttle> or at the baggage claim areas of Terminals A and B. The fare is $18 one way, $32 round trip.

Taxi service is readily available at the San Antonio Airport. The average taxi fare from the airport to downtown is $25.00, one way.

**Cooperators, the deadline for data submission this year will be Friday December 23rd.  Data submitted before then will of course be greatly appreciated.**

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*Acknowledgments*

 These collaborative flour tests are supported by the wheat commissions of Washington, Oregon and Idaho in cooperation with the USDA-ARS Western Wheat Quality Laboratory. In addition participating companies provide sponsor support for operating the council and annual meeting. Our purpose is to maintain and improve the milling and baking quality of wheat in the Western region. It is an attempt to keep current with the needs of wheat processors and flour users. The information gained from the data and opinions of the collaborators is of significant value to the wheat breeding programs of the region. The project aims to provide each collaborator an opportunity to express their opinion as to whether or not the tested selections would satisfy the end-use demands of their industry.

 We would like to thank each of the collaborators for their participation in this annual project.

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MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

PNW-WQC/ WERA-1009/AACCI PNW Section

January 25th, 26th & 27th

 Hotel Contessa

San Antonio, Texas

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Are you interested in attending the tours on Wednesday afternoon? \_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No

Are you interested in golfing on Saturday morning? \_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No

 Early Registration (Before January 2, 2017) $ 370

 Late/ On Site Registration 420

 Vendor Registration (includes one individual registration) 420

 Sponsor Support (includes one individual registration) 1,400

 Industry Tours 50

 Total Paid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For credit card transactions please call Shawna Vogl or Doug Engle @ 509 335-4062

Please make checks payable to American Association of Cereal Chemists International (**or AACC International**) and mail to the following address:

 E202 Food Quality Building, WSU

 P.O. Box 646394

 Pullman, WA 99164-6394.

For registration information contact Doug Engle (e-mail doug\_engle@wsu.edu, ph 509-335-4062, fax 509-335-8573)