



3rd ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
Preliminary Meeting Agenda

36th Annual Meeting, September 6 - 9, 2018

Of the NE-1333 Multistate Research Project:

“Biological Improvement of Chestnut through Technologies that Address Management of the Species, its Pathogens and Pests” (<https://www.nimss.org/projects/view/mrp/outline/15576>)

Venue: The Nittany Lion Inn, Pennsylvania State University

Sponsored by The Schatz Tree Genetics Colloquium

The 36th meeting of the NE-1333 group will take place Thursday evening to Sunday morning, September 6 to 9, 2018 at The Nittany Lion Inn on the campus of Pennsylvania State University, University Park PA.

Thanks to all who responded to the previous announcements. Additional attendees and speakers are welcome! To date, we have 34 declared attendees, 19 talks have been volunteered, and 23 people are interested in joining the field tour. Meeting space, meals, and tour bus seats were preliminarily reserved for 50 attendees. We would be pleased to have additional folks attend and more talks volunteered!

Preliminary Meeting Agenda:

(Please Note: all meetings and meals in Nittany Lion Inn, except Friday evening at Arboretum)

Thursday, September 6, 2018:

Arrival. Check in at Nittany Lion Inn from 4 pm. Informal evening gathering at the Whiskers pub.

Registration table in lobby outside the pub, 4 pm to 8 pm.

Friday, September 7, 2018:

7:00 – 8:00 am, **Buffet Breakfast** provided, Assembly Room

8:00 – 400 pm, **Registration** table outside Faculty Staff Club room

8:30 am to noon, **Presentations** of station reports, Faculty Staff Club room

(10:30 – 10:45 am, **Coffee break**, Faculty Staff Club room)

Noon – 1:30 pm, **Buffet Lunch** provided in Assembly Room

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Station presentations and reports, with coffee break, Faculty Staff Club room

Penn State Arboretum - Cash-bar Reception (5:30 to 6:30 pm) and **Dinner** (6:30 to 8:00 pm);

6:00 pm - Tour of the Arboretum provided by Kim Steiner, Arboretum Director.

Saturday, September 8, 2018:

7:00 am – 8:00 am, **Buffet Breakfast** provided, Assembly Room

8:00 am – noon, **Registration** table at meeting room

8:30 am - noon, **Presentations** of station report, etc, Faculty Staff Club room

(10:30 – 10:45 am, **Coffee break**, Faculty Staff Club room)

Noon - 1:30 pm, **Buffet Lunch** provided, Assembly Room

1:30 pm, Depart on Buses for Field Trip from Nittany Lion Inn. Sara Fitzsimmons and Kim Steiner will be our tour guides; Field sites: 1) TACF BC3 F2 orchard, 2) Greenhouse results from small stem assays, 3) B2F2 silvicultural trial established in 1997 in State Gamelands at Scotia mine barrens.

6:00 – 8 pm, **Cash-bar**, Assembly Room

6:30 – 8 pm, **Buffet Dinner** provided, Assembly Room

Sunday, September 9, 2018:

7:00 – 8:00 am, **Buffet Breakfast** provided, Assembly Room

9 to 10:30 am - **Business Meeting**, Faculty Staff Club room

All morning - **Coffee break** provided at the meeting room, Faculty Staff Club

10:45 am to noon – Additional reports or student presentations, Faculty Staff Club

Noon – meeting adjourned.

VENUE: The Nittany Lion Inn is located on the main campus of Pennsylvania State University.

Address: 200 West Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803. Phone: (814) 865-8500.

The guestrooms set aside for us at the Nittany Lion Inn are no longer available at the group rate. However you can still make your own guestroom reservations at the Nittany Lion Inn or nearby hotels at:

Nittany Lion Inn, 200 W Park Ave, State College, PA 16803, central reservations 1-800-233-7505
(<https://nittanylioninn.psu.edu/>).

Rodeway Inn, 1040 N Atherton St, State College, PA 16803, 7 blocks from NLI (choicehotels.com)

Atherton Hotel, 125 S Atherton St, State College, PA 16801, 6 blocks from NLI
(www.athertonhotel.net)

Hyatt Place, 219 W Beaver Ave, State College, PA 16801, 6 blocks from NLI
(statecollege.place.hyatt.com)

Comfort Suites, 132 Village Drive, State College, PA 16803, 10 blocks from NLI (choicehotels.com)

Sleep Inn, 111 Village Dr, State College, PA 16803 10 blocks from NLI (choicehotels.com)

Quality Inn, 1274 N Atherton St, State College, PA 16803, 10 blocks from NLI (choicehotels.com)

BY AUGUST 27, if you have not already done so:

- **PLEASE REGISTER your intent to attend by email to John Carlson (jec16@psu.edu) and Nicole Zembower (nmb119@psu.edu).** There is no registration form nor website nor fee for the meeting. However we need to know the number of people registered to provide for meals, tours, and coffee breaks (covered by the Schatz Tree Genetics Colloquium fund).
- **BOOK YOUR SEATS for the field trip** (the genome browser session has been cancelled).
- **PROVIDE TITLES of your talks.**

As a reminder, the NE1333 Objectives are:

1. Develop and evaluate blight resistant chestnuts for food and fiber through traditional and molecular approaches that incorporate knowledge of the chestnut genome.
2. Evaluate biological approaches for controlling chestnut blight from the ecological to the molecular level by utilizing knowledge of the fungal and hypovirus genomes to investigate the mechanisms that regulate virulence and hypovirulence in *C. parasitica*. (Let's include *Phytophthora* here)
3. Investigate chestnut reestablishment in orchard and forest settings with special consideration of the current and historical knowledge of the species and its interaction with other pests and pathogens.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us.

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