2019 Corn Breeding Research Meeting

March 13-14, 2019

St. Louis Union Station Hotel, St. Louis, MO

You are invited to attend the 2019 Corn Breeding Research Meeting to be held on March 13-14, 2019 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 13 and will adjourn at 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 14. (The 61st Annual Maize Genetics Conference will be held in the same hotel on March 14-17.)

Registration: The registration website is currently open. Early registration fees will be \$175 for scientists/post-docs and \$150 for graduate students. Early registration will end on February 22, 2019. Registration after February 22 (including onsite) will be \$200 for scientists/post-docs and \$175 for students. Registration includes breakfast and lunch on March 14, and session breaks both days. Please use the following on link (https://uwccs.eventsair.com/cbr19/reg) to register using a credit card.

Meeting Schedule: The 2019 Corn Breeding Research Meeting will include the Larry Darrah student presentation sessions, industry breeders' presentations and discussion, early career session, and a session on the Genomes2Fields collaborative project. Two dedicated poster sessions are scheduled as well, offering more networking and discussion time than coffee-break poster viewing allows. All attendees are welcome to submit posters (see format guidelines below). If space is limited, preference will be given to student posters that do not overlap with the Larry Darrah Student Presentations. The NCCC-167 business meeting is scheduled for 3:30-4:30 pm on March 14, 2019.

Student Award: Graduate students are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations for the graduate student session. The Larry Darrah Student Presentation Award will be given to the best student oral presentation. Please indicate clearly that you are presenting as a graduate student when you submit the title and abstract.

Abstracts: Abstracts should contain title, authors, author institution affiliations, and up to 300 words of text. All text should be 12-point New Times Roman and left justified. Please include all authors in the form last name, first name followed by a numerical footnote to indicate institutional affiliation. Include asterisk following presenting author's name. List institution with footnotes following authors. Please adhere to formatting guidelines to assist with compilation of abstracts. All abstracts should be submitted to Dr. Wenwei Xu at <u>wxu@ag.tamu.edu</u> by Tuesday, February 19 at 5 PM CST. If you could send Dr. Xu a presentation title and presenter around February 5, it would be helpful for planning the meeting.

Lodging: To reserve a room at the conference venue, submit your reservation by January 25, 2019 through the St. Louis Union Station Hotel Reservation website

(https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/qq/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=ST LCUQQ&spec_plan=MZG&arrival=20190310&departure=20190318&cid=OM,WW,HILTONL INK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT or by calling the St. Louis Union Station Hotel directly at 1866-238-4218 with the code "Maize Genetics". The room rate for our meeting (\$139 per night) is the same as the Maize Genetics Conference.

Posters: Each poster space will be 114cm horizontal x 104cm vertical (45 inches horizontal x 40 inches vertical) and authors are responsible for bringing their own tacks for hanging the poster.