

## APHL InFORM 2015 Conference - Laboratorian

November 17 — 20, 2015

Location: *Hyatt Regency Phoenix*

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## InFORM 2015 Conference Hyatt Regency Hotel, Phoenix, AZ November, 17-20, 2015

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Enteric Disease Laboratory Branch and Outbreak  
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The InFORM 2015 Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Phoenix, AZ. It is located in downtown Phoenix in easy walking distance to restaurants, shopping and entertainment.

The Integrated Foodborne and Outbreak Response and Management (InFORM) Conference will bring together laboratorians, epidemiologists and environmental health specialists involved with foodborne and enteric disease outbreak response. This meeting will concentrate on progress made in detecting and investigating foodborne illnesses through molecular subtyping and new investigational tools. Activities at the local, state, and federal levels will be examined. Plenary sessions will focus on the combined efforts of our public health networks and agencies in food safety. Sessions will cover domestic and international outbreak investigations by state and local laboratorians in cooperation with federal partners at CDC, USDA, and FDA. Technical sessions will

explain the latest software improvements, the validation of whole genome sequencing laboratory and analytical platform protocols, and regional/national surveillance tools. Optional troubleshooting and programmatic sessions on Tuesday afternoon and sunrise sessions on Thursday morning will allow attendees to engage in one-on-one interactions with experts from CDC and corporate partners.

Participants include Public Health laboratory personnel who are part of the PulseNet network, foodborne disease epidemiologists, environmental health professionals, personnel from the Centers for Diseases Control & Prevention, US Food and Drug Administration, the US Department of Agriculture and international Public Health agencies.

### **Palantir Hands-on Session**

Palantir SEDRIC (the System for Enteric Disease Response, Investigation and Coordination) is a web-based platform developed by the CDC and Palantir Technologies to facilitate collaborative multistate foodborne outbreak investigations. Please join us for a live training session at the InFORM 2015 Conference on Tuesday afternoon.

Registration is limited to the first 50 attendees (others may attend as observers only). There is no additional registration fee. States may register together under a single computer user. Priority will be given to those who have not yet received in-person training from CDC. Requirements: Access to live PulseNet data with the Palantir SEDRIC platform and a laptop computer with Java 6 (or later) installed. Users must have SEDRIC "installed" and have logged into SEDRIC at least once on the computer they plan to bring to the meeting.

### **Registration**

Registration Fee: \$175.00 for full conference; \$75 for one day. Payment may be made by credit card or check.

Advanced registration through APHL is required.

If you are paying by credit card you may click on the "Register Now!" link above left to register. If you have not registered for an APHL/NLTN meeting online before or are not an APHL member, you will need to sign up for a login and password before you can register. For step by step online registration (credit card only) directions, click here. Be advised that this document does not have active links. It should be used as a reference only.

If you are paying by check or are receiving a complimentary registration you must register by downloading the registration form on the [conference main page](#) and faxing or mailing the form to APHL with payment (if appropriate).

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Terry Reamer at [terry.reamer@aphl.org](mailto:terry.reamer@aphl.org).

### **Continuing Education Credits**

APHL is an approved provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences through the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) P.A.C.E.® program. Attendees have the opportunity to earn up to 14.75 contact hours by attending the entire conference. Attendance rosters must be signed in each attended session that credit is requested for and the P.A.C.E.® certificate must be signed and certified by APHL staff at the registration booth at the end of your time at the conference.

Continuing education credits including CNE, CME, CEU, CHES, CPH and RACE credits for veterinarians will also be available for attendees from CDC.

### **Travel**

The meeting begins on Tuesday, Nov. 17 with a Welcome Session from 6:30pm-7:15pm followed by a welcome get together. The sessions continue approximately 8:15am-4:45pm on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 8:30am-5:30pm on Thursday, Nov. 19 and 8:30am-12:30pm on Friday, Nov. 20. Optional laboratory and epidemiology open sessions will be available on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 1:00pm-6:00pm. A first poster session and a Tech Expo highlighting some of the software tools the programs and our corporate partners have developed will be held over lunch on Wednesday. The second poster session and reception will take place Thursday evening. Sunrise sessions will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 7:30am-8:15am. Please plan your arrival and departure times accordingly.

The Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is serviced by all major airlines. The Hyatt Regency is approximately 10 minutes (5 miles) away and the hotel does NOT provide shuttle service to the airport. The PHX Sky Train (free) - Valley Metro Light Rail (\$2.00) run from the airport to within 2 blocks of the Hyatt Regency Hotel (directions below). **Super Shuttle** offers discounted shuttle service (\$13.00 one way). Taxis cost approximately \$15-18 depending on traffic.

#### PHX Sky Train to Valley Metro Light Rail -

Proceed to Ground Transportation. Board the Phoenix Sky Train to the Valley Metro Light Rail (44th St/Washington station). Purchase your METRO light rail tickets after arriving at the station. Ticket kiosks are located on Level 2. Board the Metro Light Rail toward Montebello. De-board at the Central/Washington Station. The Hyatt Regency Phoenix is one block to the east. Metro Light Rail runs from 4:00 AM – 11:00 PM, daily. Contact the Hyatt Regency if you have questions – 602.252.1234.

## Hotel

Hyatt Regency Phoenix

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**The conference room rate is prevailing federal per diem rate, currently \$106.00 single/double (plus tax) per night.** This rate may increase if the 2016 federal per diem increases on Oct. 1. This rate is valid 3 days before and 3 days after the conference based on availability. You may make your reservation by calling the hotel directly at 888.421.1442 or 602.252.1234. Be sure you mention that you are attending the “Assn. of Public Health Labs InFORM Conference” to receive this rate. You may also make a [reservation online](#). **Reservations must be made no later than October 26, 2015.** A one night’s deposit is required for all reservations and cancellations must be made 72 hours before check-in for reimbursement of deposit. There is a fee for early departure.

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### Sessions

Session information is not available at this time.