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Hotel, early-bird registration deadlines near for zoonoses symposium

OAK BROOK, IL *August 24, 2010:* The Sept. 1 early-bird registration deadline is rapidly approaching for the Sept. 23-24 symposium, *Zoonoses: Understanding the Animal Agriculture and Human Health Connection*. The deadline to make hotel room reservations in the symposium block is tomorrow.

Early-bird registration is \$300. After Sept. 1, registration will be \$350. A special student registration rate of \$175 is also available if paid by Sept. 1, after which it will be \$200. The conference program, as well as on-line registration, is available at the Farm Foundation Web site, www.farmfoundation.org.

The symposium will be at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. ***A block of sleeping rooms has been set aside at the rate of \$209 per night, single or double occupancy. The rate is only available for reservations made by Wednesday, Aug. 25.*** Make your hotel reservations by calling (202) 582-1234 or 800-233-1234.

The symposium is targeted to the broad cross-section of disciplines affected by zoonotic diseases, including public health officials, epidemiologists, virologists, veterinarians, agriculture producer groups, public policy makers and media representatives. The program is designed to build understanding of the relationships between zoonoses, animal production systems and human health, and strengthen the role of each profession in the prevention and management of zoonotic diseases.

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