



## YOU ARE INVITED!

The Missouri Department of Agriculture and the Central Plant Board invite you to attend and participate in the 2011 Annual Meeting to be held in St. Louis, Missouri on March 6-10, 2011. The Program Committee is lining up a variety of outstanding speakers to talk about current topics in regulatory plant pest management.

## Dates to Remember

2011 CPB Annual Meeting March 6-10, 2011  
Registration due February 18, 2011  
Hotel reservations at group rate due February 7, 2011

## Meeting Registration

Please return the registration form as soon as possible. Registration for all three days of the conference will be **\$225** per person with a **\$75** late fee for registrations received after February 18, 2011. A one-day registration is available for \$100.

A link to the most current agenda and other meeting information is available on the National Plant Board website at: [www.nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index.html](http://www.nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index.html)

The registration table will be open beginning on Sunday, March 6 from 4:00-6:00pm and continuously during the conference. Payment will be accepted by check only. We are unable to process credit cards.

## Accommodations

CPB 2011 Annual Meeting attendees need to make their own reservations by calling the Sheraton Westport Chalet at (314) 878-1500 and mention the Central Plant Board Meeting. The room rate is \$99 (+ 14.866%). Or you can make your reservations online at [www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/modeptagr](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/modeptagr) Reservations must be made by **Friday, February 7, 2011** to obtain the group rate. Please make your reservations early to ensure accommodations.

The Sheraton Westport Chalet offers **free** on-site parking and a **free** shuttle to/from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport which is only a few minutes away. **Free** wireless internet is also available to overnight hotel guests registered for the meeting.

Surrounding the hotel are the shops, restaurants and clubs of Westport Plaza with a wide variety of eating and entertainment options. Visit Westport's website at [www.westportstl.com](http://www.westportstl.com).

## Transportation/Directions

**If you plan to fly**, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL) is only 10 minutes away from the hotel. The Sheraton Westport Chalet provides a free shuttle to/from the airport and runs every half-hour from 6:30am to 11:00pm every day. If you fly into the Main Terminal, the shuttle will be near baggage claim at Gate 18. If you are flying into the Southwest Terminal, the shuttle will be at Gate 15. Since the shuttle runs on a regular and frequent schedule, there is no need to call the hotel for pick-up. However, you may call the hotel if needed at 314-434-5010.

**If you plan to drive**, take I-70 to I-270 South to Dorsett Road. Turn left on Dorsett Road. Turn right on Progress Parkway. Continue straight ahead into Westport Plaza. Driving directions and map are available at the hotel website here: [www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/modeptagr](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/modeptagr).

St. Louis also has the MetroLink rail system that runs from Lambert Airport to Downtown St. Louis and other major points of interest. For more information, please see their website at [www.metrostlouis.org](http://www.metrostlouis.org).

## Exhibit Displays

If you would like to bring a display and need a table, please indicate this on your registration form. An area will be available for table top or floor displays.

## State Reports

A representative from each state should bring a short summary of notable activities in your state. These reports will be placed for distribution to attendees. Please provide **60 copies** when you register on-site. State report presentations during the meeting will be limited to **5 minutes**.

## Speaker Presentation Requirements

Speakers should notify us at [collin.wamsley@mda.mo.gov](mailto:collin.wamsley@mda.mo.gov) for media needs in addition to the standard laptop, projector, screen and microphone, which will be provided. We prefer that presentations be provided at registration, but at the latest, should be given to the moderator the morning of your presentation.

## Tour

A Wednesday afternoon tour will bring us to the world-famous Gateway Arch, officially named the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. The National Park Service is currently making plans to redesign the landscape at the arch. The threat of emerald ash borer factors into the Arch landscape which currently is composed of 39% ash trees. The tour will include a walking

tour of the grounds with discussion of their pest management techniques, so dress appropriately!

## Alumni Reception

Thanks to the efforts of some of our recent retirees, we are looking forward to several Central Plant Board Alumni joining us during part of the meeting, and especially on Wednesday evening during the social hour and banquet. If you know of a Central Plant Board Alum who would like to attend, please invite them and pass on the registration and contact information. We are also looking for old CPB photos. If you have some and would like to share, please scan them and email to [collin.wamsley@mda.mo.gov](mailto:collin.wamsley@mda.mo.gov).

## Attire

“If you don’t like the weather in Missouri, wait until tomorrow!” Anything can happen in March in Missouri where weather is concerned. Although the hotel is surrounded by plenty of restaurants, shops and clubs, they are a short outdoor walk from the hotel. Also the Wednesday afternoon tour of the St. Louis Arch will require some walking outdoors. Come prepared with warm clothes, hat and coat.

**For additional local information visit these websites:**

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Central Plant Board Meeting website [www.nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index.html](http://www.nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index.html)

Missouri Department of Agriculture [www.mda.mo.gov](http://www.mda.mo.gov)

### **Travel / Accommodations/Tourism**

Lambert-St. Louis International Airport [www.flystl.com](http://www.flystl.com)

Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet Hotel <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/modeptagr>

Westport Plaza [www.westportstl.com](http://www.westportstl.com)

St. Louis Tourism [www.explorestlouis.com](http://www.explorestlouis.com)

St. Louis Metrolink Transportation [www.metrostlouis.org](http://www.metrostlouis.org)