

TWENTY-FIFTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 5–8, 2012

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INVITATION TO ATTEND

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Twenty-fifth Vertebrate Pest Conference. This Conference is an educational event for discussing and exchanging information on human-wildlife conflicts. The Conference will be held March 5–8, 2012 at the Portola Hotel and Spa, Monterey, California. The hotel is located within walking distance of the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey State Beaches, Monterey State Historic Park with its historic adobes, and Cannery Row. The hotel is also within a short drive Carmel-By-The-Sea, 17-Mile Drive, Big Sur, and 24 world-class golf courses. More information about the hotel can be found at: <http://www.portolahotel.com>

The Vertebrate Pest Conference, which is held every two years, is the largest and most recognized Conference of its kind. Participants and attendees include leading authorities on vertebrate pest management from the United States, Canada, and throughout the world. All papers are presented in English.

This announcement is intended to alert you to the next Conference and encourage you to participate. Set aside these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. A preliminary program for the Conference will be mailed to you in November 2011. If you are not on the mailing list for this Conference, contact Terry Salmon at e-mail: <tpsalm@ucdavis.edu>. For additional information on the Conference as it develops, refer to the VPC web site: <http://www.vpconference.org>

The pre-registration fee for the full Conference is expected to be about \$300 which includes a printed copy of the *Proceedings* that is published following the Conference, and contains essentially all of the papers that are presented during the three days of sessions.

FIELD TRIP

The optional Conference field trip on March 5 will explore human-wildlife conflicts unique to this region of California. It will provide you a first-hand opportunity to see wildlife damage as well as management efforts in progress. This will be an all-day event. The field trip fee will include motor coach transportation and lunch.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Simultaneous (concurrent) sessions will be held at the Conference to maximize information exchange to satisfy all interests in vertebrate pest management (i.e., birds, rodents, predators, etc.). Presentations range from practical management to more technical papers concerning research or new technology.

CALL FOR PAPERS

This call for papers is an effort to attract a wide array of potential contributors. Papers can be of a practical nature or more technically or research oriented. Symposia topics for this conference may include:

- Urban wildlife management
- Food safety and vertebrate pests
- Impact of EPA's restrictions on rodenticides

Additional contributed papers will be accepted in (but not limited to) the following vertebrate pest categories:

- Hazards associated with vertebrate pest control
- Commensal rodent management
- Field rodent and rabbit management
- Bird management (urban or agricultural)
- Invasive vertebrate species management
- Wildlife and reforestation problems
- New wildlife management techniques
- Human, domestic animal and wildlife health
- Alternative management methods and materials (repellents, contraceptives, exclusion, etc.)
- T&E species and vertebrate pest management
- Economic, social, and political aspects of vertebrate pest management

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for oral papers or posters to be presented at the Conference should be submitted not later than July 15, 2011. The body of the abstract cannot exceed 300 words. Your presentation may describe work currently in progress.

To submit an abstract, visit the VPC website (www.vpconference.org) and follow the links "Submit an Abstract".

If you have questions about abstract submission, please contact Program Chairperson Roger Baldwin, as follows:

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Contributed papers will be selected by the Vertebrate Pest Council on the basis of scientific merit, newness, uniqueness of topic, usefulness, and appropriateness for the overall Conference program and its objectives. Abstracts received after July 15, 2011 will be considered if space is available.

All speakers are expected to submit a manuscript, both in electronic and hard copy format, which is due at the time of the Conference. All manuscripts will be peer edited and published in the Conference *Proceedings*.

TWENTY-FOURTH PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

Copies of the *Proceedings* from the 24th Vertebrate Pest Conference (2010) are available for \$35.00 plus postage and handling. CD's of the *Proceedings* are also available for \$15.00 plus postage and handling. The Vertebrate Pest Council has teamed with the Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management to make these and some earlier volumes of Conference *Proceedings* available. They can be ordered on-line at:

<http://icwdm.org/credits/VPCmatter>

Proceedings orders can also be accessed through a link on the Vertebrate Pest Conference website:

<http://www.vpconference.org>

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

Space is available for exhibits of commercial products and services. For information contact:

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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS OF PARTICIPANTS

The Conference makes significant contributions toward understanding and resolving human-wildlife conflicts and wildlife damage problems, promoting better management methodology, and minimizing adverse environmental and ecological effects. Vertebrate pest management is applied ecology focused on improving agriculture, public and wildlife health, and conservation of natural and human-made resources. The Conference is a forum for sharing knowledge and experiences among researchers, administrators, extension personnel, educators, and practitioners in vertebrate pest management and wildlife damage problems.

Participants vary in professional background, but all have one common interest - wildlife as vertebrate pests. The following are representative of past attendees:

- Animal control officials and personnel
- Private and commercial pesticide applicators
- Consultants in vertebrate pest problems
- Manufacturers and suppliers of vertebrate pest materials
- Health department officials and employees
- Agriculturists interested in predation and disease transmission reduction
- Extension specialists, advisors, and agents
- Foresters
- Wildlife departments (wildlife managers and enforcement agents)
- Pest control advisors (PCAs)
- Federal and state pesticide registration and regulatory agency administrators and staff
- Sanitarians
- Food processing and warehouse managers
- Educators - pest control subjects
- Researchers - (public agencies and private sector)
- Natural resource managers (conservationists)
- Private wildlife control operators

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, March 5, 2012

Field Trip - Vertebrate pest management

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Registration
Keynote Address and Plenary Session,
recognizing the 50th-year anniversary of this
Conference
General and Concurrent Sessions

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

General and Concurrent Sessions

Thursday, March 8, 2012

General and Concurrent Sessions
Closing Remarks

California Continuing Education (CE) credits for Pest Control Professionals (PCA, QAC, etc) are anticipated. CE credit for other programs may also be available.

SHARE WITH A COLLEAGUE

If you have no interest in attending this Conference, or if you receive more than one of these announcements, we hope you will pass it along to someone who may have an interest in the field of managing human-wildlife conflicts.

If you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to receive future announcements, please send your name and address, including e-mail address (if available) to:

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