

TWENTY-FOURTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE

Sponsored by: THE VERTEBRATE PEST COUNCIL

HOLIDAY INN CAPITOL PLAZA
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY 22–25, 2010



INVITATION FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Twenty-Fourth Vertebrate Pest Conference. This Conference is an educational event for discussing and exchanging information on human-wildlife conflicts. The Conference will be held February 22–25, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Sacramento–Capitol Plaza. The hotel is located within easy walking distance to historic Old Sacramento, which includes tourist attractions, excellent dining, and captures the historic atmosphere of California's Gold Rush era. The hotel is adjacent to the Sacramento Capitol Mall and many historic state buildings, including the State Capitol. It is only 10 miles from Sacramento International Airport. Additional information about the hotel can be found at:

<http://holidayinn.sacramento.ihotelsgroup.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 via poster or oral presentation. Set aside these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. The pre-registration fee of the four-day self-supporting Conference is \$25 for students. This fee will include a copy of the *Proceedings* which is published following the Conference and provides a collection of papers while the subjects are still fresh in mind. Students willing to present a poster or oral presentation will be awarded a \$500 travel grant to defray costs of attending this conference. Additional information on the conference can be found at: <http://www.vpconference.org>

CALL FOR STUDENT POSTERS AND 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. Contributed papers will be accepted in (but not limited to) the following vertebrate pest categories:

- Urban wildlife management – (workshop)
- Food safety and vertebrate pests – (workshop)
- Hazards associated with vertebrate pest control
- Commensal rodent management
- Field rodent and rabbit management
- Bird management (urban or agricultural)
- Predator problems and their management
- Invasive vertebrate species management
- Vertebrate pesticides—benefits and risks
- 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

Format for abstracts:

Submit the abstract formatted as a single paragraph preceded by the title, authors' names, and affiliations. Following the abstract, identify the contact person by name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. Please indicate if this is a student presentation. Your presentation may describe work currently in progress.

Format the page as follows:
Software: MS Word
Margins: 1" all around
Font: Times New Roman, 12 point
Spacing: Single
Justification: Left
Word Limit: 300

Email a copy of the Abstract as a MS Word attachment by **June 15, 2009** to:

<tpsalm@ucdavis.edu>

Format for posters:

Posters should be 3 feet by 3 feet in size with font large enough to be easily read. Easels will be provided to display posters.

Program Chair:

Terrell P. Salmon
UC Cooperative Extension – San Diego County
5555 Overland Ave., Suite 4101
San Diego, CA 92123
Phone: (858) 694-2864

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 June 15, 2009 will be considered if space is available.

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE**Monday, February 22, 2010**

Field Trip - Vertebrate pest management

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Registration
Keynote Address and Plenary Session
General and Concurrent Sessions
Poster Set-Up

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

General and Concurrent Sessions
Poster Presentation During Evening

Thursday, February 25, 2010

General and Concurrent Sessions
Closing Remarks