

## **Western Nutrient Management Conference**

Red Lion Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

March 4-5, 2009

**TO: All Crop and Soils Professionals**

**FROM: Grant Cardon, Program Chair (grant.cardon@usu.edu)  
Phyllis Pates, Program Coordinator (ppates@ipni.net)**

We would like to invite you to attend the 2009 Western Nutrient Management Conference. As many of you are aware, this has been a useful, high-quality meeting that has brought university, government, and industry professionals together for many years. Another excellent program has been scheduled.

The conference this year will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, downtown Salt Lake City. The program will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and end about noon on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The conference will feature more than 40 oral and poster presentations covering a wide range of research topics. The symposium topics for the 2009 conference are Economics of Fertilization and Nutrient Management Impacts on Nutrient Cycling and the Environment. Additional topics related to these themes and others will be presented in the general and poster sessions.

We anticipate that the conference will be approved for Certified Crop Adviser credits. Over nine CCA CEU credits were approved for the 2007 conference.

The Western Leadership Award will be presented to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to soil fertility activities for Western U.S. agriculture. Details are provided on the back of this letter.

Registration materials are enclosed. The registration fee is \$125 for pre-registration (before February 15<sup>th</sup>) and \$150 for late and on-site registration. The registration fee covers continental breakfasts on Wednesday and Thursday, lunch on Wednesday, and a copy of the Conference Proceedings, which will contain a written version of the presentations and posters.

If you are a WCC-103 member, please include the cost of the committee meeting with your conference registration. See the notice on the back for further details on the meeting.

**Refund policy:** Early cancellations will be charged \$40 to cover the cost of printing and shipping the proceedings. If you cancel after we have given the hotel meal counts (after February 27<sup>th</sup>), you will receive a \$50 refund. There will be no refunds after the conference starts. In all of these cases, you will receive the conference proceedings by mail if you request it.

As additional enticement, you should consider the opportunities for skiing and other snow sports before and after the conference. For ski resort information, go to [www.skiutah.com](http://www.skiutah.com). There are nine ski resorts within one hour of Salt Lake City, which can be reached by bus.

We look forward to seeing you in March at the Western Nutrient Management Conference.

**Hotel information on back....**

**LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
**Nomination Procedures and Guidelines**

**Deadline:** January 30, 2009

**Plaque and Honorarium:** To be presented to a deserving individual or team at the 2009 Western Nutrient Management Conference. An honorarium of \$250 will be presented with the award.

**Objective:** To recognize timely and innovative soil fertility related activities that have resulted in increased profitability for western U.S. agriculture.

**Potential Recipients:** Individual or a team from either the private or public sectors that are viewed as leaders in the adoption of profitable soil fertility related practices or programs by western U.S. agriculture.

**Selection Procedure:** Selected by an ad hoc committee consisting of the 2009 Western Nutrient Management Conference Planning Chair and current WCC103 officers (Chair, Incoming Chair, and Secretary). A resume (three pages maximum) and three letters of nomination (one page each, maximum length) relating to the specific contributions of the nominated person or team should be submitted to Grant Cardon, Program Chair, (Utah State University, 4820 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84322-4830; grant.cardon@usu.edu). Nominators are encouraged to keep the nominations brief by focusing mainly on the relevant contributions of the individual or team.

**Red Lion Hotel**

161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Phone: 801/521-7373

**Conference dates: March 4 (8:00 a.m.) to March 5 (12 noon).**

Rate is \$104/single, \$104/double.

Group name: **Western Nutrient Conference**

Check in time 3:00 p.m. Check out time 12:00 Noon.

**Cutoff for reservations at group rate is February 3, 2009.**

**WCC-103 Committee Meeting**

March 3<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Cost - \$50 (meeting room & refreshments)

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**Or check out the web page at:**

[http://isnap.oregonstate.edu/WERA\\_103/index.htm](http://isnap.oregonstate.edu/WERA_103/index.htm)

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