



AVM Heartland 16th Annual Meeting
April 23rd – 24th, 2010
Holiday Inn Downtown
Lincoln, Nebraska

Greetings to all past, present, and future members/friends of the Association of Veterinary Microbiologists, Heartland Chapter. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Veterinary Diagnostic Center is very excited to have you all in Lincoln! We will be hosting the conference at the Holiday Inn Downtown located in the historic Haymarket area. There are many restaurants and shops located within walking distance if you plan to extend your stay or have free time during the conference.

For those of you who will be flying in; Lincoln and Omaha will be the closest major airports. Omaha's Eppley Airfield will mostly likely offer a larger selection of flights with better ticket prices but Lincoln's Municipal Airport is closer and more convenient. The Holiday Inn Downtown provides a shuttle to and from the Lincoln Airport. If you are flying into Omaha and are not renting a car there is a shuttle service called Omalink that will take you to and from Eppley Airfield. The cost is \$44.95 ROUNDTRIP. You MUST reference AVM when you make your reservation. www.omalink.com (402)475-5465.

This year, with the help of Tom Kellner, we have set up a behind the scenes tour and 3D IMAX movie at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. The zoo is a quick 45 min drive from Lincoln. We are still working out details with a sponsor for admission to the zoo. Depending on the outcome, those interested may need to pay the \$16.00 fee for admission and the movie. A small price to pay to see behind the scenes of one of the best zoos in the nation! Because of the conference on Friday, we will host the tour Thursday afternoon, some time around 2pm. For those without transportation or those of you interested in car pooling we will work out details as we start to gather registration information. Make sure to mark down if you will be attending the Zoo Tour! Once details are finalized we will contact those of you interested.

We have secured a great mix of speakers this year. We will be covering topic such as the TB "Outbreak" in Northeast Nebraska, current findings in the Tritrichomonas foetus shipping and testing methods, research on an E.coli O157:H7 vaccine, PRRS, Pox Virus, Aquaculture, findings in some common genetic diseases in cattle, and a Forensic Entomologist. I look forward to seeing you all in April! Please feel free to contact me with any questions. You can check for updates on the AVM website at: www.avmheartland.org

Best Wishes,

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