

AEIC Board Call
July 29, 2011
2 – 3:30pm EDT

Attendees: L. Privalle, C. Alarcon, D. Layton, F. Spiegelhalter, P. Hunst

The purpose of the Board call was to discuss the plans for the upcoming Fall Meeting. Clara A. is planning the agenda as well as hosting the meeting at Pioneer Hi-Bred in Des Moines, IA.

The proposed date of the meeting was discussed. The Board had received a request from the CLI Detection Team to move the AEIC meeting from Oct. 5-6 to Oct. 4-5 to allow the CLI team to meet on Oct. 6-7. The Board conferred with Ray Shillito (CLI Detection Team member) as to whether it would be acceptable for CLI to meet the afternoon of Oct. 6 and all day on Oct. 7. It was agreed that the AEIC meeting will remain as scheduled— all day meeting Oct. 5 and half-day on Oct. 6. The ISO TAG would possibly meet the afternoon of Oct. 4.

Clara A. has been contacting potential speakers for the meeting. Solae was contacted to give a full presentation, however, Frank S. indicated that they would rather give a “new member” presentation on the company. QualiCon, which does food/pharma testing, has been contacted to talk on their approach to pathogen/microbial monitoring. Clara has contacted several companies which are engaged in animal biotechnology. She has received interest from two of the companies, however, they are either not able to make the meeting date or their Board does not yet want them to speak publicly. AquaBounty, the GM salmon company, has not responded to any inquiries. Another possibility is the U. of IL transgenic animal facility manager. He has published an article on the technology and the challenges for a regulatory path. Since he is in academia, travel assistance may need to be offered. The budget for the Spring Meeting had been increased to allow for travel assistance.

Other talks for the meeting are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- Sampling issues for commodities (R. Shillito)
- Food safety bill (No response from suggested FDA person)
- ILSI Workshops update (D. Grothaus)
- ISTA GMO Workshops (B. Kaufman)
- Wheat or alfalfa—introduction to the crop, uses, etc. (Forage Genetics? or ??)
- Sunflower work (BioDiagnostics)
- Alternative methods to immunoassay (Perkin Elmer?)
- Food authenticity testing (Eurofins France, USDA AMS?)
Bar-coding in fish (Eurofins)

Meeting logistics:

Clara outlined the information she has to date.

- Hotel would be Holiday Inn & Suites on Merle Hay Rd (~3 miles from Pioneer)

- \$60/night for a standard room, \$110/night for a suite
- Room rate includes a \$9/day voucher to breakfast in the hotel
- Hotel can block rooms until one week prior to the meeting
- Hotel will provide an internet link to make reservations
- Hotel has a shuttle to/from airport (operates 6am to 11pm)
- There will be shuttle service from the hotel to Pioneer each day
- Complimentary meeting rooms are available in the hotel (for ISO and CLI meetings)
- AEIC Meeting will be held at the Pioneer facility
- There will be a tour of Pioneer late in the morning of Oct. 6 so that the meeting will adjourn at noon after the tour
- Pioneer will provide morning/afternoon refreshments for the meeting
- There will be a buffet lunch at Pioneer on the first day of the meeting
- For the group dinner, the Holiday Inn can cater the meal in the hotel
 Could be a “plated” (\$30/person) or “buffet” (\$32/dinner) dinner
 Wine bottles (\$19 each)
 Could have an open bar (dinner guests would pay for their drinks)
 Would allow AEIC participants who do not want to go out after the dinner to return to their hotel rooms without worrying about finding a ride or a taxi.
 It was suggested by Frank S. that other restaurants also be explored since some members like to be able to play pool after the dinner. An alternative would be to find out what restaurants/bars close to the hotel might have pool tables that members could go to after the dinner at the hotel.

The Board has scheduled another call for August 29 at 2-4pm EDT (1-3pm CDT).