

**NCCC167 North Central Regional
Corn Breeding Research Meeting
Doubletree Hotel, Portland, Oregon, March 14-15, 2012**

You are invited to attend the 2012 Meeting of the NCCC167 North Central Regional Coordinating Committee on Corn Breeding Research to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland, OR USA immediately preceding the 54th Annual Maize Genetics Conference. The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, March 14 and adjourn at approximately 1:30 PM on Thursday, March 15.

Registration

Registration fees will be \$150 per scientist and \$100 per student. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and session breaks on both days. Registration information can be found on the NCCC167 website (see NCCC167 website below). Attendees may download a registration form or follow the online registration link to register with a credit card (online is preferred). Early registration deadline is **February 14**. Registration after February 14 (including onsite) will be \$200 per scientist and \$150 per student.

Program

Dr. Jeffrey Ross-Ibarra, UC Davis, has been invited to make a special presentation entitled “*Genome-Wide View of Breeding History and Selection in North American Maize*”. Volunteered 30-minute talks will be presented on Wednesday, March 14 beginning at 8:30 AM. An open discussion will be held on Thursday, March 15 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to email program chair with suggested discussion topics relevant to Corn Breeding (jode.edwards@ars.usda.gov). The NCCC167 business meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 15.

Volunteered presentations

Attendees are encouraged to share their current research with an oral or poster presentation. Oral presentations should be a maximum of 25 minutes in length (followed by 5 minutes for questions). Please try to allow as much time for discussion as possible. If you wish to present either an oral presentation or a poster, submit an abstract to Jode Edwards (jode.edwards@ars.usda.gov) by **February 14**. Please see the NCCC167 website (below) for Abstract formatting guidelines. The student presenting the best oral presentation will be awarded the Larry Darrah Student Presentation Award. Posters should be 48” x 48” in size (same as Maize Genetics Conference) and will be presented on Wednesday, March 14.

Lodging

Attendees may reserve rooms at the same rate as the Maize Genetics Conference (being held at the same venue March 15-18) rate of \$124 per night for March 13 and 14 at the Doubletree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St., Portland, Oregon. Please call the hotel directly at 503-281-6111 or goto the NCCC167 website for a link to online hotel reservations. The room rate is guaranteed until **February 14**.

NCCC167 website: <http://www.agron.iastate.edu/corn/ncr167/Default.html>