**Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality Council**

***Serving the Needs of the Wheat Industry***

*25th Annual*

*MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT*

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AACC International PNW Section

The Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality Council (PNW-WQC) will hold its annual Collaborative Testing Program meeting in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Section of the AACCI. The meeting time and place is Wednesday, January 30th through Friday, February 1st 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel @ Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. The Red Lion is located on the banks of the Columbia River with sweeping view of the Cascade Range. Their address is 909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217.

Holding a combined meeting with the PNW AACCI section has proven to produce a valuable forum for wheat quality issues in the Pacific Northwest. With many facets of the wheat industry represented, from wheat variety development through final product production, interesting discussions have resulted from the synergy of viewpoints present. Indeed, this meeting has helped shape the model of wheat quality in the Pacific Northwest.

Our program has expanded a bit from our normal format. We will be holding a falling number workshop at the Red Lion the day before our normal meeting days. This will run from Tuesday afternoon, 1-5pm, on January 29th and Wednesday morning from 8-11am. For more information contact Dr. Kim Campbell, Kim.Garland-Campbell@ARS.USDA.GOV.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 30th, tours of wheat & flour processing facilities in the area and points of local interest are being planned. **PLEASE indicate on the registration form if you are interested in participating in the tour.** Knowing how many people will attend helps immensely in planning. The cost of the tour will be $50. Tour sites and schedule are being arranged. Typically we gather at our hotel at noon to board the busses. The tours last until about 5pm where we have dinner at a local restaurant then back to the hotel by about 7pm. For questions or suggestions, please contact Doug Engle, Douglas.Engle@ars.usda.gov.

On Thursday, we provide a forum for wheat breeding and research programs in the region to share information on projects and issues of wheat research in the Western United States. AACCI-PNW section will then host a half day of technical presentations on wheat quality in the afternoon. On Friday, the PNW-WQC will review quality characteristics of new wheat varieties. Everyone is encouraged to attend all three sessions to broaden the scope of experience and ideas available for discussion. The Friday program typically ends at about 2-3pm to allow for people to catch late afternoon flights. The Red Lion is about 20 minutes’ drive to Portland International Airport.

On Saturday, February 2nd we are planning a ski outing to Mt Hood. Please indicate if you are interested in participating on the registration form; details to follow.

Room reservations are to be made individually by the registrants. The single/double room rate is $129, which is less than the current government per diem rate for Portland. Our group code is Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality.

The more we know about how many people are attending the more responsive we can be in enlarging the room block.  **The room block will come off for our event on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019.** PLEASE BOOK EARLY. The Red Lion room cancellation policy is by 3pm of the day before the reservation date. If you wish to extend your stay, our conference rate room pricing will be offered, based on availability of rooms at the discount price, three days before and three days after the block nights of Tuesday January 29th through Friday, February 1st. If you wish to extend your stay it is recommended to book early. Discount rooms are only available up to a certain percentage of occupancy of the hotel.

**Please note that the Red Lion has an early departure policy** for those checking in under the conference rate. If you leave earlier than your departure date established at check in a $50 Early Departure Fee is charged.

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Direct reservation line number is (503) 283-4466.  *Please make reservations as early as possible as to make adjustments to the room block more effective.  The room block will be removed Tuesday, January 15th, 2019*.

**Our group code is Pacific Northwest Wheat Quality.**  Our group reservation web page is:

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**Ground Transportation Options:**

The Portland International Airport is located 10 miles or approximately 20 minutes from the Red Lion Hotel @ Jantzen Beach. Ground transportation options are Uber, Lyft, Radio Cab Taxi (503 227-1212) and various other ground transport options available at baggage claim.

**Cooperators, the deadline for data submission this year will be Friday December 21st.  Data submitted before then will of course be greatly appreciated.**

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*Acknowledgments*

 These collaborative flour tests are supported by the wheat commissions of Washington, Oregon and Idaho in cooperation with the USDA-ARS Western Wheat Quality Laboratory. In addition participating companies provide sponsor support for operating the council and annual meeting. Our purpose is to maintain and improve the milling and baking quality of wheat in the Western region. It is an attempt to keep current with the needs of wheat processors and flour users. The information gained from the data and opinions of the collaborators is of significant value to the wheat breeding programs of the region. The project aims to provide each collaborator an opportunity to express their opinion as to whether or not the tested selections would satisfy the end-use demands of their industry.

 We would like to thank each of the collaborators for their participation in this annual project.