



NOTICE: APHIS International SECD Meeting Chicago, IL September 23 – 25, 2014

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In partnership with the National Pork Board (NPB), the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC), and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is hosting an international meeting on novel swine enteric coronavirus diseases (SECD) in Chicago, IL, September 23 – 25, 2014.

Topics to be explored during the meeting include the global SECD situation, SECD virus pathways, risk factors for introduction, and immunology/vaccinology for SECD. APHIS has established a website for the meeting at [SECD International Meeting](#) which has the agenda, hotel information, guidance for presenters, documents provided by attendees for discussion, speaker abstracts and biographies—all of which will be updated and posted as it becomes available.

Confirmed attendees are invited to share relevant information for the website (e.g., policies, SECD virus sequences, and other data) with an understanding that the website—while not widely advertised—is not limited to the attendees. Recording or photographing presentations is not allowed at this time in order to encourage presentation of unpublished data and frank discussion among the presenters.

Interested swine producers, veterinarians, and other animal health professionals may **request an invitation** to the meeting by contacting Dr. Randall L. Levings by telephone 515-337-7155, fax 515-337-7366, or by email Randall.L.Levings@aphis.usda.gov. APHIS has a block of rooms reserved under “USDA-Swine” at the Hyatt Regency O’Hare. A special hotel room rate negotiated for meeting invitees will **expire Friday, August 29, 2014**. Travelers may reserve a room by calling Hyatt Reservations direct 888-421-1442 or reserve online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/gusda> (this link is also posted on the meeting website).

The USDA, along with the NPB, NPPC, and AASV, expect that a broad range of attendees will contribute to productive dialogue throughout the course of the meeting.