



Friday, January 20, 2006

RE: Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance System (FoodNet) Vision Meeting, March 1-3, 2006

Dear Colleague,

In collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Food and Drug Administration, we are pleased to invite you to the 2006 FoodNet Vision Meeting. The primary goal of this meeting is to review overall program accomplishments from previous years and to establish program goals and priorities for the upcoming year. The meeting will also focus on details specific to various projects (e.g., active surveillance, case-control studies) currently being undertaken by the FoodNet group and those projects that are in the planning phase. An integral part of this workshop is to have participation of the regulatory partners and those partners from the FoodNet sites, including the FoodNet Principle Investigator, the FoodNet Project Coordinator, and the FoodNet Surveillance Officers. Each group will bring different ideas and perspectives to the meeting.

The FoodNet Vision Meeting will be hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch, FoodNet Unit on March 1-3, 2006. On March 1st, there will be a FoodNet coordinators meeting and Case-Control Study Methodology meeting, both will begin at 8:30AM. The primary Vision Meeting will take place in Building 19 on the CDC campus, Atlanta, Georgia and will begin at 8:30AM on Thursday, March 2nd and adjourn at 12:30PM Friday, March 3rd. Additional information concerning hotel accommodations and transportation may be found on our website http://www.cdc.gov/foodnet/vision_2006.htm.

If you plan to attend the 2006 FoodNet Vision Meeting, please contact Cherie Long via e-mail at CLong2@cdc.gov by **February 7, 2006**. At that time, please provide the following information*:

Your name

Your title

Your affiliation

***Due to strict CDC security policies, additional information is required for non-U.S. citizens. Please contact Cherie Long immediately if you are a non-U.S. citizen and plan to attend the Vision meeting.**

We look forward to seeing you and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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