

TWENTY-NINTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 2-5, 2020

INVITATION TO ATTEND

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 29th Vertebrate Pest Conference, a scientific forum for discussing and exchanging information on human-wildlife conflicts. The conference will be held at the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort. Santa Barbara is located on the central California coast, with the Santa Ynez Mountains as a dramatic backdrop. Downtown, Mediterranean-style white stucco buildings with red-tile roofs reflect the city's Spanish colonial heritage. More information about the hotel can be found at:

<https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/hilton-santa-barbara-beachfront-resort-SBAFPHH/index.html>

The Vertebrate Pest Conference, held every two years, is the most recognized conference of its kind. Participants and attendees include leading authorities on vertebrate pest management from around the world. Papers are presented in English.

The pre-registration fee for the full conference is expected to be around \$395.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will be held over 4 days and includes a field trip, held on the first day, two or three special symposia, and numerous concurrent sessions. This format maximizes information exchange and provides networking opportunities that satisfies all interests in vertebrate pest management (e.g., birds, rodents, predators, agricultural, urban and natural landscapes, zoonotic and livestock diseases, etc.). Presentations range from practical management to more technical papers concerning research or new technology.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The call for papers is an effort to attract a wide array of potential contributors. Papers can be of a practical nature or more technically or research oriented. We are seeking papers for proposed special symposia that may include:

New Technology for Managing Wildlife Island Invaders Predator Management

Additional contributed papers will be accepted in (but not limited to) the following vertebrate pest categories:

- Field rodent management
- Hazards associated with vertebrate pest control
- Control of birds in urban and agricultural settings
- T&E species and vertebrate pest management
- Regulatory issues of vertebrate pest control
- Control of zoonotic and wildlife-associated diseases
- Alternative management methods and materials
- Human Dimensions of vertebrate pest management
- Economic, social, and political aspects of vertebrate pest management

Papers for urban/landscape nuisance wildlife and agricultural IPM procedures are encouraged for providing continuing education credit requirements.

FIELD TRIP

The optional Conference field trip on March 2nd will explore human-wildlife conflicts in California's unique central coast location. It will provide a first-hand opportunity to see wildlife damage as well as management efforts in progress. This will be an all-day event. The field trip fee includes motor coach transportation and lunch.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts and a brief biography of the presenter for oral papers or posters to be presented at the Conference should be submitted not later than September 20, 2019. The body of the abstract cannot exceed 300 words. Your presentation may describe work currently in progress.

To submit an abstract, visit the VPC website (www.vpconference.org) and follow the links "Submit an Abstract". If you have questions about abstract submission, please contact Program Chairperson Niamh Quinn.

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Contributed papers will be selected by the Vertebrate Pest Council on the basis of scientific merit, newness, uniqueness of topic, usefulness, and appropriateness for the overall Conference program and its objectives. Abstracts received after September 20th 2019 will be considered if space is available.

All speakers are expected to submit a manuscript, which is due at the time of the Conference. All manuscripts will be peer edited and published in the 29th VP Conference *Proceedings*.

A preliminary program for the Conference will be available in November 2019. For additional information on the Conference as it develops, refer to the VPC website:

<http://www.vpconference.org>

PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

Papers from the Proceedings of the 28th Vertebrate Pest Conference (2018) will be available as open access files, which can be downloaded or printed, by late summer at the following website:

https://escholarship.org/uc/vertebrate_pest_conference

Visit this site to also access open access content of previous VPC Proceedings (currently dating back to 1988). A printed copy of the entire 28th VPC Proceedings can be purchased from our print-to-demand vendor; information on ordering a printed copy will be available on the Conference website (www.vpconference.org), where there is also information on purchasing printed copies of all available previous volumes of the VPC Proceedings.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

We are now accepting nominations for the Walter E. "Howdy" Howard Lifetime Achievement Award. Candidates for this award should be professionals who have made significant contributions to the Vertebrate Pest Management field. The award will be presented at the conference and the recipient(s) will receive a plaque, complimentary registration, travel expenses, and a small honorarium. Please see the VPC website for additional details and nominating instructions.

SHARE WITH A COLLEAGUE

If you are not available to attend this Conference, we hope you will pass it along to someone who many have interest in the field of managing human-wildlife conflicts. If you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to receive future announcements, please send you name and address, including e-mail address to:

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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS OF PARTICIPANTS

The Conference makes significant contributions toward understanding and resolving human-wildlife conflicts and wildlife damage problems, promoting better management methodology, and minimizing adverse environmental and ecological effects. Vertebrate pest management is applied ecology focused on improving agriculture, public and wildlife health, and conservation of natural and human-made resources. The Conference is a forum for sharing knowledge and experiences among researchers, administrators, extension personnel, educators, and practitioners in vertebrate pest management and wildlife damage problems.

Participants vary in professional background, but all have one common interest - wildlife as vertebrate pests. The following are representative of past attendees:

- Animal control officials and personnel
- Private and commercial pesticide applicators
- Consultants in vertebrate pest problems
- Manufacturers and suppliers of vertebrate pest materials
- Health department officials and employees
- Agriculturists interested in predation and disease transmission reduction
- Extension specialists, advisors, and agents
- Foresters
- Wildlife departments (wildlife managers and enforcement agents)
- Pest control advisors (PCAs)
- Federal and state pesticide registration and regulatory agency administrators and staff
- Sanitarians
- Food processing and warehouse managers
- Educators - pest control subjects
- Students
- Researchers - (public agencies and private sector)
- Natural resource managers
- Private wildlife control operators

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, March 2, 2020
Field Trip - Vertebrate pest management

Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Registration
Keynote Address and Plenary Session
General and Concurrent Sessions

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
General and Concurrent Sessions
Special symposia

Thursday, March 5, 2020
General and Concurrent Sessions
Special symposium
Closing Remarks

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

The Conference strongly encourages student participation by offering a discounted Student pre-registration fee of around \$75.00 for the entire Conference. A limited number of student travel scholarships will be available. Students whose abstract for a poster or an oral presentation is accepted and who provide a manuscript for the Proceedings can be eligible to receive a travel award of up to \$500. For more details, contact Roger Baldwin at rabaldwin@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-4551.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS & SPONSORSHIP

Space is available for exhibits of commercial products and services. Sponsorship of activities such as field trip, meal function, breaks and the reception are also available

For more information, please contact:

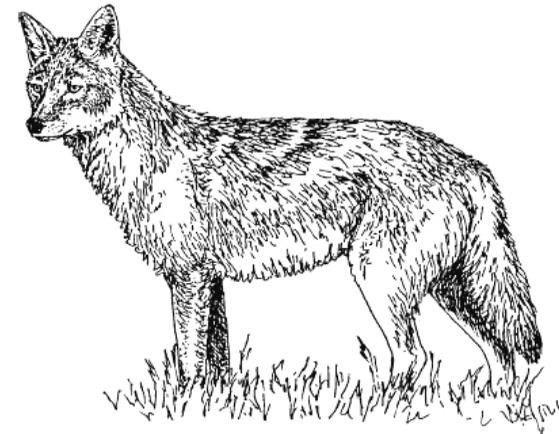
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FEATURING SPECIAL SYMPOSIA

New Technology for Managing Wildlife
Island Invaders
Predator Management

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