### Summary

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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Enteric Diseases Laboratory Branch and Outbreak Response and Prevention Branch
- Association of Public Health Laboratories
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The Integrated Foodborne Outbreak Response and Management (InFORM) Conference will bring together laboratorians, epidemiologists and environmental health specialists involved with foodborne and enteric disease outbreak response. Issues discussed will include surveillance and outbreak detection of enteric diseases, with a focus on those caused by contaminated foods, water and animals. The tagline and theme for the InFORM 2017 conference is, “The Changing Landscape of Enteric Disease Surveillance, Outbreak Detection, and Response.”

Information about the conference is available on the following website: [https://www.aphl.org/conferences/InformConf/Pages/2017-Inform-Conference.aspx](https://www.aphl.org/conferences/InformConf/Pages/2017-Inform-Conference.aspx)

The website will be updated as additional conference information is available.

### Important Dates

**6/9/2017**  
Call for Abstracts

**7/21/2017**  
Deadline for Abstract Submission

**8/11/2017**  
Abstract Notification of Status

**8/21/2017**  
Call for Late-Breaker Abstracts

**9/1/2017**  
Deadline for Late-Breaker Abstract Submission

**9/18/2017**  
Late-Breaker Abstract Notification of Status
Abstract Requirements

1. Abstracts must be in English.
2. Abstracts should include a title, authors, and affiliations
3. Abstracts should be no more than 2,000 characters (no spaces) or approximately 300-350 words (which includes the title, authors, and abstract body)
4. The abstract body should be structured to include the following four sections: background, methods, results, and conclusions
5. All abstract submissions must include a word document “Bio Disclosure” form for the primary author. Do not submit a PDF. Abstracts that are submitted without a completed word document Bio Disclosure form will not be considered.

Review Process
Abstracts will undergo a peer-review process. The Abstract Committee will assess each abstract based on its scientific merit, relevance to the audience, and overall quality.

Conference Attendance
Please ensure that one of the abstract authors will be able to travel to the conference in the event that your abstract is accepted for an oral, poster, or late-breaker presentation. All presenting authors for oral, poster, and late-breaker sessions must register for the InFORM 2017 Conference. Registration and hotel lodging information for this conference will open in July 2017; please monitor the InFORM 2017 Conference website for more information.

Continuing Education
Continuing education for this activity is pending. See final announcement for details.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS
Deadline: Friday, July 21, 2017 at 11:59pm ET

Abstract Submission Instructions
1. Abstracts should be submitted via email to outbreaknet@cdc.gov by Friday, July 21, 2017 at 11:59pm ET.
2. The subject line of the submission email should be “InFORM abstract submission”. Abstracts submitted without this text in the subject line will not be considered.
3. Please indicate whether you are interested in an oral presentation only, a poster only, or would like to be considered for either category.
4. Please indicate whether your abstract is primarily epidemiology focused, environmental health focused, or both.
5. All abstract submissions must include a word document “Bio Disclosure” form for the primary author. Do not submit a PDF. Abstracts that are submitted without a completed word document Bio Disclosure form will not be considered.

Abstract Submission Deadline
Abstracts must be submitted via email to outbreaknet@cdc.gov no later than Friday, July 21, 2017 at 11:59pm ET.

Abstract Notification/Disposition
All authors for oral and poster presentations will be notified via e-mail of their abstract status by Friday, August 11, 2017. If your abstract is selected for an oral presentation, the presenting author will be expected to discuss and summarize the data in a comprehensive 10-minute presentation on Wednesday, November 8th or Thursday, November 9th. The date and time of the poster sessions are still to be determined. Please visit the InFORM 2017 Conference website for updated information.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR LATE-BREAKER PRESENTATIONS
Late-Breaker Deadline: Friday, September 1, 2017 at 11:59pm ET

Late breaker abstracts are highly competitive; only abstracts containing late-breaking research or outbreaks will be considered.

Late-Breaker Abstract Submission Instructions
1. Late-breaker abstracts should be submitted via email to outbreaknet@cdc.gov by Friday, September 1, 2017 at 11:59pm ET.
2. The subject line of the submission email should be “InFORM late breaker abstract submission”. Abstracts submitted without this text in the subject line will not be considered.
3. All abstract submissions must include a word document “Bio Disclosure” form for the primary author. Do not submit a PDF. Abstracts that are submitted without a completed word document Bio Disclosure form will not be considered.

Late-Breaker Submission Deadline
Late-breaker abstracts must be submitted via email to outbreaknet@cdc.gov no later than Friday, September 1, 2017 at 11:59pm ET.

Late-Breaker Abstract Notification/Disposition
All authors for late-breaker presentations will be notified via e-mail of their abstract status by Monday, September 18, 2017. If your late-breaker abstract is selected, the presenting author will be expected to participate in a “rapid-fire” session on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Each late-breaker presentation will include a 5-minute oral presentation followed by 5 minutes for questions and discussion.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Questions regarding abstract submission may be directed to: outbreaknet@cdc.gov
On behalf of the InFORM 2017 Conference Planning Committee, thank you for your submissions.