

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Sessions and Roundtables

Deadline:
October 26, 2018

The APHL Annual Meeting Planning Committee invites the APHL membership and committees to submit proposals for plenary, breakout and roundtable sessions at the 2019 APHL Annual Meeting, which hosts attendees from state and local public health laboratories and state environmental and agricultural laboratories.

Plenary and Breakout Sessions are scheduled within the body of the meeting program. 5 plenary and 15–20, 60- or 90-minute breakout sessions are being planned over 4 days. Plenary and breakout sessions generally have a moderator and 2–3 speakers. They may be panel discussions or other interactive/informational sessions generally addressing a specific issue, program or core public health function. 3–4 breakout sessions are scheduled per time slot.

Each plenary or breakout session should be targeted to the major participant groups of APHL (state PHL, local PHL and environmental/agricultural labs). The topic of the session and the information provided should be valid for each group. To accomplish this, a speaker representing each group in each session is recommended (1 state PHL, 1 local PHL and 1 EL and/or 1 AL). In addition we are challenging participants to include more evidence-based science in the sessions.

Roundtables are small, informal 45-minute guided discussions concerning hot topics on laboratory issues. The topics are usually broad to allow individual issues to be raised, and the leaders facilitate discussion and contribute suggestions or structure only as needed. The leaders rarely make lengthy presentations. Each roundtable will occupy a room with several banquet rounds and flip charts. No other audiovisual materials are provided. Up to 4 roundtables are scheduled each day on June 5 and 6.

Roundtables, since they are designed as discussion sessions, should focus on one topic with an emphasis on encouraging interaction between attendees and the speaker.

Tentatively there will be 5 plenary sessions with 1 per time slot, 6 breakout time slots with 3–4 sessions per time slot and 2 roundtable time slots with 4 sessions per time slot. This allows up to 4–5 plenary sessions, 18–24 breakout sessions and 8 roundtables.

Proposal Selection Process

Plenary and breakout sessions will be determined by choosing from proposals submitted by the general membership and APHL committees. If a committee submits more than one proposal, **please prioritize them and provide rationale** as there are limited time slots.

Proposal Submission

The submission process will be done online.

Submit your proposal here

(Follow the directions on the website.)

Proposals must be received by **Friday, October 26, 2018**.

Notification of the outcome will be made no later than December 31, 2018.

Direct all questions to Terry Reamer at 240.485.2776 or terry.reamer@aphl.org.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

Environmental, food and agriculture

- **Agricultural** (pesticide residues, animal feed, labeling accuracy)
- **Veterinary** (veterinary public health, emerging animal and zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, global surveillance, field and laboratory investigations)
- **Environmental** (biomonitoring and environmental health surveillance, emerging environmental health threats, environmental policy, water security, source tracking, forensic and toxicology testing)
- **Food safety and security**

Infectious disease and clinical

- **Diagnostics and emerging technologies** (molecular testing, culture independent diagnostics, method development, genomic epidemiology, bioinformatics)
- **Infectious diseases** (Influenza, HIV, STD, TB, foodborne, respiratory and vector-borne diseases, antimicrobial resistance, vaccine-preventable disease)
- **Newborn screening and genetics** (method development and implementation, screening panel composition, timeliness of screening, policy development)
- **Outbreaks and emerging infections**

Cross-cutting laboratory topics

- **Emergency preparedness and response** (continuity of operations, high-consequence pathogens, LRN-B, -C & -R)
- **Role of laboratory data** (policy development, addressing public health disparities, epi/lab collaboration)
- **Informatics** (knowledge management, electronic test ordering and reporting)
- **Quality laboratory systems** (biosafety, chemical safety, quality management, continuing quality improvement, LSIP follow-up, laboratory efficiencies, laboratory systems and standards, certification and accreditation)
- **Partnerships, training and outreach**
- **Workforce development** (training/credentials, innovative recruitment and retention activities, advocating for laboratories, competencies strategies, competencies implementations)
- **Communications and public relations** (communication strategies, social media, legislative relations)
- **Current events, emerging topics**
- **Next generation sequencing** (veterinary, food safety, infectious disease and clinical)

Global health

- **Security** (biosafety & biosecurity, strengthening laboratory systems, enhancing testing capacity, strategic planning, one health, international sister laboratory reports)

The 2019 Annual Meeting will start on Monday and end on Thursday.