



December 15, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

The Microbicide Trials Network (MTN) annual meeting will be held Monday through Wednesday, **March 15-17, 2010 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202**. The intended participants include 2 representatives from each CTU (for example, principal investigator, site coordinator), as well as staff from Leadership (CORE, SDMC, CL, NIH), RCC, PPD and other collaborating partners. There will be a divided plenary session on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, and protocol break-out sessions. Investigators directly affiliated with MTN should plan to have representation at the meeting for all three days. **Guests and other organizations doing microbicide research would be most likely interested in attending the plenary sessions on the mornings of Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16-17, 2010.**

The various activities throughout the 3 days will provide:

- an overview of microbicide and PrEP research, with an emphasis on the studies being conducted by the MTN;
- opportunities for interchange among representatives of MTN protocol teams, working groups, partners and NIH

Please see the attached **draft** agenda for a complete list of planned activities. Meeting information will be routinely posted on the MTN website at www.mtnstopshiv.org

Online registration is available on the MTN website. **Meeting registration is required if you plan to attend any session during the annual meeting.** The link to the MTN Annual Meeting webpage is:
<http://www.mtnstopshiv.org/2010annualmeeting>

We have secured a limited number of overnight rooms at the **Marriott Crystal Gateway**. **You will be responsible for making your own hotel reservations.** Because these rooms will be released to the public after the cut-off date of **Monday, February 22, 2010**, room rate and availability cannot be guaranteed. Room reservations will be individual call-in. Please call the Marriott Crystal Gateway directly at 703-920-3230 or 1-800-228-9290 and identify yourself as part of the 2010 MTN Annual Meeting. The standard single group rate of \$209.00 (plus applicable taxes, currently at 10.25%) will be honored. **PLEASE NOTE: you will be responsible for paying for your room and incidentals upon checkout.**

If you have questions regarding meeting logistics, please contact Christine Rullo via email (crullo@mail.magee.edu), telephone at (412) 641-8933 / (412) 641-8999, or fax at (412) 641-6170.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Draft Agenda