

TWENTY-EIGHTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE

ROHNERT PARK, CALIFORNIA

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1, 2018

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will be held over 3 days and includes three special symposia and numerous concurrent sessions. There will be an optional field trip the day before the conference, requiring separate registration. 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. Special symposia will emphasize:

Living with Wolves Pest Management in Fruit & Nut Crops Commensal Rodents

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

- Field rodent management
- Predator 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.

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 July 7, 2017. 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 July 7, 2017 will be considered if space is available.

All speakers must submit a manuscript both in electronic and hard copy format, which is due at the time of the Conference. All manuscripts will be peer edited and published in the Conference *Proceedings*.

A preliminary program for the Conference will be available in November 2017. For additional information on the Conference as it develops, refer to the VPC website:

<http://www.vpconference.org>

TWENTY-SEVENTH VPC PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

Copies of the *Proceedings* from the 27th Vertebrate Pest Conference (2016) will soon be available for \$35.00 plus postage and handling. A digital version of the *Proceedings* will also be available for purchase, as detailed at the VPC website. Other past VPC *Proceedings* can be purchased through the following web store:

<http://nebraskamaps.unl.edu/productcart/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=579>

or through a link on the Vertebrate Pest Conference website:

http://www.vpconference.org/proceedings_of_the Vertebrate_pest_conference/purchase_proceedings/

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

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

For more information please contact:

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INVITATION TO ATTEND

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 28th Vertebrate Pest Conference, a scientific forum for discussing and exchanging information on human-wildlife conflicts. The conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel – Sonoma Wine Country from February 26 – March 1, 2018. Sonoma Valley is renowned worldwide for its unique wine tasting opportunities in more than 100 wineries and the wide selection of restaurants specializing in locally harvested fare. Recreational activities include hiking and biking in beautiful natural areas and canoe trips on the Russian River. More information about the hotel can be found at: <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-sonoma-wine-country-RLSC-DT/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 \$375, which includes a copy of the *Proceedings* that is published following the Conference, and contains the papers that are presented during the three days of sessions.

FIELD TRIP

The optional Conference field trip on February 26 will explore human-wildlife conflicts in California's unique wine country. 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.

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 (conservationists)
- Private wildlife control operators

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, February 26, 2018
Field Trip - Vertebrate pest management

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Registration
Keynote Address and Plenary Session
General and Concurrent Sessions

Wednesday, February 28, 2018
General and Concurrent Sessions
Special symposia

Thursday, March 1, 2018
General and Concurrent Sessions
Special symposium
Closing Remarks

SHARE WITH A COLLEAGUE

If you are not able to attend this Conference, or if you receive more than one announcement, we hope you will pass it along to someone who may have an 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 your name and address, including e-mail address (if available) to:

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California Continuing Education (CE) credits for Pest Control Professionals (PCA, QAC, etc) are anticipated. CE credit for other programs may also be available.

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 Paula Rivadeneira at pkrivadeneira@email.arizona.edu or (928) 919-2611.

Call for Papers

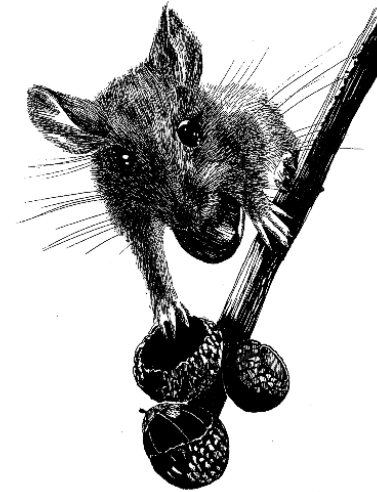
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FEATURING SPECIAL SYMPOSIA

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