

Alabama Extension to Hold First One Health Conference in June

Normal, AL, March 2016---The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs (Urban Affairs) will host the first SerPIE One Health Conference on Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCPs) on June 19-21, 2016, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. The theme is "Utilizing a One Health Approach to Achieve Zero Pharmaceutical Waste."

The One Health Conference is an interdisciplinary initiative that brings experts together in the areas of human, animal, and environmental health to discuss current research and Extension activities being undertaken to minimize societal and environmental impacts of PPCPs. It will offer an array of dynamic keynote speakers, presentations, exhibits, and opportunities to discuss current PPCP issues.

Urban Affairs is hosting this event in partnership with the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University's Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics, as well as Tennessee State University, Kentucky State University, the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant (IISG), the University of Illinois Extension, and the 1890 Universities Water Center.

General registration for the entire event is \$200 per participant, which includes selected meals, breaks, and the reception on Sunday, June 19. Participants will also receive a digital copy of the One Health Conference Proceedings. Students, farmers, and special partners may attend the entire Conference for \$75. Please review the One Health Conference brochure at

<u>www.aces.edu/urban/documents/final1onehealthconference.pdf</u> for a complete breakdown of registration costs and <u>www.aces.edu/urban/forestry/SerPIE/OneHealth/</u> for general conference information.

This event is a part of the ACES's Synergistic Efforts to Reduce Pharmaceuticals in the Environment (SerPIE) Initiative, which aims to achieve zero pharmaceutical waste. Primary funding for the One Health Conference is provided by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture Capacity Building Project #230670.

The Conference Planning Committee is currently seeking abstract submissions for oral or poster presentations. To be considered for placement in the program, please visit the Conference website for instructions. For general information, please contact Dr. Karnita Garner at (256) 372-8331 or Dr. Paul Okweye at (256) 372-4931.

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