



February 20, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

The Microbicide Trials Network (MTN) annual meeting will be held Monday through Wednesday, **April 20-22, 2009 at the Marriott Key Bridge Hotel**; 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209. This year's meeting is expected to be smaller than in past years given limited resources and more regional training opportunities. 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, April 21-22, 2009.**

The various activities throughout the 3 days will provide:

- an overview of the HPTN-035 study results;
- an overview of non-microbicide HIV prevention strategies;
- opportunities for interchange among representatives of MTN protocol teams, working groups and science committees

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

MTN is pleased to announce that online registration is available. All participants **MUST** complete the online registration form on the MTN website by **Wednesday, April 8, 2009**. Be sure to identify **all** sessions that you plan to attend. Your participation in this meeting should be covered under your existing CTU award. **All participants are responsible for registering themselves. Login to the website is not required but recommended to register for the meeting.** The link to the MTN Annual Meeting webpage is: <http://www.mtnstopshiv.org/2009annualmeeting>

We have secured a limited number of overnight rooms at the **Marriott Key Bridge Hotel**. **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 **Friday, March 20, 2009**, room rate and availability cannot be guaranteed. For making online reservations, use the link: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/waskb?groupCode=mtnmtna&app=resvlink&fromDate=&toDate=>

The group code and single rate of \$199.00 (plus applicable taxes, currently at 10.25%) are already embedded in this webpage. If your preference is to call the hotel directly, please use this number: 1-800-228-9290 or 1-703-524-6400 and identify yourself as part of the **MTN Annual Meeting**. **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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Hillier".

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Attachments: Draft Agenda