

ANNOUNCING A JOINT CONFERENCE and CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE
CONFERENCE

THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL CENTER
FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
"WHAT WORKS III" CONFERENCE

*Enhancing food security and rural viability
through innovative food system practices and opportunities*

May 13-15, 2014, Baltimore, Maryland

Holiday Inn Inner Harbor in Downtown Baltimore (www.innerharborhi.com/)



Call for Abstracts

- Research Papers, Work-in-Progress and Proposal Ideas
- Extension Programs (Education & Training)
- Educational Curriculum & Teaching Pedagogy
- Policy Design & Proposals
- Case Studies & Student Projects

Who Should Attend

Researchers, extension educators, teachers, and students from universities, tribal and community colleges, and K-12 schools; Small Business Development and Farm Bureau service providers, producers, producer/consumer associations, and non-profit organizations; local, state and Federal policy makers, and food industry professionals.

Conference Information online
<http://aese.psu.edu/nercrd>

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Abstract Preparation and Submission Guidelines

We seek high quality presentations that will stimulate, inspire, motivate, and advance knowledge of and practices related to food security and rural viability through the development of food systems.

The objectives of this conference include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying opportunities for and barriers facing rural America with respect to local/regional food system development and food security.
- Showcasing science-based, successful strategies or programs adopted by producers, educators, and service providers.
- Exploring robust measurements of the resilience of established local/regional food systems.
- Discussing the effects of existing local, state, and Federal initiatives on local/regional food systems and Rural America with respect to social, economic, and ecological variations.
- Developing collaborative approaches for long-term regional food systems research, education and outreach

Session Topics

Food Safety; Agri-tourism; Entrepreneurship; Rural Development; Marketing and Distribution; Regulation and Policies; Sourcing and Branding; and Business Planning and Financing.

The abstract is limited to no more than 300 words in WORD document format.

Information should include:

- (1) Contact author's name, email, and affiliation.
- (2) Co-authors' names and affiliation if applicable.
- (3) Title of presentation.
- (4) Preferred types of presentation

Please rank your preferences if your presentation fits into more than one category.

Oral presentation, Poster presentation, Round Table Discussion, Panel Discussion, Symposium, Workshop.

- (5) A clear description of purpose, objectives, method, practices, activities, audience, and impacts.

At least one author must register for and attend the conference, and personally present at the conference. No more than 3 abstracts per author will be included in the program. All papers and abstracts presented at the conference will be considered for publication in the peer-reviewed conference proceedings.

The deadline for submission is December 15, 2013.

Please submit your abstract in WORD format to the Conference Organizer, Dr. Kathleen Liang, CLIANG@UVM.EDU

Thank you for your participation,
and we look forward to seeing you in Baltimore, Maryland!