



2 November 2017

Greetings fellow members of ONTA,

We are beginning plans for the 2018 meeting early so that we can involve the membership in the planning and program highlights as much as possible. After all, this is **YOUR** organization. In our last email, we solicited suggestions for symposium/workshop topics. The following is a list of suggestions received in response to our solicitation:

- 1.) Mechanisms of soil suppressiveness
- 2.) Taxonomy of *Meloidogyne*
- 3.) Potato cyst nematode
- 4.) Education outreach in South America
- 5.) Morphological identification of nematodes
- 6.) Molecular phylogenetics and diagnostics of nematodes

We think that there is enough room on the program (see draft program below suggested by the local arrangements committee) to accommodate all six of these suggestions and we suggest **two on Monday August 20, two on Tuesday August 21 and two on Thursday August 23**. Topics 1-4 would be symposia and topics 5 and 6 would be workshops. They would be 2 hours in length and held concurrently with regular paper sessions, probably mid-mornings.

Please note the dates for the meeting as they are changed from our last email at the request of local arrangement representatives who have already done a lot of work to ensure a terrific meeting for all attendees. **The official dates are Sunday August 19 to Thursday, August 23 followed by excursions.**

Please also note that we will require Spanish speakers to have slides in English and English speakers to have slides in Spanish.

In closing, we would like to say that there is still time for minor “tweaks” to the program. We WELCOME ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS and ask that you copy **both** Neher and McGawley on any emails related to ONTA 2018.

Sincerely,

Deborah Neher, President (dneher@uvm.edu)

Edward McGawley, Vice-President (EMgawley@agcenter.lsu.edu)

OFFICIAL DATES: Sunday August 19-Thursday, August 23
PROGRAM DRAFT FOR ONTA 2018. AREQUIPA PERU
TRAVEL INFORMATION

Daily Flights

Flight LIMA-AREQUIPA

COMPANY AVIANCA:

AV DEPARTURE: 05:00 ARRIVAL: 06:30

COMPANY LATAM

LA DEPARTURE: 12:35 ARRIVAL: 14:10

ONTA MEETING

Sunday August 19: 9.00 - 18.00 hours: Inscriptions. Can be continued on Monday at 8:00.
19.00 Opening Ceremony (Special Program)

Monday August 20:

Presentations in two or three parallel rooms, according to the quantity.

8.00 -9-00 Inaugural Conference: single room.

9.00-10.30 Presentations

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45- 13.00 Presentations

13.00- 14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Conference: single room

15.30-17.00 Presentations

17.00-17.15 Break

17.15-19.00 Presentations

19.30: Special Program

Tuesday August 21:

Presentations in two or three parallel rooms, according to the quantity.

8.00 -9-00 Conference: single room

9.00-10.30 Presentations

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45- 13.00 Presentations

13.00- 14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Conference: single room

16.00: ONTA Board Meeting.....

15.30-19.00 POSTER SESSION

19.30: Special Program

Wednesday August 22: FIELD DAY (Special program)

Thursday August 23:

Presentations in two or three parallel rooms, according to the quantity.

8.00 -9-00 Conference: single room

9.00-10.30 Presentations

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45- 13.00 Presentations

13.00- 14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Conference: single room

15.30-17.00 Presentations

17.00-17.15 Break

17.15-19.00 Presentations

19.30: Closing Ceremony: AWARD AND GALA PARTY (Special Program).

Friday, August 24:

TOURISM VISIT: CUSCO. MACHU PICHU AND OTHERS

Flight AREQUIPA- CUSCO:

Company PERUVIAN

Departure: 8.10h. Arrival: 9.10 h.

LATAM Company:

Departure: 8.45 h. Arrival: 9.45 h.

VISIT CUSCO DIFFERENT PLACES: **SPECIAL PROGRAM WITH TOURIST AGENCY.**

**Saturday 25: VISIT TO MACHU PICHU:
(Special program arranged with travel agency: tourism)**

Sunday August 26: TRAVEL INFORMATION

Flight CUSCO-LIMA

LATAM Company:

6LA CUSCO / LIMA SALIADA: 11:40 ARRIVAL: 13:10

4LA CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 12:05 ARRIVAL: 13:35

3LA CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 12:30 ARRIVAL: 14:00

THE CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 12:55 ARRIVAL: 14:25

2LA CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 13:20 ARRIVAL: 14: 50

5LA CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 14:20 ARRIVAL: 15:45

Company PERUVIAN:

P9 213 CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 06: 50 ARRIVAL: 08:15

P9 222 CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 09:40 ARRIVAL: 11:05

P9 210 CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 09:50 ARRIVAL: 11:15

P9 221 CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 15:50 ARRIVAL: 17:15

P9 218 CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 11:35 ARRIVAL: 13:00

P9 217 CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 11:35 ARRIVAL: 13:00

P9 215 CUSCO / LIMA DEPARTURE: 13:10 ARRIVAL: 14:35

Saturday 25(alternative): Visit to Titicaca Lake in Puno by car, train, airplane (Open)