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51th ONTA Annual Meeting (August 19-23, 2018)



Dear fellow members of ONTA,

I hope you are excited about the upcoming 2018 ONTA meeting in Peru. A lot of people have already spent a lot of effort to ensure the meeting will provide an environment that provides for fellowship, collaboration and education. The meeting venue in Arequipa will be the Hotel Libertador. The program will include invited presentations, regular and student paper and poster sessions as well as workshops and symposia. Chairpersons for workshops and symposia are now finalizing speakers on topics that include potato cyst nematode, nematode species important in Peru, nematode biocontrol and soil suppressiveness, the future of nematology in South America, nematode identification as well as a grower symposium where local farmers discuss production constraints.

Please refer to our website for the latest in meeting announcements. I have suggested to Dr. Martin Augusto Delgado Junchaya, the chair of the local arrangements committee, that we open registration for the meeting on March 28, 2018 with registration fees of \$600 for regular members, \$250 for students, \$100 for spouses and \$750 for non-members. We will use registration funds to cover meeting expenses such as lunches, coffee and snacks, poster boards for poster sessions, program printing and meeting souvenirs as well as a field trip with transportation and refreshments.

One last point about the upcoming ONTA meeting relating to slide presentations is necessary. We will **STRICTLY REQUIRE SPANISH SPEAKERS TO HAVE SLIDES IN ENGLISH AND ENGLISH SPEAKERS TO HAVE SLIDES IN SPANISH**. The reason for this is obvious and will allow for audience comprehension of subject material irrespective of language. The production of slide material in a non-native language is relatively easy these days with the assistance of **GOOGLE TRANSLATOR**. If you have not used this before you should try this free and easy application that works with 11 languages.

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