



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
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Dear Public Health Laboratorian:

It is with great enthusiasm that the National Center for Environmental Health's Chemical Terrorism Response Program invites you to attend a week of educational seminars aimed at increasing the theoretical and practical knowledge base of public health chemists. The Emergency Response Chemical Laboratory Conference's (ERCLC) primary focus will be the delivery of approximately 30 half and full-day courses on topics associated with Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS), Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS), Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry/Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), and sample preparation techniques associated with these technologies. In addition we will have informational sessions and networking opportunities for non-technical laboratory staff involved in program coordination and outreach.

The main objectives for this educational meeting include:

- Provide public health laboratorians with the opportunity to explore the capabilities of analytical technologies currently in their laboratory or that might be added to enhance their capability,
- Learn about new technologies and their applications from world- renowned analytical chemists
- Allow state and territorial partners to interact with CDC program staff and other federal partners to better understand the *National Response Plan* as it applies to the public health laboratories.
- Exchange ideas and best practices with other program participants from the 62 state and territorial jurisdictions.
- Understand expanded uses for chemical terrorism laboratory resources in biomonitoring applications

Conference participants may be able to earn continuing education credit for many of the courses offered. Interactive break-out sessions will complement the in-depth seminars and vendor workshops. Please visit the ERCLC website for more details: <http://www.team-psa.com/CDCChemLab/hotel.asp>

Travel and Planning Details:

- Vendor expo hall opens Sunday afternoon, March 11, 2007
- Sessions begin Monday, March 12, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.
- Last session concludes Friday, March 16, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.
- All sessions to be held at the Sheraton Hotel at Colony Square in mid-town Atlanta
- A guest room block has been established at the Sheraton Colony Square. Conference registration must be made in addition to hotel registration. Participants should reserve guest rooms from the Sheraton reservation phone line or website. To receive the conference rate of \$124.00/night plus 15% tax, hotel reservations must be made under the "CDC Chem Lab Meeting" room block.

Sincerely,

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