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102nd Annual Meeting – The Potato Association of America, July 22-26, 2018, Boise, Idaho

The Idaho Local Arrangements Committee is pleased to host the 102nd Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America (PAA) at the Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho, from July 22 to 26, 2018.

The President’s reception on Sunday July 22nd will be held overlooking the Boise area from the top of Jack’s Urban Meeting Place (JUMP). Sunday will also hold the Graduate Student Networking activity—teamwork to navigate out of a locked room (no cost to graduate students!). Monday will begin with section meetings, followed by oral presentations including an industry-related session, international speaker, and an afternoon on “Impact of Quarantined Pests on Potato Production” sponsored by the Plant Protection and Certification Sections. Oral sessions will continue on Tuesday, followed by a poster session. An outdoor Basque Block Party with food and traditional dance will allow us to experience Idaho culture on Tuesday evening. Oral sessions will continue on Wednesday with the annual business meeting in the afternoon and then back to JUMP for our evening festivities at the Annual Banquet. An agriculture tour of “wine and hops” and whitewater rafting on the Payette River will be exciting options to explore Idaho on Thursday July 26th.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Early registration until June 1, 2018 is \$495 for PAA/EAPR-members, \$595 for non-members, \$250 for graduate students, \$75 for industry day only, and \$250 for accompanying person. Prices increase after June 1st so don’t wait to register. All details regarding the conference, registration, lodging, and recreation/entertainment opportunities can be found at www.uidaho.edu/paa2018. Check back often as we will continue to add details as they become finalized. We look forward to seeing you in Boise, ID.

PAA Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs are Nora Olsen and Bret Nedrow.

2018 WA Commercial Potato Seed Lot Pick up & Trial Information

Info also available each year at: www.potatoes.wsu.edu

Commercial potato seed samples are requested from WA growers for the 2018 Washington Seed Lot Trial. **Two hundred whole (single drop) seed is an acceptable sample size, or 50 lbs of 4 oz single drop seed.**

Requested: 50 lbs of 2-4 oz whole seed, no seed treatments
We want a representative sample - if applicable, include a representative amount of rotten tubers!

(Seed over 6 oz is not acceptable)

A representative sample is needed. Sampling the first (or last) 300 seed from the truck is not likely to provide a representative sample of the lot. Sample tags may be obtained by calling the Potato Commission at 509-765-8845.

Your assistance with collection and drop off of seed samples is needed. Seed samples may be taken to the WSU Othello Research Unit (509-488-3191), located on Booker Road ¼ mile south from State Highway 26 and about five miles east of Othello. For sample pick up and any questions regarding the seed lot trial please call:

South Basin: Tim Waters (509-545-3511), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

North Basin: Carrie Huffman Wohleb (509-754-2011), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

Westside: Don McMoran (360-428-4270), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

In the North Basin, one seed “drop-off” has been established. It is located at Qualls Ag Labs (Mick Qualls, 509-787-4210 ext 16) on the corner of Dodson Road and Road 4; come to the front office 8 am to 5 pm. Please call the numbers below to arrange additional pick up sites. Samples will be picked up at 2:00 pm the day before each planting date (below) to be included. Growers planting in early March should drop their samples off at the Othello Research Center or store the samples and call the numbers below for pick up. For all alternative pick up locations or questions please call Mark Pavek at 509-335-6861 or Zach Holden at 509-335-3452.

PICK UP DATES ARE ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE PLANTING DATES BELOW

The seed lot planting dates for 2018 are:

1st (Early)	March 27
2 nd	April 10
3 rd	April 24
4th (Late)	May 8

2018 Potato Field Day - Thursday June 21

This year's virus reading of the seed lots will take place on June 5 and 19
(If plants are too small, the first reading will be moved to June 12)