



March 15, 2017

Dear Faculty Members and Students:

This letter is inform you that the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH), has extended the deadline for faculty members and/or students to participate in the upcoming S3-Symposium on Food Systems and Public Health, Poster Session. **The deadline for abstracts submission has been extended to April 15, 2017 and selected candidates will be notified on or before April 21, 2017.** Through a competitive poster session, the faculty members and/or students will have the opportunity to exhibit their understanding of the linkages between agricultural production, food processing, food security, food safety and environmental sustainability.

Free registration and stipend will be awarded for students whose abstracts are selected and invited to present their posters at the conference on Thursday, May 11, 2017. In addition, monetary prizes will be awarded for the top three student posters and will be recognized during the Symposium luncheon on Friday, May, 12, 2017. Please review the attached information about submitting an abstract for the Poster Session. You can also visit the www.CaliforniaFood.org for more information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Peter Keshishian at (626) 430 - 5281 or PKeshishian@ph.lacounty.gov.

Again, the S3 Symposium event is scheduled for May 10 – 12, 2017 and will take place in the City of Long Beach, California. The theme of the S3 Symposium is “Where S3 Meets the Sea – Charting a New Course in Food Systems and Environmental Health,” and the goal is to examine emerging food issues from a systems perspective that are critical for long term public and environmental health, and to support ongoing efforts to enhance our understanding of the links between agricultural production, food processing, food security, food safety and environmental sustainability.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge and share your studies, data and innovative ideas that address food systems and public health.

Sincerely,

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