

Egg Industry Center

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Egg Forum Line-Up Released

AMES, Iowa – The Egg Industry Center (EIC) at Iowa State University will hold its ninth annual Egg Industry Issues Forum in Columbus, Ohio on April 19-20, 2017. The Forum program is full of informational sessions and topics of interest to egg producers, processors, allied egg-industry groups and academic professionals.

The Egg Industry Issues Forum will start at 1 p.m. on April 19 at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel. The 2017 Don Bell Memorial Lecture will be presented by Dr. Lars Schrader of the Federal Research Institute of Animal Health, Germany. Dr. Schrader will be presenting on Challenges and Opportunities: Findings of a German study on colony and aviary systems.

Other confirmed presentations include:

- A panel discussion on pullet and layer flock management for cage-free operations
- Roles of wild birds, rodents and insects in the spread of avian influenza
- Biosecurity audits: when and how
- Risk factors for laying hen keel bone damage
- A worldwide commodity outlook
- Regaining the conversation: improving our approach to communicating about egg farming
- The power of one egg a day in globally impacting youth and communities
- The European experiences with flock health and other challenges in cage-free and outdoor environments
- Air quality and emission mitigation strategies and research needs for cage-free housing

Immediately following the conclusion of the Egg Industry Issues Forum, the Ohio Poultry Association will kick off their annual meeting in the same hotel.

For more information stop by the EIC Booth #C2200 at the International Production and Processing Expo or visit the center's webpage. The on-line registration system at www.eggindustrycenter.org opens January 30, 2017, and **early-bird registration** will end **March 19**. For other Forum questions contact Lesa Vold at lvold@iastate.edu or 515.294.4037.

The Egg Industry Center (EIC) was established at Iowa State University in 2008. EIC is a public-private partnership administered through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. EIC helps preserve the mission of the land-grant universities in adding value to the egg industry by facilitating research and learning for egg producers, processors and consumers through national and international collaboration. You can find additional information on EIC at www.eggindustrycenter.org.