

February 13, 2014

## **Greetings!**

On behalf of the Pacific Rim Shellfish Sanitation Association, I am pleased to announce that the **2014 PacRim Annual Conference** will be held from March 18 through March 19 at the Executive Inn and Suites, Oakland, California. A Board meeting will be held the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> and an optional field trip to a local shellfish farm will be on March 20. All are welcome to attend

The members of the PacRim Board are working hard to create an enticing agenda for the conference; here are a few highlights:

- An extensive and interactive discussion on *viruses in the Pacific Region and virus* research.
- A session dedicated to Vibrio parahaemolyticus management with discussions around ISSC outcomes, local risk assessments, and serotypes of West Coast species.
- · Harmful Algal Blooms and climate change.

The hotel room rate at the Executive Inn and Suites is \$112.00 per night for a City View room. This resort and conference center is located Oakland, California. Reservations may be made by calling 510.536.6633 or <a href="www.executiveinnoakland.com">www.executiveinnoakland.com</a>. To guarantee this PacRim conference rate, mention (or online enter into the group/promo code) "GR3081G" and reserve your room by **February 24, 2014**.

Attached is the registration form. The registration fee for both days is \$145 if paid by **March 14**, **2014** and \$175 at the door. Registering for the Conference includes admittance to all sessions, breaks and lunches as well as the evening reception on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and membership dues.

Please feel free to give me a call at 360.244.3099 or at oysterman73@hotmail.com should you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Oakland!

Sincerely,

Ken Wiegardt

Ken Wiegardt Chair 2014 Pacific Rim Shellfish Sanitation Conference