

Please join us for the

Horticultural Inspection Society Central Chapter Annual Conference

October 16-19, 2023 in Columbia, Missouri

The Horticultural Inspection Society Central Chapter and the Missouri Department of Agriculture invite you to attend the 2023 Annual Conference to be held in Columbia, Missouri October 16th to 19th 2023.

We have lined up an array of excellent speakers with presentations discussing herbicide damage, pathology, entomology, apiary inspection, and a local nursery's perspective on becoming SANC certified. Additionally, there will be a tour of the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Farm in New Franklin, Missouri.

The Conference will span Monday, October 16th to Thursday October 19th with check-in and registration Monday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and 7:30 am to 8:00 am Tuesday morning at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. The Conference will conclude Thursday, October 19th after the close of the HIS Central Chapter Business Meeting.

The final date for conference registration is **September 15, 2023**.

Hotel reservations will be accepted at our reserved group rate until **September 24, 2023**.

Please return the enclosed registration forms *as soon as possible*. Registration including all four days of the conference will be \$215 per person. This includes continental breakfast at the hotel on the 17th, 18th, & 19th as well as lunch on 17th and 18th and a banquet dinner the 17th. Checks should be made out to "HIS Central Chapter." Credit/debit cards will not be accepted. Hotel accommodations are not included in the registration; please see the notes below.

Hotel Accommodations

HIS Central Chapter conference attendees need to make their own reservations with the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center (2601 S Providence Rd, Columbia, MO 65203, PH 573-442-6400). We recommend using [this customized link](#) to ensure a discounted rate of \$100.54 per night (taxes are not included).

Please make your reservations early to ensure accommodations.

Membership dues

Your annual HIS membership dues for 2024 are \$20.00 and may be paid at the meeting, or included with your conference registration using the attached [membership application form](#) (one form is needed for each individual). If you are not attending the meeting, please send your dues to Liz Meils, HIS Central Chapter Treasurer (WI-DATCP, Liz Meils, HIS Treasurer, 2811 Agriculture Dr., Madison, WI 53718) **no later than December 10th 2023**. Dues are required even if you do not attend the meeting – please make checks out to “HIS Central Chapter.”

Exhibit Displays

If you would like to bring a display for the conference and need a table, please indicate this on your registration form. An area will be available for table top or floor displays.

State Reports

Each state is required by the HIS constitution to supply an annual state report using the standard HIS State Report Form (see document HISSTRPT attached). The state report is a short summary of notable pest & diseases, activities, trends, and changes related to horticultural inspection in your state over the last year. Please provide at least one copy for each attending state, but up to 30+ copies are encouraged so that each attendee can take one. State report presentations during the meeting will be approximately 5 minutes. If you are unable to print these reports beforehand, feel free to send them digitally to the HISCC Secretary (ebiddinger@dnr.in.gov) for digital distribution. All state reports will be posted to the Members Only section of our [website](http://cchis.org) (cchis.org) after the conference.

Attire

In keeping with the spirit of the Horticultural Inspection Society’s motto of: “To make professionalism a part of every effort” wear professional but comfortable clothing. Please note that in October the weather varies greatly in Missouri, be sure to check the weather before packing. Additionally, the tour of the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research farm in New Franklin will be outdoors, please bring boots and appropriate field clothing.

HIS Central Chapter 2023 Conference Registration Form
Columbia, Missouri

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Registration Fee \$215.00. Checks should be made to HIS Central Chapter. (Note: HIS does not accept credit or debit cards).

Do you want to bring an exhibit? Please include details here:

Please list any special accommodations needed:

Annual HIS membership dues can be submitted and included in the registration check, but be sure to fill out a separate membership application/renewal form for each individual.

Send your conference registration forms with check to:

Missouri Department of Agriculture
Attn: PI-PPC Tammie Bishop
P.O. Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102

If you have any questions or concerns, contact HIS Central Chapter Vice President Zach Starr at Zach.Starr@mda.mo.gov or by phone/text at 573-418-5971.

Registrations must be received by September 15, 2023.