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Dear USDA-ARS Customer/Stakeholder:

You are invited to attend the Customer-Stakeholder Meeting for USDA-ARS Overseas Biological Control Laboratories (OBCL), on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, in Beltsville, Maryland.

The goal of this Customer-Stakeholder Meeting is to highlight the opportunities that exist for our USDA-ARS partnered OBCLs to contribute to collaborative projects and to elicit your input as to how we can work better towards meeting your needs. This workshop will consist of morning presentations and afternoon break-out sessions for discussions focusing on biological control, ecological studies, taxonomy, and other related topics regarding invasive weeds and insects. Your input will be important for formulating high-priority objectives that will foster collaborative research in this area.

- *The one-day workshop will be held at the USDA-ARS National Agricultural Library (NAL) in Beltsville, MD, on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.*
- *By Monday, December 9, 2019, please let us know if you plan to attend or not, by e-mailing the ARS International mailbox at ARSInternational@usda.gov.*
- *If you personally cannot attend, we would appreciate if you could recommend a person to represent your interests.*

The USDA-ARS National Agricultural Library at 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705 ([click here for map](#)) is a short distance from Baltimore and from Washington, DC. Three airports serve the area: Baltimore Washington International (BWI), Reagan National (DCA), and Dulles International Airport (IAD). Several hotels are nearby (e.g., Holiday Inn College Park, Greenbelt Marriott, Sheraton College Park North, and Hilton Garden Inn Washington DC/Greenbelt). The Holiday Inn is within walking distance of the NAL. Most of these hotels do have complimentary shuttle service to NAL. Please check upon making accommodations if you need this service. Travel and per diem expenses will be borne by the workshop attendees. USDA/ARS will provide lunch, snacks, and beverages during this one-day meeting.

Thank you for considering attending this OBCL Customer-Stakeholder meeting. We would greatly appreciate your presence and input!

Sincerely,

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