



**The Many Hosts of Mycobacteria II: Immune Pathology
A Comparative Animal Models Symposium
September 15 and 16, 2008
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

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On behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to invite you to attend the *Many Hosts of Mycobacteria II: Immune Pathology* symposium (MHM2), scheduled for September 15 and 16, 2008 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this symposium is to bring together a small working group of researchers to explore the correlation between immune responses and pathology of mycobacterial infections of animals and humans and to better understand the utility and limitations of various animal models of TB and other mycobacterial diseases.

We are inviting researchers with experience with a wide-range of natural mycobacterial infections and animal models, including:

- Mice
- Guinea pigs
- Rabbits
- Non-human primates
- Medakka (*M. marinum*)
- Armadillos (*M. leprae*)
- Cattle (*M. bovis* and *M. avium* spp. *paratuberculosis*)
- Deer (*M. bovis*)

- Cats/lions (*M. bovis*)
- Asian elephants (*M. bovis*)
- Badgers
- Possums
- Equine (Rhodococcus)

We will connect the research in these species to understanding mycobacterial immunopathology in both animal and human disease in five focused panel sessions:

- Neonatal Immunology
- Granuloma Pathology
- Granuloma Immunology
- Immune Relevance
- Case Reports

The meeting will be held at the **Days Inn Gettysburg, PA** where there are many opportunities to appreciate the rich history of the American Civil War and enjoy the peak of the fall foliage. An agenda and details for hotel reservation and travel will be sent in the near future. Limited meeting funds are available to subsidize travel expenses. If you need a subsidy, please contact manyhostsofmycobacteria@gmail.com

We hope you will join us to present your scientific work and exchange ideas with your peers at this important symposium.

Warm regards,

The MHM2 co-organizers