



December 16, 2011

Dear Colleagues:

The Microbicide Trials Network (MTN) annual meeting will be held Monday through Wednesday, **February 20-23, 2012 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.** The intended participants include 2 representatives from each CTU (for example, principal investigator, site coordinator), as well as staff from Leadership (CORE, SDMC, CL, NIH), RCC, PPD and other collaborating partners. There will be a divided plenary session on Monday and Tuesday morning, and protocol break-out sessions in the afternoon. Investigators directly affiliated with MTN should plan to have representation at the meeting for all three days. **Guests and other organizations doing microbicide research would be most likely interested in attending the plenary sessions on the mornings of Monday and Tuesday.**

The various activities throughout the 3 days will focus on:

- An update on ongoing and completed MTN studies;
- Scientific updates including contraception and HIV, PrEP and bone mineral density, and HIV resistance;
- Opportunities for discussions between representatives of MTN protocol teams, working groups, partners and the NIH

Meeting information will be routinely posted on the MTN website at www.mtnstopshiv.org

Online registration is available on the MTN website. **Meeting registration is required if you plan to attend any session during the annual meeting.** The link to the MTN Annual Meeting webpage is: <http://www.mtnstopshiv.org/2012annualmeeting>

We have secured a limited number of overnight rooms at the **Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center.** **You will be responsible for making your own hotel reservations.** Because these rooms will be released to the public after the cut-off date of **Friday, February 3, 2012**, room rate and availability cannot be guaranteed. Room reservations will be individual call-in. Please call the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center directly at 301-822-9200 and identify yourself as part of the 2012 MTN Annual Meeting. The standard single and double group rate of \$164.00 (plus applicable taxes, currently at 13%) will be honored. The group rate will be made available three day pre 2/18/2012 and post 2/23/2012 based upon hotel availability. **PLEASE NOTE: you will be responsible for paying for your room and incidentals upon checkout.**

If you have questions regarding meeting logistics, please contact Christine Rullo via email (crullo@mail.magee.edu), telephone at (412) 641-8933 / (412) 641-8999, or fax at (412) 641-6170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Hillier'.

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