

## 2009 BIC/NAPIA MEETINGS in Fort Collins, Colorado

The BIC/NAPIA 20<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting and associated meetings will be held October 25 through October 30, 2009 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2821 East Harmony Road, Fort Collins, Colorado 80528

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The Hilton Garden Inn Fort Collins is located at exit 265 (Harmony Road) West off of Colorado Interstate 25 and boasts views of the beautiful Rocky Mountains. It is conveniently located only 1/2 of a mile from the Hewlett Packard Fort Collins office and down the street from Intel. Colorado State University is only 13 miles away and the Anheuser Busch Brewery and Budweiser Event center are only 5 miles away.

Lodging will be available at a reduced rate of \$85 at the recently-opened Hilton Garden Inn with numerous amenities and upgrades for your enjoyment and relaxation. It is situated near a wide array of new restaurants and entertainment venues; in addition, the complementary hotel shuttle can transport you to Old Town and other favorite hot spots. Registration information, fees, final meeting agenda and travel arrangements will be made available to members and other interested individuals in mid-May of 2009.

Most major airlines provide flights into Denver International Airport (DIA). Car rentals are available, and a Shuttle Service (Shamrock) [http://www.rideshamrock.com/rs\\_ax\\_fortcollins\\_north\\_smtwtf.php](http://www.rideshamrock.com/rs_ax_fortcollins_north_smtwtf.php) provides an economical round-trip connection and convenient departure from DIA to Fort Collins and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Tentative meeting plans include:

Oct. 25 - arrival, Registration from 7 – 9 pm

Oct. 26 - BIC 7 am Registration, Meetings from 8 am – 5 pm

Oct. 27 - BIC 8 am – 5 pm + Banquet

Oct. 28 - BIC 8–10 am, Phaseolus CGC 10–11 am, BIC Genetics 11 am–noon, W1150 1:30–5:30 pm

If individuals or groups are interested in helping sponsor coffee breaks, publication costs associated with printing the BIC Abstracts and Proceedings, and/or awards for outstanding student presentations, please contact the BIC president, **James D. Kelly** ([kellyj@msu.edu](mailto:kellyj@msu.edu)) or members of the local organizing committee: **Howard Schwartz** ([howard.schwartz@colostate.edu](mailto:howard.schwartz@colostate.edu)) and **Mark Brick** ([mark.brick@colostate.edu](mailto:mark.brick@colostate.edu))

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Oct. 29 - NAPIA 8 am – 5 pm

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