



Dear Prospective Meeting Participant

On behalf of the Metabolomics Society, thank you for your interest in participating in the 8th Annual International Meeting of the Metabolomics Society, which will be held June 24-28, 2012 in Washington, D.C. More than 500 attendees from all disciplines of metabolomics are expected to attend this four-day scientific meeting. All attendees will be offered the opportunity to present and discuss cutting edge research, network with peers and advance their careers. In addition, attendees will learn about new technologies by meeting more than 25 exhibitors at the exposition during the conference.

We would be delighted to have you join us in Washington, DC. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend since Metabolomics Society meetings are open scientific events for all persons who are members of the Metabolomics Society (no membership requirements other than payment of dues) and pay the necessary registration fee. Each annual meeting is announced to the scientific community through publications, emails, websites, during the annual call for papers, and publication of the preliminary program. Beginning in January, the technical program and registration will be available from the conference website: www.metabolomics2012.org.

The society or its sponsors are not able to provide financial support to meeting participants. Airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any other meeting-related expenses are the responsibility of the each meeting participant.

If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend the conference, you are advised to apply for your visa as soon as possible and no later than 3-4 months in advance of the meeting date. All applicants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The Society cannot intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American embassy in another country on behalf of the any meeting participant. You can submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location, and purpose of the Society's Annual meeting.

The Society is not able to call or generate personal letters to the embassy or consulate on your behalf. A separate email will be generated for meeting presenters at the time an abstract has been submitted and a personalized letter will be generated when the meeting presenter's abstract has been accepted for presentation. Meeting registration will open in January 2012. A registration receipt will also be generated for meeting participants.

Additional information on the visa process can be obtained from the [U.S. Department of State](http://www.state.gov).

We look forward to seeing you at the 8th Annual International Meeting of the Metabolomics Society and the Official Joint Meeting of the Metabolomics Society and Plant Metabolomics Platform.

Sincerely,

Dan Bearden, Conference Co-chair