

Where to stay? *The symposium organizers know that for many attendees finding the lowest possible hotel rate is paramount, and we are aware that often people choose to stay elsewhere and drive to the symposium each day. However, before you book your hotel room at another venue, we want to make you aware the following.....*

The symposium organizers continue to make every effort to keep costs at a minimum for those attending the vaccinium symposium. One way this is done is by making a commitment to the host hotel that a specified number of hotel rooms will be occupied by the group. In exchange, the property provides complimentary meeting space and reduced food & beverage pricing for the meeting.

In the past, meetings have not fulfilled their hotel guest room pickup commitment and as a result faced hefty penalty fees. Individuals who choose to stay at the non-host hotels receive the benefits of the facilities, but do not contribute to the necessary commitments that allow the symposium to use meeting space on a complimentary basis.

Therefore, the symposium organizers instituted a \$100 Facilities Usage Fee for those who are attending the symposium, but have chosen not to stay in the host hotel. NOTE: Only U. S. Federal attendees are exempt from the Facility Usage Fee due to federal per diem rate requirements. The Facilities Usage Fee will apply only to those who register for the symposium but choose not to stay at the [Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort](#)..

We encourage symposium attendees to avoid this Facilities Usage Fee and reserve a guest room at the host hotel using the instructions provided on the symposium website.
<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/vaccinium/site.html>

Please be aware that if you are sharing with another participant, your name must appear on the room reservation by the March 15, 2016 hotel reservation cut-off date. Otherwise you will be assessed this fee and you will not be able to participate until the fee is paid.

Consider the many benefits of staying at the host hotel such as no time wasted in commuting through traffic or additional parking fees, additional quality time with colleagues, and everything in one convenient location including your room. Where you stay is your choice, but the organizers do have contractual commitments that must be honor in hosting this event. Thank you for your support.