

“One Health” Symposium Invitation

You are invited to participate in the first Nebraska intercampus **"One Health Symposium"** to be held April 10, 2008. The "One Health" or "One Medicine" concept encourages close cooperation among medical and veterinary professionals, food scientists and ecologists, emphasizing commonality of human and animal health in relation to environmental and sustainability issues. It includes zoonotic diseases, environmental exposures, and other health and safety concerns.

Our planned symposium offers University of Nebraska faculty and students an opportunity to share information about their current public health focused research and educational programming and to learn about public health issues in Nebraska. The one-day event includes a presentation by **Dr. Jackie Miller**, DDS, on the priorities of the Division of Public Health, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and perspectives on where faculty can partner to enhance impact on public health issues in Nebraska. **Dr. Jens Walter**, Assistant Professor of Food Science and Technology at UNL, will also present information about the new "Gut Function Initiative." This initiative emphasizes multi-disciplinary, cross-campus efforts to explore complex relationships of the gut tissues, diet, and the huge mass of organisms comprising the gut microbiota. Exciting new discoveries are being made on how these organisms impact our health and how we can take advantage of such knowledge to enhance human and animal health and performance. The program may also include a speaker who will address "translational research" in relation to the one health mission.

Poster sessions will be used to provide participants the vehicle for highlighting research and educational programs they direct, and breakout sessions will be used to define or develop focus areas for collaboration. Meals and symposium proceedings containing the abstracts of the posters will be provided. Please mark your calendars and save the date of April 10 to participate in the symposium. The Symposium will be held in the Kiewit Lodge at Mahoney State Park. A call for abstracts and registration information will be sent out next week. Please send inquiries to Dr. Don Beermann at dbeermann2@unl.edu or contact him at 402-472-4430.

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