



**North, to Alaska!**

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Society for Invertebrate Pathology  
Anchorage, Alaska  
August 7-11, 2005**

**Meeting web site:** <http://www.ent.iastate.edu/sip/2005/>

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology will be held at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, in the USA. Alaska, called the Last Frontier for good reason, is a very special part of the United States. The landscape is dominated by mountain ranges, tundra plains, rain forests, glaciers, and abundant wildlife (even on campus). Anchorage, located in the south central part of the state, is the largest city in Alaska. It has something to offer everyone, including wildlife viewing, glaciers, mountains, hiking, rafting, camping, fishing, biking, and whale watching, as well as the urban pleasures of fine dining, arts, shopping, cultural attractions and more. Plan to spend some extra time before, during, or after the meeting exploring the multitude of things to do and see in the Anchorage area. Better yet, plan a trip to explore other parts of this vast, magical state. All social and scientific venues and housing options are handicap accessible.

**Location:** Alaska is the northern-, western- and easternmost (west of the International Date Line) point in the US. It is as far north as Helsinki and as far west as

Honolulu. Anchorage sits at the base of the Chugach Mountains along the coast of Cook Inlet in South central Alaska. Mount McKinley, 130 miles (208 km) north of downtown, can be seen on clear days and is the tallest mountain in North America. The city of Anchorage encompasses 1,955 sq. miles - about the size of the state of Delaware, and has a population of about 260,000.

**Venue:** The scientific program and housing for most delegates and their families will be on the campus of the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA), 3700 Sharon Gagnon Lane (University web site: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/>); alternative housing at nearby hotels is also available. UAA is centrally located in Anchorage. By car (or shuttle bus) from UAA one can go downtown in 15 min, to the foothills of the Chugach Mountains in 10 min, and to the airport in 15-20 minutes.

All scientific sessions will be held in a group of campus lecture halls, classrooms, and a large 900-seat auditorium located close to campus housing. Conference guests have access to UAA's computer lab, which is fully equipped with Mac and PCs with Internet access. UAA has a multi-purpose Sports

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