The **33rd International Carrot Conference** will be held on January 18-21, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Anaheim South, Anaheim (Garden Grove), California. The conference is hosted by the University of California Cooperative Extension and the California carrot industry. The International Carrot Conference is a biennial event that attracts people from private industry, government, and universities from throughout the world. The conference is an excellent way for people to exchange ideas and concerns in all aspects of carrot production. Topics, such as breeding, production, pest management, and new products, will be discussed in formal paper sessions, poster sessions, and a field tour. There will also be ample opportunity to interact with others during the social gatherings.

California is a major carrot production region. As the headquarters to two of the largest carrot producers in the world, California is a leading carrot production area. The California carrot industry banded together to form the California Fresh Carrot Advisory Board which funds research to address various production problems such as weeds, diseases, nematodes, and plant breeding. With the help of the advisory board, the University of California has become a leader in carrot research. The California Fresh Carrot Advisory Board has also funded projects at other universities and U.S. Department of Agriculture centers.

The 33rd International Carrot Conference will be held just a few blocks from the Disneyland Resort at Embassy Suites Anaheim South, in Anaheim, California. The Disneyland Resort consists of the world famous Disneyland Park, Disney’s California Adventure Park, and Downtown Disney. Other nearby attractions include Knott’s Berry Farm, Medieval Times, the Crystal Cathedral, and shopping at the Block of Orange and the Grove of Anaheim. The Embassy Suites Anaheim South is also located near all of Los Angeles attractions including beaches, museums, zoos, shopping, sporting events, and fine dining.

**Events include:**  
- Paper sessions  
- Poster sessions  
- Discussion sessions  
- Cultivar trial  
- Conference tour  
- Spouse/Guest program

If there is enough interest from participants, a spouse/guest program will run simultaneously with the Carrot Conference for a separate fee.

**Call for Papers and Poster Presentations**  
The official language of the conference is English. A title and a brief description/abstract should be received by September 30, 2008. You will be contacted by Joe Nunez whether your paper/poster is accepted.

**Categories:**  
1. Breeding and genetics  
2. Food safety  
3. New products and marketing  
4. Pest management  
5. Production (domestic and international)

Once your paper is accepted, please e-mail your manuscript to Joe Nunez (jnunez@ucdavis.edu) by December 31, 2008. The conference proceedings will be published online.

Posters should not exceed 48 inches x 48 inches (122 cm x 122 cm.)
Conference fee  $250.00 USD (if received by November 30, 2008)
$300.00 USD (if received after November 30, 2008)
The conference fee includes the welcome reception, attendance to all sessions, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches, and the conference tour. To register, visit www.ucanr.org/carrot2009.

Cancellation requests must be in writing. Any cancellations received after November 30, 2008 will incur a $50.00 USD fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after January 2, 2009.

Accommodations
The Embassy Suites Anaheim South (Garden Grove) is offering the following special room rates:

- $179.00 USD/night  1 King bed (non-smoking)
- $189.00 USD/night  2 Double beds (non-smoking)

The block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for January 18-21, 2009. The special room rate will be available until December 15, 2008 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. To receive the special room rate, contact the Embassy Suites Anaheim South and mention the Carrot Conference—January, 2009 or use the CARROT CONFERENCE ONLINE HOTEL RESERVATION SYSTEM (http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/LAXGDFS-CAR-20090118/index.jhtml). Tax is not included in the rates listed above.

For more information regarding the 33rd International Carrot Conference, visit www.ucanr.org/carrot2009 or e-mail Joe Nunez (jnunez@ucdavis.edu).