Automation in the Dairy Industry

Conference Objective
There has been rapid growth in the adoption of automated technologies in the dairy industry in the past 10 years. Adoption of these technologies is likely to continue, being driven by labor availability and quality of life issues on farms. These technologies will impact feed management, facility design, labor needs, and how dairy producers interact with their herd. This 38th Discover Conference will have an abbreviated format from Monday noon to Wednesday noon. The program will bring together researchers, industry partners, producers, and government to discuss current and future technologies and best management practices for success.

Conference Topics
- Overview of Automation on Dairy Farms
- Robotic / Automated Milking
- Automated Feeding Systems
- The Future of Automation

The program will include input from selected dairy producers to relay their experiences with automation in the dairy industry.

Who Should Attend?
Members of the research and academic community, dairy consultants, nutritionists, veterinarians, producers, equipment manufacturers, and members of governmental agencies are encouraged to participate in this program. Graduate students and early career professionals are especially encouraged to attend.

Registration
Registration postmarked by April 11, 2020 is $375 for ADSA-ARPAS members and $425 for non-members, which includes sessions and most meals. After April 11, the registration fee will be $475 member/$525 non-member. Registration will be accepted on an availability basis. Your registration includes 90 days free access to the Searchable Proceedings of Animal Conferences (S-PAC).

Accommodations
All participants are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. The conference will be held at Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, IL. Reservations can be made online at the Conference Accommodations link at https://www.adsa.org/Meetings/38th-Discover-Conference

Travel
Eaglewood Resort & Spa is strategically located in northwest Chicago, just 35 minutes from downtown and 25 minutes west of O’Hare International Airport, and easily accessible via major roadways. Go to http://www.eaglewoodresort.com for detailed driving instructions.

For complete conference information, including the latest program and registration materials, go to: https://www.adsa.org/Meetings/38th-Discover-Conference