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It is my pleasure to represent Conference Chair Mino Madon and Program Chair Kathleen Fagerstone and close this 23rd Vertebrate Pest Conference. We began with an exciting field trip visiting sites in San Diego County reviewing public health/rodent surveillance program, touring the world famous Balboa Park where squirrels too are enjoying the park, and finally cruising on San Diego Bay to see first-hand some of the vertebrate pest problems in this unique marine/urban area.

The main conference included three days of excellent presentations on all aspects of wildlife/human conflicts. There were 273 people in attendance representing 39 U.S. states and 5 countries including Australia,

Canada, Israel, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. Fourteen posters were displayed, as were 15 commercial exhibits.

I want to thank the Vertebrate Pest Council for their tireless work to make this conference happen, the speakers for taking the time to prepare and present excellent material, and most of all you, the attendees, for coming and making this conference such a great success.

I now adjourn this 23rd Vertebrate Pest Conference. Have a safe journey home. And, I hope to see you all at the 24th Vertebrate Pest Conference, which will be held February 22-25, 2010 in Sacramento, California.

