

# Scam Alert!

## Beware of Hotel and Attendee-list Scams

It has come to our attention that scammers are targeting a variety of conferences and attempting to contact attendees and exhibitors to sell attendee lists and solicit bookings at unauthorized hotels. Should you receive one of these emails or telephone calls, please know that HPLC 2020 does not rent or sell email lists to third parties, and our host hotel will never send emails or place telephone calls to individuals in order to promote specific accommodations.

**Please be aware of messages coming from sources not affiliated with HPLC 2020.** Avoid interaction with them. Valid emails come from @barrconferences.com. No emails are sent via Gmail/Yahoo/Hotmail, or other such accounts.

### Checking Email Header

If you think the email is suspicious, you can check the email header to make sure it is from HPLC 2020. Here are some instructions on how to do that: <https://www.wikihow.com/Read-Email-Headers>  
Remember: Do not click on any links that look suspicious.

### Attendee-list Email Scam

Unfortunately, emails are circulating that offer to sell attendee lists on behalf of upcoming conferences. If you receive this type of email stating it is from HPLC 2020, do not respond as these emails are sent by scammers impersonating HPLC 2020.

- Note that HPLC 2020 does not sell its exhibitor or attendee lists, and no third-party is authorized to distribute or sell any lists related to our events.
- Statements claiming to offer our attendee lists are fraudulent.
- Conference exhibitors will obtain attendee lists directly from HPLC 2020.
- If you receive emails that propose to sell HPLC 2020 conference attendee lists, do not engage with the sender and delete the message immediately.

### Hotel Booking Scam

Unfortunately, scammers are also targeting attendees and exhibitors claiming to represent conferences and encouraging you to book rooms using fake promotion codes at a variety of hotels. If you receive this type of email or telephone call, please know the sender or caller is a scammer impersonating the conference. To be clear, these companies **ARE NOT IN ANY WAY affiliated with HPLC 2020** and **are NOT authorized** to use our name or the name of the hotel. HPLC 2020 and our host hotel will never send emails or place telephone calls to individuals in order to promote specific accommodations. On occasion, when HPLC 2020 assesses hotel room availability prior to conferences, we may send a message urging people to obtain their housing if they have not already done so. In those instances, emails will come directly from HPLC 2020 or an email ending in @barrconferences.com and will direct you to the hotel accommodation page at [www.HPLC2020-USA.org](http://www.HPLC2020-USA.org). **If you receive emails or telephone calls regarding HPLC 2020 hotel accommodations, please disregard and do not engage with the sender.**