



**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF
THE FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN DIVISION OF THE
AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND THE FLORIDA
PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The Florida Phytopathological Society was formed in 1989 to maintain and renew contacts, exchange news, views and information with other plant pathologists in the state on a regular basis regarding issues and concerns that are relevant and often unique to Florida agriculture. This year marks the 11th biennial meeting and the first joint meeting with the APS Caribbean Division. APS Divisions are one of the best ways to stay connected with your colleagues in the plant health field. Divisions hold annual meetings and often sponsor additional meetings as well as conferences and symposia.

The joint meeting will be held May 16-19th at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Universal Studios, Orlando, Florida.

APS will be handling our registrations and abstract submissions this year. Hotel arrangements are made directly with the hotel and the contact information will be posted on the APS Caribbean Division Web Page.

<http://www.apsnet.org/members/div/caribbean/>

We have an exciting meeting planned and hope that you will be able to attend. The plenary session will be focused on “Diagnostics and Emerging Plant Pathogens,” featuring the esteemed Dr. Mary E. Palm, USDA, APHIS, PPQ.

The event, as always, will be kicked off by an evening social on Saturday, May 16th. There will be a full day of sessions on Sunday followed by an evening of good food and entertainment. We will then have a full day of sessions again on Monday, followed by the FPS and APS-CD business meetings. There will be a Field Tour to the Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred on Tuesday (May 19th).

Meeting registration will include the Saturday (May 16th) night social, and lunch and dinner Sunday (May 17th) and lunch on Monday (May 18th).

We invite you to present your research results during the concurrent oral sessions and encourage students of BOTH organizations to submit your talk for the student oral

competition. Abstracts will be published through APS and the fee is \$45. The official language of the meeting will be English. There will not be any poster session. Questions about the student competition should be directed to Jeff Rollins, rollinsj@ufl.edu, 352-392-3631 ext. 235. If you have any questions contact Erin Rosskopf, President of FPS, 772-462-5887, erin.rosskopf@ars.usda.gov, Lawrence Datnoff, Caribbean Division President, 225-578-1366, LDatnoff@agcenter.lsu.edu, Ron Brlansky, Caribbean Division Treasurer, 863-956-1151, rhby@crec.ifas.ufl.edu or Phil Harmon, Vice-President of FPS, 352 392 3631 ext. 340, pfharmon@ufl.edu.