



2013 SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 8-10 IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

December 7, 2012

- ☞ **Abstracts** – Submit online (DETAILS ON PAGE 2). **Deadline Extended until 12/13!**
- ☞ **Abstract fees** – Pay online or send to Gary Vallad (FORM ON PAGE 6)
- ☞ **Graduate Student Research Award presentations** – Send abstracts to David Langston (DETAILS ON PAGE 2)
- ☞ **Graduate Student/Post-Doc Travel Awards** – Send application to Tom Allen (PAGES 3 &5).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** - Send to Tom Allen (DETAILS ON PAGE 3).

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- ☞ **Nominations for Vice President** - Send to Gary Vallad (PAGE 3).

January 10, 2013

- ☞ **Deadline for room reservations** at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

January 14, 2013

- ☞ **Deadline for receiving advance registration** – Register online with a credit card or send a check to Gary Vallad.

90TH SDAPS MEETING

The 90th annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 8-10, 2013, in Baton Rouge,

LA at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. The registration fee will be \$90 for regular members and Post-Docs and \$50 for student members. The registration fee covers coffee breaks, the meeting room and A/V equipment, and partial costs for the graduate student luncheon and banquet. There will be an extra fee of \$20 (payable at the meeting) for the banquet. Registration can be paid online in advance (preferable) or at the meeting.

The official meeting hotel is:

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
201 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Phone: 225-344-5866 or 1-800-445-8667

Or book on-line at:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalize/d/B/BTRCPHF-APS-20130207/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG#hotel

Group Room Rates:

Single and Double Bed Rooms - \$129/night (if reserved before Jan. 10th, otherwise prevailing rates will apply).

Call the number above and tell them that you are with the American Phytopathological Society Southern Division.

Check in is 3:00 pm - Check out is 12:00 pm.

Reservations must be made by Jan. 10th, 2013. Cancellations will be accepted up to 24 hours prior to arrival date. An early check-out fee of

\$50 may apply, if you do not give the hotel prior notice of an earlier departure.

Complimentary Services: Free internet access in all guest rooms, meeting rooms, and common areas; access to business center, onsite fitness center, pool access, and daily newspaper. No resort or service fees will be charged.

Airport Transportation: The hotel provides limited airport shuttle service.

Parking: Self parking is available.

See <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/> for more information about Baton Rouge and its attractions.

** CALL FOR ABSTRACTS **

The SDAPS program will consist of oral papers only because of the emphasis on poster presentations at the national meeting. The SDAPS meeting is an excellent opportunity for graduate students to obtain oral presentation experience at a professional meeting.

Prepare abstracts in the format given on the at <http://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/south/>

Then, submit your abstracts online at: <http://abstracts.apsnet.org>

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 7, 2012

Deadline extended through Wednesday, December 13, 2012!

Additional abstract requirements: At least one author of each paper presented at the meeting must be an APS member. Only abstracts of those papers actually presented at the meeting will be published and only unpublished information may be included.

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for each oral paper, 12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for questions. Equipment will be available for digital presentations (*PowerPoint*) via LCD. Bring your presentation in *PowerPoint* (PC compatible) on a USB memory stick. Abstracts not conforming to the required

style will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted on or before the December 7 deadline for acceptance. Only those abstracts accepted and presented at the meeting will be published online by APS. Authors are responsible for grammatical editing. Please have your abstract proofread by a colleague.

PAYMENT FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract fees are \$45 if paid by the deadline (December 7, 2012), and \$55 if paid at the meeting. Payments for abstracts should be made online when registering for the meeting or, if after the deadline, **sent directly to the SDAPS secretary/treasurer, NOT to APS. Send payment form (page 6) plus check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD"** (with the notation "SDAPS abstract payment") to Gary Vallad, Dept. Plant Pathology, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, 14625 CR 672, Wimauma, FL 33598. **Please use the invoice on page 6 so that payments can be matched with abstracts.**

Do NOT send purchase orders or direct vouchers. RECEIPTS for abstracts will be available at the meeting, but they cannot be mailed in advance.

SDAPS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Eligible graduate students are invited to enter the Graduate Student Research Award Competition. Up to three awards may be presented. Awards for the first, second, and third place speakers are \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 WINNERS, FELIX FRANCIS (LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY), JAKE FOUNTAIN (LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY), AND JING ZHOU (UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS), WHO PLACED 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD, RESPECTIVELY.

Eligibility Requirement: Students competing for the award must i) be enrolled in a graduate program in the Southern Division either at the time of, or within six months prior to, the abstract submission deadline (**December 7, 2012**); ii) have paid dues to the Southern Division at the time the paper is presented; iii) be sole or senior author of the paper; and iv) present this paper at the

meeting of the SDAPS. The paper must communicate results of research in plant pathology conducted while in pursuit of a degree at a Southern Division college or university.

Students: e-mail the abstract to Past President David B. Langston at dlangsto@uga.edu by December 7, 2012. Be sure to indicate on the division abstract form that the abstract is for the graduate student awards session.

SDAPS GRAD STUDENT / POST DOC TRAVEL AWARD

Graduate Students and Post-doctoral Associates who plan to present a paper at the Southern Division meeting in Baton Rouge are encouraged to apply for the Southern Division Travel Award. The Executive Committee of SDAPS has approved up to five awards of \$300 each. Graduate students and post-doctoral researchers who are members of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society are eligible to compete for a Travel Award to present their research at the SDAPS meeting. Applicants competing for the Travel Award must i) be enrolled in a graduate program in the Southern Division or a post-doctoral research associate at an institution in the Southern Division at the time of, or within six months prior to, the abstract submission deadline, ii) **be a member in good standing of the Southern Division at the time of the meeting**, iii) submit the application form and a cover letter documenting the need for a Travel Award (described below), and iv) request that their major advisor or PI supervisor submit a letter of support. Graduate students competing in the graduate student paper competition are eligible for a Travel Award. Applications are due **December 7, 2012.**

The application will consist of a narrative statement of no more than 500 words describing the student's academic interests and career goals, current academic status (including courses taken), and involvement in professional activities. Descriptions of innovative projects and/or research that the student has conducted or participated in should also be included. The applicant should state how participation in the meeting will lead toward achievement of professional goals. An abstract of the presentation

must also be submitted as well as a confidential letter of recommendation from the student's graduate advisor must also be submitted. **The application must be submitted as a single PDF file containing the SDAPS application form, the narrative statement described above, and a copy of the abstract to be presented.**

Applications are available on page 5 and should be sent to **Tom Allen at tallen@drec.msstate.edu.** Recipients will be contacted by the Vice President prior to the meeting. Awards will be presented at the 2013 SDAPS business meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OUTSTANDING PLANT PATHOLOGIST AWARD

This honor is granted to a member of the American Phytopathological Society-Southern Division in recognition of distinguished contributions to plant pathology. The contributions may be in research, teaching, extension, or any other aspect of plant pathology in either an academic or non-academic setting. The award will consist of a plaque and a monetary gift (\$400).

The nomination must be accompanied by a statement - no longer than 3 to 4 pages, double-spaced - giving name, position, affiliation, and critique that includes the nature, scope and relevance of the contributions that qualify the nominee for consideration. A biographical sketch of the candidate not exceeding 1,000 words should accompany the nomination. The nominator should prepare and send the nomination statement and the biographical sketch as a single PDF file by e-mail to: **Tom Allen at tallen@drec.msstate.edu by December 7, 2012.**

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Vice President is responsible for membership and assisting with program development for the annual meeting and will become President Elect upon completion of the term of office.

Please mail or e-mail your suggestions to Gary Vallad by December 7, 2012.

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Southern Division
 American Phytopathological Society
Travel Grant Application

Graduate students and post-doctoral researchers who are members of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society are eligible to compete for a Travel Grant to present their research at the SDAPS meeting. The application will consist of a narrative statement of no more than 500 words describing the student's academic interests and career goals, current academic status (including courses taken), and involvement in professional activities. Descriptions of innovative projects and/or research that the student has conducted or participated in should also be included. The applicant should state how participation in the meeting will lead toward achievement of professional goals. An abstract of the presentation must also be submitted as well as a confidential letter of recommendation from the student's graduate advisor must also be submitted.

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Name and Campus Address	Date: Phone: Email: Status: (please check appropriate line) <input type="checkbox"/> M. S. Student <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. Student <input type="checkbox"/> Post-doctoral Associate
Advisor or PI:	Phone:
Estimated cost of travel: \$	

**SUBMIT COMPLETED INFORMATION AS A PDF FILE TO: Tom Allen by e-mail
 tallen@drec.msstate.edu BY DECEMBER 7th.**



SOUTHERN DIVISION ABSTRACT PAYMENT
(For direct payment only)

Date: _____ Your Check No.: _____

For publication of abstract in *Phytopathology*..... \$45.00

First Author: _____

Title: _____

Remit to:

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<http://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/south/meetings/Pages/default.aspx>

Send a check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD" to the secretary-treasurer at the same time the abstract is submitted online. Deadline for receipt of payment is December 7. RECEIPTS for abstracts will be provided at the meeting for those requesting them.

SDAPS DUES

Beginning Jan. 1st, 2013, SDAPS dues will increase from \$5 to \$20 for members and associate members (excluding retired plant pathologists who are considered honorary members) and from \$3 to \$5 for student members. Dues may be sent to the SDAPS Secretary/Treasurer or paid with your APS dues. The increase is necessary to offset increasing costs associated with divisional meetings and student participation.