



2012 SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 5-6 IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

November 18, 2011

- ☞ **Abstracts** – Submit online (DETAILS ON PAGE 2).
- ☞ **Abstract fees** – Pay online or send to Don Ferrin (FORM ON PAGE 6)
- ☞ **Graduate Student Research Award presentations** – Send abstracts to Boyd Padgett (DETAILS ON PAGE 2)
- ☞ **Graduate Student/Post-Doc Travel Awards** – Send application to Jason Woodward (PAGES 3 &5).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** - Send to Jason Woodward (DETAILS ON PAGE 3).

December 2, 2011

- ☞ **Nominations for Vice President** - Send to Don Ferrin (PAGE 3).

January 20, 2012

- ☞ **Deadline for room reservations at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel (5 PM CST)**

January 27, 2012

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

89TH SDAPS MEETING

The 89th annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 5-6, 2012, in Birmingham, AL at

the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. We will meet with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS). The registration fee will be \$120 for regular members and Post-Docs and \$5 for student members. **The registration fee will be waived for those students entering the Graduate Student Research Award Competition; however, you must register by fax or mail to receive this waiver.** The registration fee includes registration for the SAAS meeting and the SDAPS banquet Monday evening. Registration can be paid online in advance (preferable) or at the meeting.

The official meeting hotel is:

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel

2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N,
Birmingham, AL 35203

Phone: 205-324-5000 or 1-800-325-3535

Group Room Rates:

Single and Double Rooms - \$149/night

Triple Rooms - \$159/night

Quad Rooms - \$169/night

Call the toll free number above and tell them that you are with the Southern Association of Ag Scientists (SAAS).

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

Cancellations will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to arrival date. **A \$50 fee will be charged for early departure if you do not advise the hotel at or before check-in.**

Complimentary Services: Free internet access in common areas; access to 3rd floor health club,

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.

For more information about the SAAS meetings, see: <http://www.saasinc.org/2012-Birmingham/Welcome.asp>

See <http://www.saasinc.org/2012-Birmingham/Miscellaneous.asp> for more information about Birmingham 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 at: <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/div/instruction.asp>

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

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 18, 2011
There will be no extensions beyond this date!

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 November 18 deadline for acceptance. Only those abstracts

accepted and presented at the meeting will be published online by APS.

PAYMENT FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract fees are \$45 if paid by the deadline (November 18, 2011), 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 your invoice (page 6) plus check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD"** (with the notation "SDAPS abstract payment") to Don Ferrin, Dept. Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology, 302 Life Sciences, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. **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 2011 WINNERS, BHABESH DUTTA (UG), ANDREA PAYNE (OSU), AND ASHOK CHANDA (LSU), 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 (November 18, 2011); 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.

The Southern Division meeting registration fee will be waived for those students who participate in the Graduate Student Research Award Competition. However, you must register by Fax or Mail to receive this waiver. A complimentary luncheon also will be provided for each student competing.

Students: e-mail the abstract to Boyd Padgett at bpadgett@agcenter.lsu.edu by November 18, 2011. 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 Birmingham 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 **November 18, 2011**.

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 SD-APS 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 **Jason Woodward, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 1102 E FM 1294, Lubbock, TX 79403-6653**. Recipients will be contacted by the Vice President prior to the meeting. Awards will be presented at the 2012 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 five copies of the statement and the biographical sketch to:

Jason Woodward, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 1102 E FM 1294, Lubbock, TX 79403-6653 by November 18, 2011.

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 Don Ferrin by December 2, 2011.

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Southern Division
 American Phytopathological Society
Travel Grant Application

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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: \$	



SOUTHERN DIVISION ABSTRACT INVOICE
(For direct payment only)

Date: _____ Your Check No.: _____

For publication of abstract in *Phytopathology* \$45.00

First Author: _____

Title: _____

Remit to:

Don Ferrin
SDAPS Secretary-Treasurer
Department of Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology
302 Life Sciences
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Baton Rouge, LA 70803

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 November 1. RECEIPTS for abstracts will be provided at the meeting for those requesting them.

The SDAPS Newsletter is available on the SDAPS web site at:
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD_APS/SouthernAPS.html

SDAPS DUES

SDAPS dues are \$5.00 for members and associate members (excluding retired plant pathologists who are considered honorary members) and \$3.00 for student members. Dues may be sent to the SDAPS Secretary/Treasurer or paid with your APS dues.