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# AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY **SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER** **OCTOBER, 2007**

## **2008 SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 3- 4 IN DALLAS, TEXAS: ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

### **DEADLINES TO REMEMBER**

#### **November 20, 2007**

- ☞ **Abstracts** – Send to Kenny Seebold, submit by e-mail ( DETAILS ON PAGE 2).
- ☞ **Abstract fees** – Send to Tom Isakeit (FORM ON PAGE 6)
- ☞ **Graduate student research award presentations** – Send abstracts to Craig Rothrock (DETAILS ON PAGE 2)
- ☞ **Graduate student/post doc travel awards** – Send to Bob Kemerait (PAGES 3 &5).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** – Send to Bob Kemerait (DETAILS ON PAGE 3).

#### **December 18, 2007**

- ☞ **Nominations for Vice President and Councilor** – Send to Tom Isakeit (PAGE 3).

#### **January 23, 2008**

- ☞ **Deadline for room reservations at the Adam's Mark Hotel (midnight)**

#### **February 1, 2008**

- ☞ **Deadline for receiving advance registration** – Send to Tom Isakeit.

### **85<sup>TH</sup> SDAPS MEETING**

The 85<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 3-4, 2008, in Dallas, TX at the Adam's Mark Hotel. We will meet with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS). The registration fee will be \$80 (\$5 for

students), which includes registration for the SAAS meeting. Registration can be paid in advance or at the meeting.

The official meeting hotel is:

#### **The Adam's Mark Hotel**

**400 N. Olive Street  
Dallas, TX 75201  
Phone: 1-800-444-2326  
Fax: 214-922-0308**

#### **Room Rates:**

Single and Double rooms are \$99/night. Triple Room is \$109/night, and Quad Room is \$119/night.

#### **Reservations:**

Call toll free number above and ask for the SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS group rate. Group rates available January 30, 2008, through February 9, 2008.

Check in is 3:00 pm; Check out is Noon.

**Deadline for room reservations is January 23, 2008 (midnight).**

For more information about the SAAS meetings, see: <http://www.saasinc.org/2008-Dallas/Dallas2008-Main-pg.asp>

For more information about Dallas and its attractions, see <http://www.saasinc.org/2008-Dallas/Dallas2008-Miscellaneous.asp>

## **\*\* 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 the abstracts in the format given at the following site:

<http://aspnet.org/meetings/div/instruct.asp>.

Then, e-mail your abstract to Kenny Seebold, University of Kentucky. His e-mail address is: [kwseebold@uky.edu](mailto:kwseebold@uky.edu)

### **ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

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. APS Division abstract guidelines, a sample, and the division abstract form are at: <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/div/instruct.asp>.

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 or CD. Abstracts not conforming to the required style will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted on or before the November 20<sup>th</sup> deadline for acceptance. 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 20, 2007), and \$55 if paid at the meeting. Payments for abstracts should be sent directly to the SDAPS secretary/treasurer, NOT to the President Elect. Send your invoice (page 6) plus check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD" (with the notation "SDAPS abstract payment") to Tom Isakeit, Dept. Plant Pathology and Microbiology, 2132 TAMU, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2132.

Please use the invoice on page 6 so that payments can be matched with abstracts.

Do NOT send purchase orders or direct vouchers. An abstract fee credit for papers not presented at the meeting can be used for the next SDAPS meeting. RECEIPTS for abstracts may be requested at the meeting but they cannot be mailed in advance.

## **SDAPS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD**

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 2007 WINNERS, WEI-BO DONG (UGA), JEFFREY WILSON (TEXAS TECH), AND ANTHONY ADESEMOYE (AUBURN), WHO PLACED 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup>, RESPECTIVELY.**

Submission of Papers Students competing for the award must i.) be an enrolled student in a graduate program in the Southern Division either at the time of, or within six months of, the abstract submission deadline (November 20, 2007); ii.) be a member in good standing of 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 a meeting of the SDAPS. The paper must communicate results of research in plant pathology conducted while in the 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 Award Competition. A complimentary luncheon also will be provided for each student competing.

Students: e-mail the abstract to Craig Rothrock at [rothrock@comp.uark.edu](mailto:rothrock@comp.uark.edu) by November 20, 2007, and also, e-mail the abstract to Kenny Seebold. Be sure to indicate on the division abstract form that the abstract is for the graduate student awards session. The \$45.00 fee for publication of the abstract should be mailed to

Tom Isakeit by November 20, 2007.

## SDAPS GRAD STUDENT / POST DOC TRAVEL GRANTS

Graduate Students and Post-doctoral associates who plan to present a paper at the Southern Division meeting in Little Rock, 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 the abstract submission deadline or within six months of 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, 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 20, 2007**.

Applications are available on page 5 and should be sent to Robert C. Kemerait, University of Georgia, Plant Pathology Department, P.O. Box 1209, 15 Rural Development Center Road, Tifton, GA 31794. Recipients will be contacted by the Vice President prior to the meeting. Awards will be presented at the 2006 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:

**Robert C. Kemerait, University of Georgia,  
Plant Pathology Department, P.O. Box 1209,  
15 Rural Development Center Road, Tifton,  
GA 31794 by November 20, 2007.**

## 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 Tom Isakeit by December 18, 2007.

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	<p>Southern Division American Phytopathological Society</p> <p><b><i>Travel Grant Application</i></b></p>
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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: \$	

In the space below insert or attach a copy of the abstract you submitted for the SDAPS meeting.



SOUTHERN DIVISION ABSTRACT INVOICE  
(For direct payment only)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_

For publication of abstract with APS ..... \$45.00

First Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Remit to:

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Send a check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD" to the secretary-treasurer at the same time the abstract is sent to Kenny Seebold. Deadline for receipt of payment is November 20, 2007. 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](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.