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2009 SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1-2 IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA: ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

November 21, 2008

- ☞ **Abstracts** – Submit online (DETAILS ON PAGE 2).
- ☞ **Abstract fees** – Can be paid online or sent to Tom Isakeit (FORM ON PAGE 6)
- ☞ **Graduate student research award presentations** – Send abstracts to Chris Clark (DETAILS ON PAGE 2)
- ☞ **Graduate student/post doc travel awards** – Send to Guy Boyd Padgett (PAGES 3 & 5).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** – Send to Guy Boyd Padgett (DETAILS ON PAGE 3).

December 12, 2008

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

January 16, 2009

- ☞ **Deadline for room reservations at the Westin Peachtree Plaza (5 PM EST)**

January 30, 2009

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

86TH SDAPS MEETING

The 86th annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 1-2, 2009, in Atlanta, GA at the Westin Peachtree Plaza. We will meet with

the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS). The registration fee will be \$100 (\$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 Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree Street N.W., Atlanta, GA

Phone: 404-659-1400 or 800-937-8461

Group Room Rates:

Single and Double Rooms - \$144/night
Triple and Quad Rooms - \$164/night

Call toll free number above and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate.

Check in is 3:00 pm - Check out is Noon. **There will be a \$75.00 charge if you check out earlier than your reserved checkout date, unless you advise the hotel at or before check-in.**

Cancellations must be made three (3) days prior to check-in date or a one-day fee will be charged.

Complimentary: High speed internet access in sleeping rooms; local and 1-800 calls; access to health club and pool; and discount valet parking.

For more information about the SAAS meetings, see: <http://www.saasinc.org/2009-Atlanta/09-MainPg.asp>

See <http://www.saasinc.org/2009-Atlanta/09-MiscInfo.asp> for more information about Atlanta 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.

You now can submit abstracts online at the following site:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/activities/societies/aps/sd08abst_reg.html

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 21, 2008

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* 2003 (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 21 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 21, 2008), and \$55 if paid at the meeting. Payments for abstracts should be made online or, if after the deadline, **sent directly to the SDAPS secretary/treasurer, NOT to APS. Send your payment form 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 download check payment form on the online abstract site above 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 2008 WINNERS, JIM KERNS (NCSU), BROOK EDMUNDS (NCSU), AND CRUZ TORRES (TEXAS A&M), 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 of, the abstract submission deadline (November 21, 2008); 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 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 Chris Clark at cclark@agctr.lsu.edu by November 21, 2008, in addition to the online submission. 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 GRANTS

Graduate Students and Post-doctoral associates who plan to present a paper at the Southern

Division meeting, 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 21, 2008**.

Applications are available on page 5 and should be sent to Boyd Padgett, Louisiana State University, Northeast Research Station, 212 Macon Ridge Road, Winnsboro, LA 71295-5719. Recipients will be contacted by the Vice President prior to the meeting. Awards will be presented at the 2009 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:

**Boyd Padgett, Louisiana State University,
Northeast Research Station, 212 Macon
Ridge Road, Winnsboro, LA 71295-5719 by
November 21, 2008.**

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 12, 2008.

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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: \$ | |

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

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.