



93rd SD-APS Meeting

The 93rd annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 20–22, 2016, in Balm, FL, at the University of Florida, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center.

The early registration fee will be \$150 for regular APS members and post-docs, \$50 for student APS members, and \$170 for non-APS members; after January 29th the registration fees will increase to \$200, \$75, and \$220, respectively. The registration fee covers coffee breaks, meeting rooms, equipment rentals, meals at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, and Southern Division banquet at the Sheraton Tampa East Hotel. Registration can be paid online in advance (preferable) or at the meeting with a credit card.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS*

*Unless otherwise specified as taking place at the Sheraton, all program events will take place at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center. Daily transportation between the Sheraton Tampa East Hotel and the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center will be provided.

Friday, February 19, 2016

An **Executive Committee meeting** will take place beginning at 5 pm at the Sheraton.

A **graduate student committee meeting and social** for graduate students and post-docs will begin at 6 pm at the Sheraton. The new Graduate Student Representative who is a member of the SD-APS Executive Committee will be elected during this time. Questions regarding the graduate student committee meeting should be directed to the current SD-APS Graduate Student Representative, Nathalia Graf Grachet at ngrafgr@okstate.edu.

A **welcome reception/social** for attendees will take place beginning at 7 pm at the Sheraton.

Saturday, February 20, 2016

The first module of the “**Careers 101**” curriculum, “**CV101**”, developed by CADRE and the APS Leadership Institute will be presented over lunch. The focus of this module will be the *Curriculum vita*. Graduate students and post-docs are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please be sure to indicate if you will be attending this program on your registration form so that we can get an accurate head count. More information about “Careers 101” is available on page 143 of the [November 2015](#) issue of *Phytopathology News*.

A number of **round table discussions** will also take place over lunch. These discussions will be available to any meeting attendees who wish to participate, but will coincide with the “Careers 101” module.

Research papers from students participating in the **Graduate Student Research Competition** will be presented throughout the day.

Poster and vendor sessions will coincide with breaks throughout the day.

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Research papers from students participating in the **Graduate Student Research Competition** will be presented in the morning (and early afternoon, if necessary).

The **SD-APS Business Meeting** will take place over lunch.

The **2016 symposium, “Significance and Impacts of Plant Disease Diagnostics”**, will be held in the afternoon.

Poster and vendor sessions will coincide with breaks throughout the day.

The **SD-APS Awards Banquet** will take place in the evening at the Sheraton.

Monday, February 22, 2016

This year meeting attendees will have the option to participate in a field trip. The field trip, “**Vegetable-Strawberry Production Tour**”, will showcase strawberry and vegetable production in Florida. The field trip will depart from and return to the Sheraton. Specific departure and arrival times are TBD (to be determined), but the field trip will depart in the early morning and should wrap up by 1 pm. **Please be sure to sign up and submit payment for the field trip (\$35) when you register for the meeting.**