

American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS

RE: CALL FOR PAPERS, HOTEL RESERVATIONS, AND MEETING REGISTRATION
FOR THE 33rd ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE FLORIDA AND LOUISIANA DIVISIONS

The Thirty-third (33rd) Annual Joint Meeting of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (Florida and Louisiana Divisions) is scheduled for June 25-27, 2003 at the Hilton Sandestin Beach, Destin, Florida. Registration will begin on Wednesday afternoon, June 25th and will continue on Thursday morning, June 26th. The plenary session will be held on Thursday morning, June 26th followed by technical sessions during the afternoon of June 26th and the morning of June 27th.

Call for Papers

Please consider presenting a paper for the technical sessions. You should submit a title and abstract of your paper to the Program Chair, Dr. Bill White along with a copy to the appropriate section chairman at the email addresses below. Please note that email transmission is preferred over mailing or faxing the abstract. **The deadline for submitting Titles and Abstracts is April 22, 2003.** When submitting your title, please include on a separate piece of paper your name, address, e-mail, telephone number, organization affiliation and brief biographical information to be used by the presiding section chairman when making introductions at the sessions.

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Facilities will be equipped with computers, slide and overhead projectors. Powerpoint presentations are the preferred method of presentation at this meeting. Please see the attached audiovisual instruction sheet for guidelines. These will be strictly enforced. We will time concurrent oral presentations so that you can move back and forth between Agricultural and Manufacturing Sections. We intend to accommodate as many oral presentations as possible. However, oral presentations are not guaranteed, and authors may be asked to give poster presentations.

All speakers must be an active member in good standing with either the Louisiana or Florida Division of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists and be registered for the Joint meeting to present a paper in either the Agricultural and/or Manufacturing Sections.

Please be reminded that monetary awards and a plaque are presented to four individuals (one in each program session) who makes the "Outstanding Presentation".

Please Note: Manuscripts to be considered for publication in the Journal of American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists should be submitted by December 31, 2003. Please submit by e-mail or diskette a copy of the title, abstract, and/or paper to the Editor of the ASSCT Journal:

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Please refer to pages 152 - 156 of ASSCT Journal Volume 22, for Editorial Policy. You may also find the guidelines at www.assct.org. Please follow these guidelines for abstracts submitted for the meeting.

If you wish to be a referee to evaluate the merit of technical articles submitted to the Journal of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists please complete the enclosed form.

Meeting Registration and Hotel Reservations

Enclosed is a room reservation form for the Hilton Sandestin Beach, Destin, Florida. If you reserve your room by phone be sure to identify yourself as an ASSCT member. Room rates and other pertinent information is listed on the reservation form. Please note that there is a May 23, 2003 deadline for the rate listed with a specific number of rooms reserved for ASSCT. **Mail pre-registration form to Dr. Denver Loupe. Call the Hotel, register on line at www.sandestinbeachhilton.com or mail the reservation form to the hotel.**

Anyone interested in nominating someone for Honorary Membership should send name(s) to the appropriate Chairman-at-Large:

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