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“Organized for the Advancement of the Mainland Cane Sugar Industry”

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS

RE: CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE 38th ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE FLORIDA AND LOUISIANA DIVISIONS OF ASSCT

The Thirty-eighth (38th) Annual Joint Meeting of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (Florida and Louisiana Divisions) is scheduled for June 18-20, 2008 at the International Plaza Resort and Spa in Orlando, FL. Registration will begin on Wednesday afternoon, June 18th and will continue on Thursday morning, June 19th. The plenary session will be held on Thursday morning, June 19th followed by technical sessions during the afternoon of Thursday, June 19th and the morning of Friday, June 20th. Information regarding hotel reservations, pre-registration, and extra-curricular activities will be available on our ASSCT website (<http://www.assct.org>) under “Joint Annual Meeting”. A preliminary draft of the Program Agenda and a tentative program will be posted in early May. A tentative program will also be e-mailed to LA Division members and to Les Baucum for distribution to the FL Division.

As you consider registration, room reservations, presenting a paper, or exhibiting, be reminded that the International Plaza Resort and Spa is conveniently located on the International Drive trolley route, across the street from Sea World, and only minutes from Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. It is also in close proximity to many area attractions, shopping centers, and a variety of delectable eateries. Offering a variety of onsite dining experiences as well, personnel at the International Plaza Resort and Spa have committed to a safe and enjoyable, family-friendly venue for our meeting.

Room reservations may be made online (www.intlplazaresort.com; ASSCT discount code: **ASS616**), by phoning the hotel directly (1-800-327-0363), or by mailing/faxing in Reservation Form. If you reserve your room by phone, be sure to identify yourself as an ASSCT member. Room rates and other pertinent information are listed on the hotel website, as well as on Reservation Form below.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please note that there is a ***May 17, 2008 DEADLINE*** to qualify for the ASSCT-negotiated discount, and only a limited number of rooms are available. So, please reserve your rooms immediately.

If you are interested in presenting a paper for the technical sessions, please electronically submit the title of your paper and an abstract to the Program Chair, Gregg Nuessly (gnuessly@ufl.edu). A general guideline for title/abstract submission is enclosed. **Please note that only titles/abstracts submitted via email will be accepted. The deadline for submitting titles/abstracts for the 2008 meeting is Friday, May 2, 2008.** When submitting your title/abstract, please be sure to include your name, address, e-mail, telephone number, and organization affiliation. For future reference, Division Chairmen contact information is listed below (they will serve as technical session moderators at the meeting):

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Facilities for technical sessions will be equipped with computers and digital projectors. The "Manufacturing Roundtable" session will be equipped with computers, digital projectors, and overhead projectors. **Note: All paper presentations must be in MS PowerPoint format. Please see the attached audiovisual instruction sheet for guidelines (these will be strictly enforced).** Presentations will be on a concurrent time frame so that you can move between the Agricultural and Manufacturing sessions.

Please note:

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/poster in either the Agricultural and/or Manufacturing Sections.

We intend to accommodate as many oral presentations as possible. However, oral presentations are not guaranteed; some authors may be asked to give poster presentations. If you prefer the poster format, please indicate so when submitting your title/abstract. Please be reminded that monetary awards and a plaque are presented to four individuals (one in each program session) who make the "Best Presentation." Also, if there are more than five poster presentations at the meeting, then a similar monetary award and plaque will be offered for the "Best Poster."

Journal of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists: With the conversion to on-line publishing, manuscripts can be submitted at any time to the Journal of the ASSCT. The manuscript should be created in Microsoft Word, and submitted by email to the Editor:

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Note that editorial guideline policies were revised to reflect the conversion to on-line publishing and new guidelines are posted at <http://www.assct.org> under "Journal". The editorial guidelines also document general guidelines for abstract preparation, which should be followed for the upcoming ASSCT Meeting. This site also has earlier volumes of the Journal, which documents examples of refereed articles, non-refereed articles, and abstracts.

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

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Many thanks to the Florida Division Executive Committee for their efforts in hosting the 2008 Joint meeting.

Sincerely,



Denver T. Loupe
General Secretary-Treasurer
ASSCT

Enclosures

Presentation Formats for the 2008 Joint ASSCT Meeting International Plaza Resort & Spa, Orlando, FL

Only PowerPoint presentations will be accepted. Poster presentations are also being encouraged for the 2008 Meeting. Direct any questions regarding presentation formats or mailing instructions/options to:

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PowerPoint Presentations

- ❖ Develop PowerPoint presentations in Windows v 97/2000 or later, or XP.
- ❖ Apple (Mac) users must convert their presentation into Windows PowerPoint format.
- ❖ Use of elaborate transitions between slides is discouraged.
- ❖ Sound and video will not be supported.
- ❖ For each Technical Session, the Program Chairman will have your PowerPoint presentation already pre-loaded on the ASSCT computer assigned to your session meeting room.
- ❖ **Use of computers other than those provided by ASSCT is NOT allowed.**
- ❖ Submitting Presentation **BEFORE** the ASSCT Meeting:
 - It is preferred that you send your presentation to the Program Chairman to allow sufficient time to pre-load presentations onto ASSCT computers.
 - E-mail your presentation to gnessly@ufl.edu by **June 12, 2008**.
 - If you do not receive confirmation that your presentation was received within 1 day of sending, please contact the Program Chairman.
 - Bring a working back-up copy of your presentation to the ASSCT Meeting on either a USB drive or CD-R.
- ❖ Submitting Presentation **AT** the ASSCT Meeting
 - Submit your presentation on a CD-R (do not use CD-RW) or a 3.5-inch floppy to the ASSCT Registration Desk (International Plaza Resort & Spa) **before 5 pm during the afternoon registration period on Wednesday, June 18, 2008.**
- ❖ PowerPoint presentation files **NOT** received by e-mail on or before June 12 or that are **NOT** turned in to the ASSCT Registration Desk by 5 pm on June 18 may **NOT** be ready for the scheduled Technical Session.

Posters

- ❖ Easels 3-ft x 4-ft (length x height) will be available for poster presentations. These are foam-core boards, so posters can be attached with thumbtacks.

Abstract Submission Formats and Guidelines

- ❖ Abstracts submitted for papers to be presented at the annual meeting should follow the same general format as those submitted with full length papers for publication in the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS JOURNAL; except they may be of longer length and may contain multiple paragraphs.
- ❖ The abstracts should clearly state your rationale, objectives, methods, results, and other meaning or scope of application. Be specific. Identify the crops or organisms involved, as well as soil type, chemicals, or other details that figure in interpretation of the results. Do not cite tables, figures, or references. Avoid equations unless they are the focus of the paper.
- ❖ Example of abstract format with authors from a **single institution**:

Phosphorus Load Reductions Under BMPs for EAA Sugarcane

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The 505,000-acre Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) is an extremely productive agricultural basin that also serves as a major water tributary to adjacent south Florida wetlands. A 1992 regulatory program requires that annual phosphorus (P) levels in basin surface runoff be reduced by at least 25%. Growers are to collectively achieve this basin-level target through best management practices (BMPs) designed to reduce P discharges

- ❖ Example of abstract format with authors from **multiple institutions**:

Deterioration of sugarcane held in overnight sleeper loads

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¹ USDA-ARS, Southern Regional Research Center
Sugarcane Research Unit, Houma, Louisiana

² Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
Sugar Station/Audubon Sugar Institute, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Louisiana sugar industry is experiencing yet another change in harvesting systems as it switches from the whole-stalk to combine harvesting technology primarily because of a new, high yielding variety that has a tendency to lodge. Research has also shown that burned and/or chopped cane resulting from combine harvesting deteriorates.