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AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY **SOUTHERN DIVISION** **NEWSLETTER**

SEPTEMBER 2003

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 14, 2003

- ☞ **Abstracts** – due as MS Word or RTF attachments to Mike Benson (pages 1-2).
- ☞ **Abstract fees** due to Bob McGovern (pages 2, 6).
- ☞ **Graduate Student Research Award competition** - abstracts due as MS Word or RTF attachments to Barbara Smith (page 2).
- ☞ **Nominations for Vice President and Councilor** due by e-mail to Bob McGovern (page 3, 7).

December 15, 2003

- ☞ **Graduate student/post doc travel awards** applications due to Tim Brenneman (page 3).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** due as MS Word or RTF attachments to the Steve Kammerer (page 3).

January 15, 2004

- ☞ **Deadline for room reservations** at the Adam's Mark Hotel and Double Tree Hotel Tulsa.

February 14-18, 2004

- ☞ **81st Annual SDAPS Meeting**, Tulsa, OK.

81ST SDAPS MEETING

The 81st annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 14-18, 2004, in Tulsa, OK. We will meet with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS).

All SDAPS sessions will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, OK, 74103, Phone: 918-582-9000, Fax: 918-560-2232, <http://www.adamsmark.com/tulsa/index.asp>. (\$96/night for single room or \$110/night for double room). **Adam's Mark Reservations should be made by calling 1-800-444-2326 and asking for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate.**

Alternatively, reservations can be made at the Double Hotel Tulsa – Downtown, 616 West 7th Street, Tulsa, OK, 74127, Phone: 918-587-8000, Fax: 918-587-3001 (\$95/night, single or double room). **Doubletree Reservations should be made by calling 1-918-587-8000 and asking for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate.**

For more meeting information, see the SAAS web page: <http://www.saasinc.org/TulsaHotelInfo.asp>.

Deadline for room reservations at both hotels is January 15, 2004.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The SDAPS program will consist of contributed oral paper sessions. Because of the emphasis on

poster presentations at the national meeting, **only oral papers** will be accepted, not posters

Guidelines for abstracts are as follows: 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. Only unpublished information may be included. SDAPS abstract guidelines may be found at: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD_APS/abstracts.html

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*) and 35mm slides. The Program Committee of the APS Southern Division can reject any abstract not deemed fit for publication. Those not conforming to the required style will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted on or before the November 14th deadline for acceptance. Abstracts accepted and presented at the meeting will be published in the 2004 *Phytopathology* Supplement. (Because of the timing of the 2003 SDAPS joint meeting in Texas, its abstracts will also be published in the 2004 *Phytopathology* Supplement.)

Send your abstracts as MS Word or RTF attachments to Mike Benson, President Elect SDAPS (mike_benson@ncsu.edu). See SDAPS web site for abstract submission instructions.

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 14, 2003

PAYMENT FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract fees are \$45.00 if paid by the deadline (November 14, 2003), \$50.00 if more than 30 days late, and \$55.00 if paid at the meeting. Payments for abstracts should be sent directly to the Secretary/treasurer, NOT to the President Elect. **Send your invoice (page 5) plus check made payable to "SDAPS"** (NOT the APS) to Bob McGovern, Secretary Treasurer SDAPS, University of Florida-IFAS, Plant Pathology

Department, 1453 Fifield Hall, Gainesville, PO Box 110680, FL 32611-0680. **Please use the invoice on page 6 or on the web site so that payments can be matched with abstracts.**

Do NOT send purchase orders or direct vouchers because they require extra handling and postage. 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 COMPETITION

Graduate students are invited to enter the Graduate Student Research Award Competition. A plaque and monetary award will be given to the first, second, and third place speakers (\$300, \$200, and \$100, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, respectively).

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO LAST YEAR'S WINNERS, FABRICIO DEAVILA RODRIGUES (UF), MELINDA J. SULLIVAN (NCSU), AND RONALD D. FRENCH (UF), WHO PLACED 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD, 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 14, 2003); ii.) be a member in good standing of the Southern Division at the time the paper is presented (page 6); 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 Research Award

Competition. A complimentary luncheon will also be provided for each student competing.

Students should email their abstract as an MS Word or RTF attachment to Barbara Smith, Past President SDAPS, (BarbaraSmith@ars.usda.gov) and also to Mike Benson (See "Call for Abstracts" above) by November 14, 2003. Be sure to notify Mike Benson that the abstract is for the graduate student awards session. The \$45.00 fee for publication of the abstract should be mailed to Bob McGovern by November 14, 2003 (page 6).

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 Tulsa, are encouraged to apply for the Southern Division Travel Award. The SDAPS Executive Committee 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 **December 15, 2003**.

Applications can be downloaded at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD_APS/Awards.html and should be sent to Tim Brenneman, Vice President SDAPS, University of Georgia, Plant Pathology Department, CPES - P.O. Box 748, Tifton, GA, 31794. Recipients will be contacted by the Vice President prior to the meeting. Awards will be presented at the 2004 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 1,000 words, double-spaced - giving name, position, affiliation, a short biographical sketch of the candidate and critique that includes the nature, scope and relevance of the contributions that qualify the nominee for consideration. The nominator should prepare and email the nomination and statement as MS Word or RTF attachments to: **Steve Kammerer, Chair SDAPS Outstanding Plant Pathologist Committee (steve.kammerer@syngenta.com), by December 15.**

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.

The Division Councilor represents the Southern Division on the APS Council and the Councilor's Forum and serves as a member of the SDAPS Executive Committee and the Graduate Student Research Award Committee. The councilor serves a term of 3 years.

Please e-mail your suggestions for Vice President and Councilor (see page 7) to Bob McGovern (rjm@mail.ifas.ufl.edu) by **November 14, 2003**.

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NOMINATIONS FOR V.P. AND
COUNCILOR TO BOB MCGOVERN**

Resolutions

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SOUTHERN DIVISION ABSTRACT INVOICE
(For direct payment only)

Date: _____

Your Check No.: _____

For publication of abstract in *Phytopathology*

Received from: (In the space below, please fill in your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address)

Abstract information: (In the space below, please list the first author of each abstract and a three word running title for the abstract)

Please make check payable to "SDAPS" (check or money order)

___ Abstract(s) @ \$45.00 each by November 14, 2003	_____
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___ Abstract(s) @ \$55.00 each <i>after</i> December 14, 2003	_____
Total enclosed	_____

Remit to: Robert J. McGovern,
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Please remit by November 14, 2003 to avoid late fees.

RECEIPTS for abstracts will be provided at the meeting for those requesting them.



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BALLOT

VICE PRESIDENT Nomination _____

Councilor Nomination _____

Return this ballot by mail or send **an email (preferred) with your nominations by November 14, 2003** to Bob McGovern rjm@mail.ifas.ufl.edu.

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.



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