



# AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY **SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER** **SEPTEMBER, 2009**

## **2010 SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 7- 8 IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA: ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

### **DEADLINES TO REMEMBER**

#### **November 20, 2009**

- ☞ **Abstracts** - Submit online (DETAILS ON PAGE 2).
- ☞ **Abstract fees** - Pay online or send to Don Ferrin (FORM ON PAGE 6)
- ☞ **Graduate Student Research Award presentations** - Send abstracts to Kenneth Seebold (DETAILS ON PAGE 2)
- ☞ **Graduate Student/Post-Doc Travel Awards** - Send to David Langston (PAGES 3 & 5).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** - Send to David Langston (DETAILS ON PAGE 3).

#### **December 11, 2009**

- ☞ **Nominations for Vice President** - Send to Don Ferrin (PAGE 3).

#### **January 15, 2010**

- ☞ **Deadline for room reservations at the Wyndham Orlando Resort (5 PM EST)**

#### **January 29, 2010**

- ☞ **Deadline for receiving advance registration** - Register online with a credit card or send a check to Don Ferrin.

### **87<sup>TH</sup> SDAPS MEETING**

The 87<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 7-8, 2010, in Orlando, FL at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. We will meet with the

Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS). The registration fee will be \$120 for regular members and Post-Docs and \$5 for student members. The registration fee will be waived for those students entering the Graduate Student Research Award Competition; however, you must register by fax or mail to receive this waiver. The registration fee includes registration for the SAAS meeting and the SDAPS banquet Monday evening. Registration can be paid online in advance or at the meeting.

The official meeting hotel is:

**The Wyndham Orlando Resort**  
**8001 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819**  
**Phone: 407-351-2420 or 800-421-8001**

Group Room Rates:

Single and Double Rooms - \$139/night  
Triple - \$154/night  
Quad Rooms - \$164/night

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

Check in is 4:00 pm - Check out is 11:00 am.

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

Complimentary Services: In-room high speed internet access; self-parking; local and 1-800 calls; access to fitness center and pools.

Airport Transportation:

Taxi - \$31.00 (one way)  
Shuttle - \$26.00 (round trip)

For more information about the SAAS meetings, see: <http://www.saasinc.org/2010-Orlando/Main-page.asp>

See <http://www.saasinc.org/2010-Orlando/Misc-Info.asp> for more information about Orlando 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.

Prepare abstracts in the format given at: <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/div/instruct.asp>

Then, submit your abstracts online at: <http://meeting.apsnet.org/Login.cfm>

### **ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

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* (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 20 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 20, 2009), and \$55 if paid at the meeting. Payments for abstracts should be

made online when registering for the meeting or, if after the deadline, **sent directly to the SDAPS secretary/treasurer**, NOT to Boyd Padgett or APS. **Send your invoice (page 6) plus check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD"** (with the notation "SDAPS abstract payment") to Don Ferrin, Dept. Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology, 302 Life Sciences, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. **Please use the invoice on page 6 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 2009 WINNERS, BHABESH DUTTA (UGA), NICHOLAS SEKORA (AU), AND NICOLE WARD (LSU), WHO PLACED 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup>, 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 20, 2009); 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 Research Award Competition. However, you must register by Fax or Mail to receive this waiver. A complimentary luncheon also will be provided for each student competing.**

**Students: e-mail the abstract to Kenneth Seebold at kwseebold@uky.edu by November 20, 2009.** 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 in Orlando, 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 20, 2009**. Applications are available on page 5 and should be sent to David Langston, University of Georgia, PO Box 748, 4604 Research Way, Tifton, GA 31793. Recipients will be contacted by the Vice President prior to the meeting. Awards will be presented at the 2010 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:

**David Langston, University of Georgia,  
PO Box 748, 4604 Research Way, Tifton,  
GA 31793 by November 20, 2009.**

## 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 Don Ferrin by December 11, 2009.

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Southern Division  
 American Phytopathological Society  
***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.



SOUTHERN DIVISION ABSTRACT INVOICE  
(For direct payment only)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_

For publication of abstract in *Phytopathology* ..... \$45.00

First Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Remit to:

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Send a check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD" to the secretary-treasurer at the same time the abstract is submitted online. Deadline for receipt of payment is November 20, 2009. RECEIPTS for abstracts will be provided at the meeting for those requesting them.

The SDAPS Newsletter is available on the SDAPS web site at:  
[http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD\\_APS/SouthernAPS.html](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.