

## SEPTEMBER 2004

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### November 8, 2004

- ☞ **Abstracts** - Abstracts due to Tim Brenneman, submit by e-mail (page 2).
- ☞ **Abstract fees** due to Tom Isakeit (page 2, 6).
- ☞ **Graduate student research award presentations** - abstracts due to John Damicone (pages 2-3).
- ☞ **Graduate student/post doc travel awards** applications due to Craig Rothrock (page 3, 5).
- ☞ **Nominations for Vice President and Councilor** due to Tom Isakeit (page 3).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** due as MS Word or RTF attachments to Craig Rothrock (page 3).

#### January 14, 2005 (Noon)

- ☞ Deadline for room reservations at the The Peabody Little Rock and Double Tree Hotel, Little Rock, AR.

#### February 6-8, 2005

- ☞ 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual SDAPS Meeting, Little Rock, AR.

### 82<sup>ND</sup> SDAPS MEETING

The 82<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Southern Division, will be held February 6-8, 2005, in Little Rock, AR. We will meet with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS). The Eastern Regional Conference on Root-Infecting Microorganisms (ERCERIM) will immediately follow the SDAPS meeting on the afternoon of the

8<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Details of this meeting will be provided later.

The suggested meeting hotels are:

**The Peabody Little Rock**, Three Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Phone: (800) 732-2639, Fax: (501) 375-4721.  
<http://www.peabodylittlerock.com/asp/home.asp>  
(\$115 single or double; \$120 triple; \$120 quadruple; rates available from Feb. 2-12, 2005). **Ask for Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) group rate.** This hotel features the twice-daily march of the pampered Peabody ducks, at 11 AM and 5 PM.

**Double Tree Hotel**, 424 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201. Phone (800) 222-TREE or (501) 372-4371. <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/index.jhtml> (\$109 single or double; \$119 triple; \$129 quadruple; rates available from Feb. 3-11, 2005). **Ask for Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) group rate or use code "SAA" when booking online.** This hotel provides a courtesy bus from the airport.

Horticulture & Plant Pathology registration and meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel.

**Deadline for room reservations at both hotels is January 14, 2005 (noon).**

Special tours are available for spouses and attendees, such as skeet shooting and a visit to Hot Springs National Park. Prices range from \$18-89 and must be booked by Jan. 14, 2005. Details can be found at the SAAS web page, [http://www.saasinc.org/LittleRock2005/LittleRock\\_MainPg.asp](http://www.saasinc.org/LittleRock2005/LittleRock_MainPg.asp). A new attraction in Little Rock is the Clinton Presidential Center.

For more information about Little Rock, see the web page: <http://www.littlerock.org>

## **\*\* 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.

Abstracts are to be prepared according to the APS instructions at the following link:

<http://aspnet.org/meetings/div/instruct.asp>. Please follow the directions at

[http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD\\_APS/abstracts.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD_APS/abstracts.html)

to submit abstracts electronically to Tim

Brenneman, University of Georgia,

[arachis@tifton.uga.edu](mailto:arachis@tifton.uga.edu)

### **ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 8, 2004**

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 and only unpublished information may be included. APS Division abstract guidelines, a sample format, and the division abstract form are available online on *APSnet* at <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/div/instruct.asp>. If you cannot access this information, contact Tom Isakeit and he will fax a copy to you.

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for each oralpaper, 12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for questions. Equipment will be available for digital presentations (*PowerPoint*) via LCD and 35mm slides. Bring your presentation in *PowerPoint* (PC compatible) on CD, USB memory stick, or 100 MB Zip Disk. Abstracts not conforming to the required style will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted on or before the November 8<sup>th</sup> deadline for acceptance. Abstracts accepted and presented at the meeting will be printed in the *Phytopathology* Supplement.

## **PAYMENT FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Abstract fees are \$45.00 if paid by the deadline (November 8, 2004), \$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 **SDAPS secretary/treasurer**, NOT to the President Elect. **Send your invoice (page 6) plus check made payable to "APS" or "APS/SD"** (with the

notation "SDAPS abstract payment") to Tom Isakeit, Dept. Plant Pathology and Microbiology, 2132 TAMU, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2132. **Please use the invoice on page 5 so that payments can be matched with abstracts.**

Do NOT send purchase orders or direct vouchers. 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**

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2004 WINNERS, MELINDA J. SULLIVAN (NC SU), EMILY CANTONWINE (UGA) AND SARA GERMILLION (UGA), WHO PLACED 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup>, 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 8, 2004); 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 Award Competition. A complimentary luncheon also will be provided for each student competing.

Students should e-mail the abstract to John Damicone, Student Competition Chair, at

[jpd3898@okstate.edu](mailto:jpd3898@okstate.edu), **in addition to e-mailing the abstract to President Elect Tim Brenneman by November 8, 2004.** The \$45.00 fee for publication of the abstract should be mailed to Tom Isakeit by November 8, 2004.

## 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 Little Rock, 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 8, 2004.**

Applications are available on page 5 of this newsletter or can be downloaded at [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD\\_APS/SouthernAPS.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD_APS/SouthernAPS.html) and should be sent to Craig Rothrock, Vice-President SDAPS, University of Arkansas, Plant Pathology Dept., 217 Plant Science Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701. 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 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: **Craig Rothrock, University of Arkansas, Plant Pathology Dept., 217 Plant Science Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701 by November 8, 2003.**

## 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 suggestion to Tom Isakeit by November 8, 2004.

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### Local Arrangements

Craig Rothrock

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NOMINATION FOR VICE  
PRESIDENT TO TOM ISAKEIT**



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.