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2005 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Plant Biologists will be held at the Greenville Hilton Hotel in Greenville, NC. during March 12-14, 2005. Greenville is the home of the East Carolina University.

You can find information and updates concerning the meeting by visiting:
<http://www.ss-aspb.org/>

This year's local coordinator is Dr. Cindy Putnam-Evans (evansc@mail.ecu.edu)

Conference Registration

Please register for the Annual Meeting by filling out the Conference Registration Form (found at the end of the newsletter) and sending it along with your payment to Dalton Gossett, Secretary/Treasurer SS-ASPB at the address given on the form. (As mentioned above, you

can also register electronically at our web site, but you must mail in payments.) The registration fee is \$40.00 and covers the cost of the meeting and symposium program, the Saturday Mixer, and refreshment breaks (Sun./Mon.).

If you are presenting a paper in the student competitions, your registration fee and banquet fee will be waived, but you must still submit a registration form, and you must still pay the SSASPB dues (\$5.00). **Fees are due by Feb. 16, 2005.**

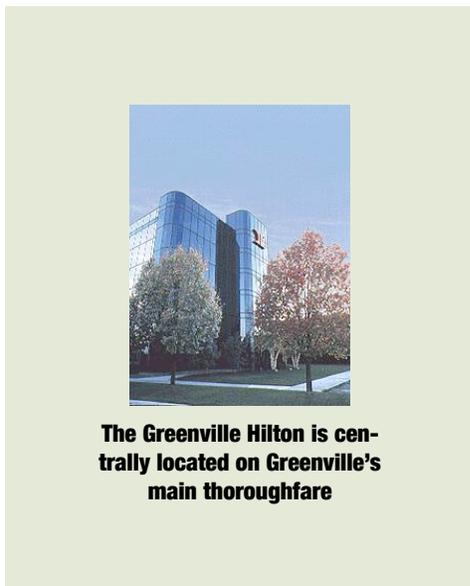
As an incentive to students from nearby universities who might be interested in listening to some or all of the scientific presentations, there will be no charge to attend the talks, posters, and symposium. This applies to graduate or undergraduate students. We request only that interested students submit a registration form indicating

that they will attend the "talks only". This will allow us more accurately gauge the quantity of refreshments needed during the breaks. Stu-

dents (attendee basis only) who want to attend the mixer and banquet may also do so, but will pay the full cost for those functions, just as a "guest".

The meeting will be held in Greenville, North Carolina at the Greenville Hilton. Fifteen rooms have been "blocked" for the meeting. The cost is \$94/night (single, double, triple, or quad – you decide). **Reservations should be made on or before February 10, 2005.** Call 252-353-3046 for booking (refer to Southern Section ASPB for the blocked rooms). After this date, any unused rooms in

the block will be released to the general public and the special conference rate might not be available. Please make your reservation as soon as your plans are finalized.

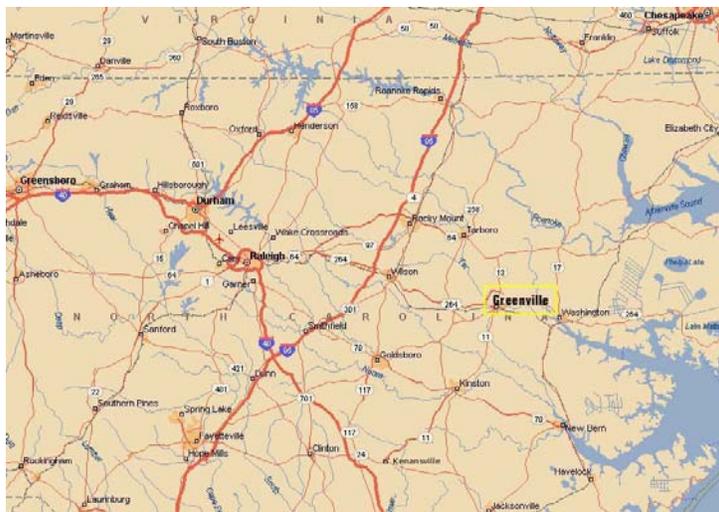


The Greenville Hilton is centrally located on Greenville's main thoroughfare

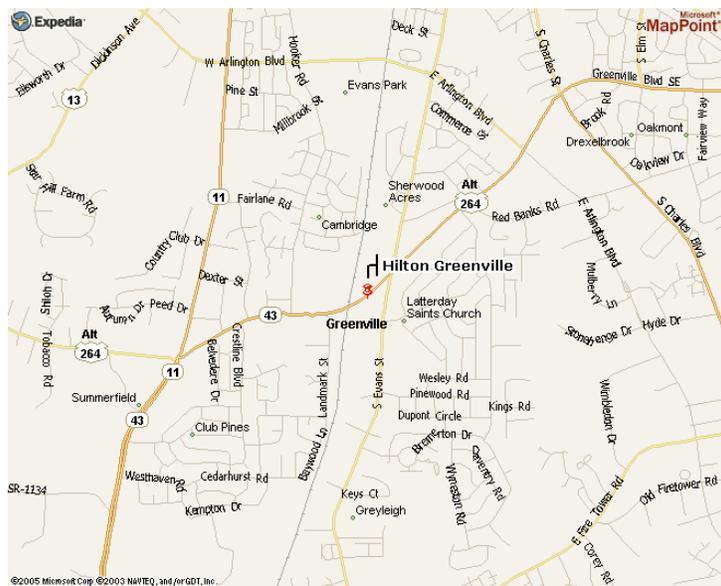
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Travel



Located in Eastern NC on Greenville Blvd. (Hwy 264 Alternate), Greenville's main commercial thoroughfare. Hotel is 3 miles SW of downtown and East Carolina University, 10 minutes from Pitt-Greenville Airport. From Raleigh/



Durham- take 64 east to 264 east. Follow 264 east to Greenville. Turn right on Allen Rd. once you enter Greenville. Go approx. 2 miles and Allen Rd. turns into Greenville Blvd./ Alternate 264. Follow Greenville Blvd. for 2 1/2 miles, the Hilton Greenville is located on the right.

Address: 207 Greenville Blvd. Sw
Greenville, NC 27834

Nearest major airport:

Greenville, NC (PGV-Pitt-Greenville)Activities

Opening Mixer

Our traditional mixer is an opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. It is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 12th from 7-9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and two beverages will be provided (cost is included in the registration fee). For those not registered for the meeting, the cost of attending the mixer is \$25.00 (includes 2 drinks).



Sunday Banquet

The annual banquet (March 13th, 6:30-9:00 p.m.) will follow Sunday's talks and posters. A French Theme Buffet will be available, with several meat and fish choices of entrée. If you wish to have a vegetarian meal, please tell the hotel when you register. The cost will be \$25. For those wishing to purchase other alcoholic beverages, a cash bar will be located in the banquet area from 6:00-6:45. If a student, friend or spouse not registered for the meeting wishes to attend the banquet, the price will be \$25 for each additional person.

As an added incentive for attendance, the winners of the student presentation competitions will be announced at the banquet.

2004 KRITON HATZIOS SYMPOSIUM

Dr. James Mahan has organized this year's symposium on "Whole Plant Physiology, The Forgotten Perspective" will be held during the morning of Monday, March 14th. The 2005 symposium is funded in whole by Delta and Pine Land Company.

Speakers will include:

<p>Thomas R. Sinclair (Agronomy Physiology Laboratory, University of Florida) "Is a Physiological Perspective Relevant in a 'Genocentric' Age?"</p>	
<p>Robert E. Sharp (Professor and Chair, Department of Agronomy, University of Missouri-Columbia) "Interaction With Ethylene: Changing Views on the Role of ABA in Root and Leaf Growth Responses to Water Deficits"</p>	
<p>Tom Kerby (Vice President of Technical Services, Delta and Pine Land Company, Scott, Mississippi) "Role of Whole Plant Physiology in Cotton Management Improvements"</p>	

Call for Papers

This is the first and only call for papers! Submit online at our website or complete and return the Paper Title Submission Form (which is at the end of the newsletter) as soon as possible. (Whether you register via mail, fax or electronically at the web site, but you must mail in payment to the address listed below.) Note that the presenting author must be specified. Forms must arrive no later than February 16, 2005. Meeting programs will be available at the SS-ASPB web site and at the registration desk.

Forms should be mailed or faxed to:

Dalton R. Gossett SS-ASPB Secretary / treasurer,
LSUS, One University Place, Shreveport, LA 71115

The Annual Meeting will accommodate both oral and poster presentations. However, for consideration for the "Best Graduate Student Paper", the presentation must be oral. Oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, including discussion. Students participating in the "Best Graduate Student Paper" competition should be aware that a high quality presentation and strict adherence to time guidelines are important considerations. A carousel and slide projector will be provided for those giving

oral presentations, but presentations via Microsoft PowerPoint (PC-compatible), are preferred. Students are required to hand in their presentations (slides, zip disk or CDROM) to Dr. Gossett at the door of the mixer on Saturday evening. Details about requirements for PowerPoint presentations are available at our web site. Student participants in the competition must submit an abstract (not to exceed 250 words) for use by the judging committee only. Abstracts should accompany the Paper Title Submission Form and Registration Form and arrive by the February 16th deadline.

We will also hold a competition for "Aubrey Naylor Best Undergraduate Student Poster". Undergraduates should also submit an abstract (as above). Winners of both student competitions will receive a framed certificate and cash award. The American Society of Plant Biologists provides financial support for these competitions. Meeting registration and banquet fees are waived for all students presenting papers (see Conference Registration below).

Dimensions for the poster presentations will be 4 x 4 ft. Participants should provide their own pins for mounting posters. Posters will be displayed throughout the meeting (Sunday March 13th and

Monday, March 14th). Author attendance times will be announced in the meeting program.

Undergraduate Minority Participation Award

Minority undergraduate students are invited to attend and participate in the annual meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Plant Biologists (SS-ASPB).

With the cooperation of the national society, we are pleased to provide as many as 5 travel awards to further stimulate such participation and encourages all eligible students to apply for these funds. Travel grants will be awarded on the basis of application contents, which will be reviewed by the SSASPP Executive Committee. Accompaniment of the student to the Annual Meeting by the sponsoring mentor will be considered a positive attribute.

The cash value of the award will be determined by actual travel expenses (ground/mileage) incurred

by the student, two nights lodging at the host hotel, \$25/day per diem for meals and incidental expenses, registration fee for the meeting and a ticket to attend the meeting Banquet.

Applications should follow the guidelines outlined below and be sufficiently in-depth to allow the Committee to make an informed decision. Please provide the following information.

Your name, academic address and contact numbers, name of academic mentor, list of plant science courses, list of related biology courses completed, statement of career goals, your perception of how you will benefit by participating in the meeting.

In addition, a supporting letter submitted by your academic mentor must be received by the application deadline. Applicants should also indicate whether or not they will be presenting

their research and participating in the Undergraduate Poster Competition. **Application Deadline: February 16th**

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Election Results for 2005-2006 officers and meeting site



Congratulations to **Dr. Kent Chapman**. He has been elected to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for the SS-ASPB for 2006.

Dr. James Mahan, the current Vice-Chair will serve as Chair, and

Dr. Dalton Gossett, the current Secretary/Treasurer, will serve as Vice-Chair.

The membership selected **Daytona, Florida** as the site for the 2006 annual meeting.



MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
PLANT BIOLOGIST (SS-ASPB)

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Please print or type. Complete a separate form for each participant.

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

_____ Check here if you are a student and will attend talks, posters, or symposium. (There is no charge for this). If you would like to attend the mixer or banquet, however, please enclose payment at the "guest" rates.

Participant Registration Fee: Please return of fax before February 16, 2005.

_____ \$40.00 per person – [includes meetings on Sunday and Monday and Saturday's mixer (with tickets for two drinks)]

_____ \$25.00 per person – Sunday Banquet

_____ **Check here if you are presenting a paper in one of the student competitions.

_____ \$5.00 per person – SS-ASPB Dues (if not paid previously) *This fee is not required for students who will only attend talks.*

Will a guest be accompanying you at the mixer of banquet? Guest Fees:

_____ \$25.00 per person – Saturday Mixer (includes 2 drinks)

_____ \$25.00 per person – Sunday Banquet

Spouse or Guest Name _____

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

Make Check Payable to SS-ASPB

Mail Checks to: Dalton R. Gossett
 SS-ASPB Secretary/Treasurer
 LSUS, One University Place
 Shreveport, LA 71115

PAPER TITLE SUBMISSION FORM

Completed forms should arrive no later than February 8, 2004. Dues (\$5.00) must be current through 2003 in order to present a paper at the meeting. This requirement also holds for students participating in the "Best Graduate Student Paper" or the "Aubrey Naylor Best Undergraduate Student Poster" competitions. Membership in the American Society of Plant Physiologists does not constitute membership in the Southern Section. Use the attached registration form to make dues payments to SS-ASPB (if you did not pay when you sent in your national dues).

Type of Presentation: Oral _____ Poster _____

Graduate Student Competition Presentation*: Yes _____ No _____

Undergraduate Student Poster Competition* Yes _____ No _____

Key Words (subject

area) _____

Projector equipment required: 35 mm Slides _____ Overheads _____ Power Point Projector _____

Title of Presentation:

Author(s) (give full names):

Affiliation(s) Address(es):

Name, Phone Number, and e-mail of Presenting Author:

Mail Checks to: Dalton R. Gossett
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*Abstracts must be received by deadline for competition.