

Southern Section American Society of Plant Physiologists Newsletter

2001 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Plant Physiologists will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina during March 24-26, 2001 at the **Velvet Cloak Inn** (1505 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27605).

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

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Annual Symposium

The 2001 Annual Symposium of the SS-ASPP will be held the morning of Monday, March 26th and will address: *Components Involved with Plant Cell Wall Architecture and Integrity: Effects of Abiotic and Biotic Stress*

Speakers will include:

Dr. Debra Mohnen (Complex Carbohydrate Res. Center / Univ. of Georgia) *Pectin Biosynthesis and Function*

Dr. Andrew Mort (Oklahoma State Univ.) *Pectin Structure and Function in Sickness and in Health?*

Dr. Ronald Sederoff (NC State Univ.) *Genomic Approach to Wood Formation in Loblolly Pine*

The organizer for the Annual Symposium is Dr. Jay Mellon.

Call For Papers

This is the first and only call for papers! Complete and return the attached **Paper Title Submission Form** as soon as possible. (You can also submit your title and register 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 26, 2001**. Meeting programs will be available at the SS-ASPP web site and at the registration desk.

Forms should be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

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Secretary /Treasurer, SS-ASPP
University of South Alabama
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Fax: (334) 414-8220

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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 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. (You also can make presentations via Microsoft PowerPoint. Details about requirements for this are available at the 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 26th deadline**.

We will also hold a competition for "**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. Financial support for these competitions is provided by the American Society of Plant Physiologists. 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 25th and Monday, March 26th). Author attendance times will be announced in the meeting program.

Conference Registration

Please register for the Annual Meeting by filling out the attached Conference Registration Form and sending it along with your payment to **Tim Sherman, Secretary/Treasurer SS-ASPP** at the address given above. (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 SS-ASPP dues (\$5.00). Fees are due by February 26, 2001.

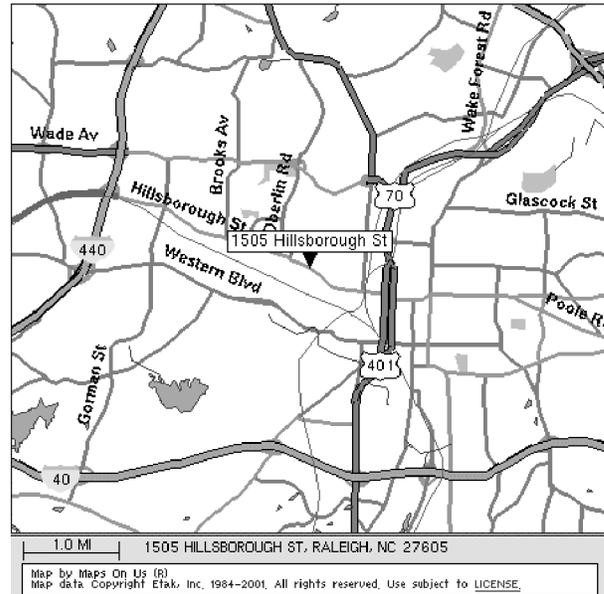
Starting this year, as an incentive to students (graduate or undergraduates) from nearby universities who might be interested in listening to some or all of the scientific presentations, there will be no charge to attend the talks, posters, and symposium. We request only that interested students submit a registration form indicating that they will attend the "talks only". This will allow us more accurately gauge the amount of refreshments needed during the breaks. Students (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" would.

Hotel Reservations

A block of lodging rooms has been reserved a flat rate of \$75.00 for a "single" or \$85.00 for a "double" plus tax (12%) per night. To make a room reservation, please call the **Velvet Cloak Inn**, (800) 334-4372. Their local phone number is (919) 828-0333 and fax is (919) 828-2656. **Be sure to ask for the SS-ASPP rate. Reservations should be made on or before March 5, 2001.** 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.

Travel

The Raleigh/Durham Airport is serviced by all of the major airlines. The hotel operates a free shuttle service to and from the airport. If you have your flight reservations available when making your room reservation, give that information to the hotel reservation staff, and the shuttle will be waiting for you at the airport. Otherwise, just use the courtesy phone in the airport to call for the shuttle. For those traveling by private (or institutional) vehicle, there is ample free parking at the hotel meeting site for hotel guests. The meeting site is indicated on the following map.



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 24th from 7:00 to 9:00 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 25, 6:30-9:00 p.m.**) will follow Sunday's talks and posters and will be held in the hotel's pool-side atrium.

You will have the choice of entrees: Chicken Oscar (Breast of chicken stuffed with Asparagus and King Crabmeat with a Béarnaise Sauce), London Broil (Grilled marinated Flank Steak with Mushroom and Sherry Sauce), or a Vegetarian dinner. All will be served with salad or soup, fresh vegetables, pasta or potato, breads, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost will be a \$28.00. For those wishing to purchase alcohol 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 \$28.00 for each additional person.

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

Area Attractions

- North Carolina State University - one block from the Velvet Cloak Inn, founded in 1887, NCSU has over 27,000 students and offers more than 200 academic programs
- North Carolina Museum of Art - paintings and sculpture representing thousands of years of artistic heritage as well as the present
- North Carolina Museum of History - learn how North Carolinians have lived from the early beginnings to the present day
- Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences - located in its new facility that houses four floors of exhibits, live animals, and hands-on programs
- Exploris Museum - interactive exhibits and programs for all ages
- Cameron Village - only three blocks from the Velvet Cloak Inn, Raleigh's original shopping center made up of over 70 shops, services, and restaurants
- City Market - this Spanish mission-style 1914 marketplace serves as a unique area for shopping, dining, and entertainment

This should be an ideal time to be in Raleigh-Durham as it will be nearing the peak of the spring bloom.

The New SS-ASPP Web Site

The web site for the Southern Section (www.ss-aspp.org) is up and running. It is also linked to the national ASPP site, so it will be easy to find. The site contains information about meetings (past, present, and future), current officers (contact info, brief bio, and picture), current and past newsletters (it's too easy to lose these paper versions!), news of interest to society members and students, and links to relevant sites (i.e. ASPP, regional university's departments with plant biology programs, sites with potential jobs, etc.). We have also made provisions for online submission of titles and abstract for meeting presentations and feedback from the members. Please check it out when you get a chance and send feedback or suggestions to Tim Sherman (tsherman@jaguar1.usouthal.edu). [Incidentally, the designer of our site has recently received recognition for another website she has produced. That site (<http://www.disl.org/>) has been selected as a featured site in Lightspan's StudyWeb® as one of the best educational resources on the Web.]

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Paper Title Submission Form

Completed forms should arrive no later than **February 26, 2001**.

Dues (\$5.00) must be current through 2001 in order to present a paper at the meeting. This requirement also holds for students participating in the "**Best Graduate Student Paper**" or the "**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-ASPP (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): _____

Projection equipment required: 35 mm Slides Overheads PowerPoint projector

Title of Presentation:

Author(s) (give full names): _____

Affiliations(s) and address(es): _____

Name, Phone Number, and email of Presenting Author:

Mail, fax or email all information to:

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* Abstract must be received by the deadline for competition.

Meeting Registration Form

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March 24-26, 2001 in Raleigh, North Carolina at the Velvet Cloak Inn (1505 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27605).

Please print or type-complete a separate form for each participant

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Daytime Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

Check here if you are a student and will attend only the 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 or fax before February 26, 2001.*

_____ \$40.00 per person - [includes meetings on Sunday and Monday and Saturday's Mixer (with tickets for 2 drinks)]

_____ \$28.00 per person - Sunday Banquet

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

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

Will a guest be accompanying you at the mixer or banquet? Guest fees:

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

_____ \$28.00 per person - Sunday Banquet

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed**

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