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TO: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS

RE: THE 48th ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE FLORIDA AND LOUISIANA DIVISIONS OF ASSCT

The forty-eighth (48th) Annual Joint Meeting of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (Florida and Louisiana Divisions) is scheduled for June 25-27, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, 5001 Coconut Rd, Bonita Springs, FL. Besides excellent meeting facilities, the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, and the cities of Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, and Naples offer an exciting array of activities for the entire family. Information about the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point can be found on-line at <http://www.coconut.hyatt.com>. Information about other area attractions can be found at <http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/>, <http://www.cityftmyers.com/>, and <http://www.naples-florida.com/active.htm>.

Due to increased interest by ASSCT members and exhibitors the 2018 meeting will run through Wednesday afternoon and will end with a closing reception. The ASSCT desk at the hotel will open on Monday afternoon, June 25 and will remain open through the course of the meeting. The exhibit area will open with a welcome reception from 5:30 to 6:30 Monday evening. The plenary session will be held on Tuesday morning, June 26, followed by technical sessions during that afternoon and all day Wednesday, June 27. A preliminary draft of the Program Agenda will be distributed through respective division secretaries and posted at ASSCT.org as soon as it becomes available.

Agricultural Tour: Sugarcane is one of many agricultural industries found in south Florida. The Florida Division is organizing a tour of south Florida agricultural industries on Thursday, June 28th. Registration for the tour is an option on the meeting registration form.

Golf Tournament: This year's golf tournament will be held Monday morning, June 25th. Payment of golf tournament registration fee(s) is an option on the meeting registration form. The golf tournament registration form will be posted on the “Joint Annual Meeting” page of the ASSCT.org website.

Meeting Registration: We will use on-line registration for the 2018 June meeting. Starting March 1st, on the “Joint Annual Meeting” page of the ASSCT.org website members will find a “Meeting Registration” link. Members will be able to purchase extra luncheon tickets, golf tournament registration fee(s), and agricultural tour tickets through registration. Payment can be by credit card through PAYPAL, or by check mailed to the ASSCT office.

Group Registration: Companies that wish to submit group registration should use the ASSCT Group Registration form found on the “Joint Annual Meeting” page of the ASSCT.org website.

Hotel Reservations: Please note the deadline to make hotel reservations at the ASSCT-negotiated discount is **May 28, 2018**. A limited number of rooms are available, so please reserve your rooms ASAP. Room rates which include resort fee and self-parking start at \$169. Room reservations may be made on-line at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/ASSCTJUNE2018> or by phone (888-421-1442). If you reserve your room by phone, be sure to identify yourself as an ASSCT member.

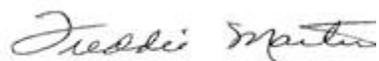
Members who make hotel reservations and register for the meeting by May 28 will be eligible for a drawing to receive a complimentary two night stay at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Information regarding hotel reservations, pre-registration, and extra-curricular activities (including the Monday morning golf tournament and the agricultural tour on Thursday) is available on our ASSCT website (<http://www.assct.org>) under “Joint Annual Meeting”.

Call For Papers: The procedure on submitting a paper at the joint annual meeting can be found on the “Joint Annual Meeting” page of the ASSCT.org website.

Honorary Membership: Nominations for Honorary Membership must be submitted through respective divisions at least 30 days before the joint annual meeting. Contact your division Secretary/Treasurer if you wish to nominate a fellow member for honorary membership.

I am confident that we will have a very successful Joint Annual Meeting of the ASSCT. Join me in thanking the Florida Division Executive Committee for their efforts in hosting the 2018 meeting. I look forward to seeing you in “Sunny Florida”.

Sincerely,



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