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TO: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS

RE: THE 50th ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE ASSCT

The 50th Annual Joint meeting of the American Society of Sugarcane Technologists will be held at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa, Savannah, GA on June 16-18, 2020. The resort, on the bank of the Savannah River, has excellent meeting facilities. The resort and the Savannah Historic District, which is minutes away, offers a myriad of activities for guests of all ages.

Our 50th Joint Annual Meeting will begin Tuesday evening with a welcome reception.

Participants will enjoy refreshments and hors d'oeuvres while visiting friends and colleagues in the exhibit hall. The plenary session will be held Wednesday morning, followed by technical sessions that afternoon and all-day Thursday. **The meeting will close Thursday evening with a Gala celebration.** 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.

Meeting Registration: We are using on-line registration for the 2020 June meeting. Members can purchase extra luncheon and banquet tickets while registering. Click on one of the following links for meeting pre-registration. Click the “**PAY by CHECK**” link to register and pay by check. The url is <https://f8s.co/23gd>. After registering send your check to the ASSCT office. Click on the “**PAY by PAYPAL**” link to register and pay by PAYPAL. The url is <https://f8s.co/23ge>. Transaction fees are included. The “Meeting Registration” links are available on the “Joint Annual Meeting” page of the ASSCT.org website.

Hotel Reservations: **The deadline to make hotel reservations at the ASSCT-negotiated discount is May 15, 2020. A limited number of rooms are available, so reserve your rooms ASAP. Click here to make your Hotel Reservations On-line.** The link for on-line reservations is also available on the “Joint Annual Meeting” page of the ASSCT.org website. Room reservations may be made by phone (800-228-3000); **if you reserve your room by phone, be sure to identify yourself as an ASSCT member.** Room rates start at \$195.

Members who make hotel reservations and register for the meeting by May 15 will be eligible for a drawing to receive a complementary two-night stay at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. Information regarding hotel reservations, pre-registration, and

extra-curricular activities 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.

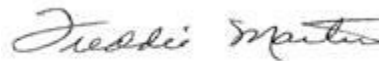
Activities: The Westin Savannah Harbor offers its guests a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Among the activities that guests can enjoy are tennis, swimming, bike riding, and golf. Although ASSCT will not sponsor a golf tournament this year, members can arrange tee times at The Club at Savannah Harbor.

Accompanying Persons: Due to the variety of activities available at The Westin Savannah Harbor resort and the Savannah Historic District we will not have an official ASSCT accompanying persons program this year. There are outdoor and indoor activities for every member of the family.

Imperial Sugar Refinery Tour: The Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) has approved our request to tour the Imperial Sugar Refinery in Port Wentworth (just outside of Savannah) on Friday, June 19, 2020. Note...Because of the refinery limitations, tour participation will be limited to the first 100 who register. Participants will travel to the refinery by bus. Plan on departing the Westin Savannah Harbor at 7:30 AM and return by 11:45 AM. This tour is restricted to adults and children 13 years or older. Appropriate attire for touring food manufacturing facility will be required.

I am confident that we will have a very successful 50th Joint Annual Meeting of the ASSCT. Join me in thanking the Florida Division Executive Committee for their efforts in hosting the 2020 meeting. I look forward to seeing you at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa.

Sincerely,



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