



newsletter

Jamaican Association of Sugar Technologists

To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

August 23, 2010

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

The 73rd Annual Conference of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists (JAST) is scheduled to take place on **Thursday and Friday, November 11 & 12, 2010 at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios.**

This two-day Conference under the theme "**Jamaica's Sugar Cane Industry beyond 2010**", will focus on a wide range of topical issues as the industry approaches a new phase in it's development. The agenda for the Conference as well as other details will be posted later.

DEVELOPMENTS in the INDUSTRY

Much is in the making this year regarding the future direction of Jamaica's Sugar Industry.

- Firstly, the divestment of the remaining 3 entities of the SCJ Holdings to the Chinese firm COMPLANT International Sugar Industry Company Ltd., has now been concluded. The new owners will take possession after the reaping of the 2010/2011 sugar crop.
- A **Commission of Inquiry** into Jamaica's Sugar Industry to determine the way forward is now in progress. Matters to do with the Regulation of the Industry, Research & Development, Cane Pricing and Marketing arrangements for Sugar are being reviewed. The Commission headed by Prof. Alvin Wint will submit its Report by September 30, 2010.

JAST hopes that these matter will be fully advanced to entertain fruitful discussions at our upcoming 73rd Annual Conference.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

The Executive Committee invites papers for the 73rd Annual Conference in the following areas: Agriculture, Engineering, Manufacturing/Processing, Management/Accounting and Human Resource Development. Papers should be of a technical nature with focus on technology, efficiency and production. Papers should be non-commercial and should not seek to promote any particular product or item. For more guidelines on the submission of papers, please visit the website:

<http://www.jamaicasugar.org/> (JAST related).

Please submit titles of papers with abstract, not exceeding 200 words, to the JAST Secretariat no later than

September 24, 2010. A draft of the full text should be submitted by October 08, 2010. The following software should be used:

- Word Perfect for text
- Microsoft Power Point for presentations.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Sunset Jamaica Grande offers **special rates** to facilitate our Conference this year. The rates are as follows:-

US\$130 per night single occupancy (all-inclusive)

US\$160 per night double occupancy (all-inclusive)

US\$240 per night triple occupancy (all-inclusive)

Child Rate - US\$30.00 per child/night (3-12 yrs) sharing with 2 adults.

CONFERENCE CHARGES

A Registration Fee of J\$700.00 (members) and J\$1,000.00 (non-members) will be charged at the Conference

A Conference Pass for persons not rooming at the hotel will be available at **US\$45.00 per day** and covers **coffee break and lunch**

OR

Day Pass of **US\$60.00 per day** for coffee break, lunch and beverages from the bar up to 6:00p.m.

JAST INVITATIONS

- JAST invites business interests and suppliers of goods and services to advertise in our colourful Conference Magazine.
- JAST invites all interests and stakeholders to participate in this **73rd Annual Conference**:
 - Sugar Industry Authority
 - Wray & Nephew Group
 - Worthy Park Estate Ltd.
 - Golden Grove Sugar Company Ltd.
 - Everglades Farms Ltd.
 - Cane Farmers' Association
 - Sugar Divestment Enterprise (SDE)/COMPLANT
 - Workers Unions.

For more information on the upcoming JAST Conference, please contact: *Derek Little or Paulette Wright*

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