



# Newsletter

Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

August 20, 2013

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2013

### THE 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists (JAST) will stage its **76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** at the **Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios, on November 7 & 8, 2013**.

The Conference embraces another milestone in the life of the Association as it continues to focus on the prospects, challenges and developments in the Sugar Cane Industry.

For the past several years the industry has been grappling with the low production of cane and sugar as well as low productivity. In light of this the Conference this year will stage a **Symposium** under the Theme **"Tackling the Sugar Cane Production Needs of the Industry"**.

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

#### **Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013**

Registration and Exhibitor Displays start at 8:00 a.m. The **Opening Plenary Session** commences at **10:00 a.m.** The Symposium on Cane Production will be the main event scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

#### **Friday, Nov. 8, 2013**

Registration commences at 8:00 a.m. Joint presentations begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by Sectional Meetings in Agriculture and Manufacturing/Processing

The **Annual Awards Ceremony & Banquet** closes the Conference and will take place on **Friday**, commencing at **6:30 p.m.**

The Executive Committee of JAST headed by President, *Mr. Derek Little*, invites you all to participate in the upcoming Conference as we seek to rebuild sugar cane production, which is so vital to the future of Jamaica's Sugar Industry.

### SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

The Executive Committee invites papers for the 76<sup>th</sup> 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/> (Links/JAST/Guidelines).

Please submit titles of papers with abstract, not exceeding 200 words, to the JAST Secretariat no later than **September 20, 2013**. A draft of the full text should be submitted by **September 30, 2013**. 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\$134 per night** single occupancy (all-inclusive)  
**US\$164 per night** double occupancy (all-inclusive)  
**US\$244 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 6:00 p.m.

Reservation Forms as well as forms for pre-registration will be made available in due course.

### SPECIAL INVITATION

- JAST cordially invites **business interests** and **suppliers of goods** and **services** to the Industry to be sponsors, exhibitors as well as advertisers in our colourful 2013 Conference Magazine.
- Special invitation to stakeholders in the Industry:
  - ▶ **Sugar Industry Authority**
  - ▶ **J. Wray & Nephew Group**
  - ▶ **Worthy Park Estate Ltd.**
  - ▶ **Golden Grove Sugar Company Ltd.**
  - ▶ **Everglades Farms Ltd.**
  - ▶ **Cane Farmers' Association**
  - ▶ **Pan Caribbean Sugar Company Ltd.**
  - ▶ **Workers Unions.**

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

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***"JAST Keeping the Industry Focused on the Future."***