



newsletter

Jamaican Association of Sugar Technologists

October 28, 2013

To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists CONFERENCE UPDATE - 2013

The 76th Annual Conference of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists (JAST), will be held at the **Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios, St. Ann** on **November 7th and 8th 2013**.

Registration for the Conference commences at 8:00 am on **Thursday, November 7** followed by the **Opening Session at 10:00 a.m.** A registration fee of J\$700 per person (members), J\$1,000 (non-members) and US\$12.00 (non-resident Associate Members) is payable at Registration.

Conference Pass for persons **not rooming** at the Hotel will be available at Registration at a cost of **US\$45.00 per day** for **lunch and coffee break**.

OR

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

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Sunset Jamaica Grande offers special all-inclusive rates:-

US\$134 per night	single occupancy	(all-inclusive)
US\$164 per night	double occupancy	(all-inclusive)
US\$224 per night	triple occupancy	(all-inclusive)

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

Highlights

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 07, 2013

- **Opening Session** commences at 10:00 a.m.
- **An Address** to the Conference by the **Honourable Roger Clarke, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries**
- **Review of the 2012/2013 Sugar Crop**
- **An Update on the World's Sugar Situation**

SYMPOSIUM

"Tackling the Sugar Cane Production Needs of the Industry" will be held at 2:00 p.m.

The **77th Annual General Meeting** of the Association, will take place at **4:00 p.m.**

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 08, 2013

Registration commences at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Joint Field and Factory Session at 8:30 a.m.

- **Update on GOJ Sugar Adaptation Strategy**
- **Overview of SCJ Holdings Monitoring Role of Divested Sugar Estates**

AWARDS CEREMONY & BANQUET

The Awards Ceremony and Banquet will be held on **Friday, November 08, 2013** commencing at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails.

The **JAST 2013 Award** goes to **Mr. Malcolm Easy-Bennett-Agronomist/Variety Specialist**, for his outstanding contribution to the Development of sugar cane varieties in Jamaica.

Best Paper in Agriculture - 2012 Conference - Messrs. Trevor Falloon and Lancelot White for the paper, **"Climate Change and the Sugar Cane Industry"**.

Best Paper in Manufacturing/Processing - 2012 Conference to Messrs. Kwesi Falconer & Clydwyn Williams for the paper, **"Environmental Management Practices using Electronic Devices as a Guide"**.

Best Kept Factory 2013 - Worthy Park Estate Ltd.

Best Performing Core Laboratory 2013 - PCS, Monymusk

Guest Speaker for the **Awards Ceremony & Banquet** will be the **Hon. Reverend Ronald Thwaites, Minister of Education**.

Cost of the Banquet is \$6,000.00 per person.

CONFERENCE 2012 DVD

Limited copies of DVD of the **General Session and Awards Ceremony** will be available at \$700.00 each from the Registration Desk. Also you may book your copies of DVD for the 2013 Conference as well, which will be available at a later date.

ELECTION of the 2013/2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The nomination of members to serve on the 2013/2014 Executive Committee have been completed and the election process is in progress. **Please return your ballots to the JAST Secretariat by Tuesday, November 05, 2013.** You may fax these and take the original with you on the first day of the Conference.

Looking forward to seeing you at our **76th Annual Conference**.

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