



Newsletter

Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

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THE 77th ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2014

The Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists (JAST) will stage its **77th Annual Conference** at the **RIU Hotel & Resorts, Ocho Rios, St. Ann**, on **November 6 & 7, 2014**.

The Conference embraces another important milestone in the life of the Association as it continues to guide the industry on a technological pathway, which is necessary for sustainable development.

Located at Mammee Bay on the outskirts of Ocho Rios, the RIU offers attractive rates and facilities as well as a refreshing environment for a Conference.

The new venue however, calls for some new arrangements for the Conference, which will include pre-registration, bookings for accommodation, pre-arrangements for coffee break and commitment for Day Pass and Banquet. In due course the JAST Secretariat will provide the necessary information including rates to facilitate these arrangements.

The Executive Committee of JAST headed by President, Mr. Derek Little, invites members and friends to participate in the upcoming Annual Conference under the theme "**Positioning for Increase Cane and Sugar Production**".

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

The Executive Committee invites papers for the 77th 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 16, 2014**. A draft of the full text should be submitted by **September 30, 2014**, in order to qualify for presentation. The following software should be used:

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

CONFERENCE DVDs

DVD recordings of the **75th Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony & Banquet** are still available from the JAST Secretariat at a reasonable price of J\$500.00.

Also, **DVD** recordings of the **76th Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony & Banquet** are also available on order. Kindly contact the JAST Secretariat to secure your copies as you may wish to archive these as lasting memories when JAST celebrates another milestone, i.e. its **100th Anniversary**.

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 **2014 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.**
 - **Pan Caribbean Sugar Company Ltd.**
 - **Cane Farmers' Association**
 - **Workers Unions.**

JAST Conference - the most interesting annual event on the Industry's calendar

For more information on the upcoming JAST Conference, please contact:

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