



To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

Conference Reflections

The 73rd Annual Conference of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists held on November 11 & 12, 2010, was another successful event put on by the Association. The attendance numbering 158 on Day 1 and a record attendance of 216 on Day 2, represented a wide cross section of participants including Members (Resident & Non-Resident), Affiliates, Business Interests and Observers.

The Opening Session of the Conference was addressed by the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries, Dr. The Hon. Christopher Tufton. In his address, he indicated that the Report of the Wint's Commission of Enquiry in the Sugar Industry has been mutually accepted by all Stakeholders and the recommendations will be implemented soon after Cabinet's approval.

The Conference also provided the opportunity for the presentation of some 27 papers in the fields of Agriculture, Manufacturing/Processing and Occupational Health and Safety in the Industry.

The Executive Committee expresses sincere thanks to everyone who participated and in particular to our Sponsors: Agro Grace, Newport-Fersan (Jamaica) Ltd., Diamond R Fertilizer, MAPEX LLC, AG-CHEM, Worthy Park Distillery and the many Advertisers in our Conference Magazine.

The Awards Ceremony and Banquet, which concluded the Conference, presented Awards to two cane farmers: Mr. L.B. Rhoden - Westmoreland and Mr. Noel Lowe - Clarendon for their significant contributions to sugar cane production over many years.

Guest Speaker at the Banquet was Mr. Vitus Evans, President of the Jamaica Exporters' Association (JEA).

The Executive Committee 2010/2011

Results of ballots circulated for the election of the Executive Committee were announced at the 74th Annual General Meeting. The full list of the Executive including Vice-Presidents elected at the first meeting of the Executive Committee are as follows:-

President	Mr. Ian Maxwell - Appleton
Agricultural Section	Mr. Derek Little, VP - SIRI Mr. Steve Coster - New Yarmouth Mr. Gary Simpson - New Yarmouth Mr. Victor Wright - SDE, Frome (co-opted)

Manufacturing Section	Mr. Delroy Foster, VP - Appleton Mr. George Morris - Golden Grove Mr. Richard Bryan - Appleton Mr. James Dawkins - Everglades (co-opted)
Management/Accounting Section	Mr. Herman Chambers, VP - W/Park Mr. Keith Scott - SIA Mr. Michael Martin - SPF
Secretary	Ms. Paulette Wright - SIRI
Treasurer	Mr. Cecil Woolery - SIRI
Ex Officio Members	Dr. Earle Roberts - SIRI Mr. Trevor Falloon - SIRI

The 75th Anniversary of JAST

This year marks 75 years of the Jamaica Association of Sugar technologists (JAST). Founded in 1936, by the Hon. AC Barnes, JAST has played the pivotal role in providing the forum for technical discourse on all matters relating to sugar cane production and sugar processing. In commemorating this milestone several events including a Sugar Week will be announced during the year and celebrations will culminate at our Annual Conference in November 2011.

Upcoming Events

A joint Field/Factory Day in partnership with New Yarmouth and Monymusk will take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 commencing 9:30 a.m. at New Yarmouth.

Field Activities:

- Expansion of State of the Art Drip Irrigation at New Yarmouth.
- Redevelopment of Cane Lands at Monymusk and visit to 30 yr ratoon field.

Factory Activities:

- New Perforated Mill Rolls at Monymusk
- Processing Improvements
- Power House Cogeneration on track to supply some 2 megawatt electricity to JPS.
- Steam Exportation to the Distillery Plant
- Distillery Visit.

Please confirm your attendance by April 8, 2011 to:-

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