



Newsletter

Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

August 15, 2016

To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

THE 79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2016

The Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists (JAST) will stage its **79th Annual Conference** at the RIU Hotel & Resorts, Ocho Rios on November 3 and 4, 2016. As the saying goes for Jamaica's Sugar Industry "down but not out", this is the occasion when JAST seeks to motivate everyone and re-energize the industry towards improved performance.

Our 79th Annual Conference this year commences with the Opening Session at 10:00am on Thursday November 3 and closes with the 80th Annual General Meeting on Friday afternoon. The Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet will not be held this year. The executive Committee invites everyone and looks forward to the participation of members and friends as a display of vested interest in the future of Jamaica's Sugar Industry.

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 **2016 Conference Magazine**.

Special invitation to stakeholders in the Industry:

- Sugar Industry Authority
- All Island Jamaica Cane Farmers' Association
- J. Wray & Nephew Group
- Worthy park Estate Ltd.
- Golden Grove Sugar Company Ltd.
- Everglades Farms Ltd.
- Pan Caribbean Sugar Company Ltd.
- Workers Unions

Submission of Papers

The Executive Committee invites papers for the 79th 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/\(Links/JAST/Guidelines\)](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 15, 2016. A draft of the full text should be submitted by September 30, 2015, in order to qualify for presentation. The following software should be used:

- Word perfect for text
- Microsoft Powerpoint for presentations.

Hotel Accommodation

The RIU offers special all-inclusive rates for the Conference as follows:

Partial Sea View Rooms	US\$168/night	single
	US\$232/night	double
Sea View Rooms	US\$182/night	single
	US\$250/night	double
Sea View Junior Suite	US\$200/night	single
	US\$277/night	double

Please note: *Persons requiring 2 nights stay can now book their rooms through the JAST Secretariat to obtain confirmation. Persons requiring 1 night stay will only get confirmation within 21 days prior to arrival.*

Further details regarding the Conference Agenda, hotel bookings and Conference Pass will be made available in subsequent newsletter.

*For more information contact The JAST Secretariat
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JAST Conference - the most interesting annual event on the Industry's calendar of activities