



# newsletter

Jamaican Association of Sugar Technologists

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**To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists**

## **CONFERENCE UPDATE - 2014**

**P**lans are in full gear for the staging of the 77<sup>th</sup> **Annual Conference** of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists (JAST). This will be held on **November 6 and 7, 2014**, at the **RIU Hotel & Resorts, Mammee Bay, Ocho Rios, St. Ann.**

Registration for the Conference commences at 8:30 am on **Thursday, November 6** followed by the **Opening Session** at **10:00 a.m.** A registration fee of J\$1,000 per person (members), J\$1,500 (non-members) and US\$12.00 (non-resident Associate Members) is payable at Registration.

Persons **not rooming** at the hotel and require **Conference Pass** of **US\$65.00** or **Day Pass** of **US\$75.00** should have pre-registered and made payment to the **JAST Secretariat**. If you have not done so as yet please do so now. While late payment will be accepted at the Conference **Registration Desk** you must pre-register now with the JAST Secretariat.

### *Highlights*

#### THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 06, 2014

- **Opening Session** commences at 10:00 a.m.
- **Opening Address** to the Conference by the **Honourable Luther Buchanan, Minister of State** in the **Ministry of Agriculture, Labour and Social Security**
- **Review of the 2013/2014 Sugar Crop**
- **Panel Discussion "Process Control for Standardizing Sugar Quality"**
- **The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

#### FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 07, 2014

Registration commences at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Joint Session with general presentations at 8:30 a.m

- **A Keynote Address** to the Conference will be delivered by **Special Guest, Mr. Jose Orive, Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization (ISO).**
- **Sectional Meetings** for technical presentations in Agriculture and Manufacturing/Processing will take place at **1:00 p.m.**

#### **AWARDS CEREMONY & BANQUET**

**T**he Awards Ceremony and Banquet will be held on **Friday, November 07, 2014** commencing at **6:30 p.m.** with cocktails. A **Posthumous Award** to the late **Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Roger Clarke**, will be presented to **Mrs. Sonia Clarke.**

**Guest Speaker** for the Awards Ceremony & Banquet will be the **Mr. Jose Orive, Executive Director, International Sugar organization (ISO).**

#### **OTHER AWARDS**

**Best Paper in Agriculture - 2013 Conference** - Messrs. Nigel Myrie and Lincoln Davy, "*Developing Machinery Cost for Cane Harvesting*".

**Best Paper in Manufacturing/Processing - 2013 Conference** to Messrs. Kwesi Falconer & Clydwyn Williams, "*Environmental Management Practices using Electronic Devices as a Guide*".

**Record Sugar Production in 2014** to **Appleton Factory**  
**Record Sugar Production in 2014** to **Worthy Park Estate**  
**Improved Sugar Production in 2014** to **Golden Grove Sugar**  
**Improved Sugar Production in 2014** to **Everglades Farms**

Secure your tickets for the Awards Ceremony & Banquet by calling the JAST Secretariat. **Cost of the Banquet** is \$6,500.00 per person.

#### **ELECTION of the 2014/2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**N**omination Forms for persons to serve on the 2014/2015 Executive Committee were dispatched to the *Full Member Category* on September 15, 2014 and returned October 3, 2014. From the returned Nominations only incumbent members on the Committee were nominated to serve in the designated positions for the 2014/2015 year. The full Executive Committee therefore, has been returned to serve for 2014/2015 and this has eliminated the need for the election exercise.

#### **THE RIU CONFERENCE CENTRE**

**T**he Conference Room of the Hotel is located on the right side of the Entrance Drive Way, which is a little distance from the main lobby. Look out for Feather Banners as well as the JAST Conference sign on the right side of the entrance. You may park motor vehicles along the right side of the Drive Way or otherwise in the parking lots provided.

Looking forward to seeing you at the **77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** of the **Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists.**

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