October 28, 2010

Greeting SEB-ESA and APS-CD Members:

**Welcome to San Juan, Puerto Rico - a beautiful and historic city!** The SEB Local Arrangement Committee (LAC) and the APS-CD Organizing Committee (OC) have been diligently making local preparations to make the Joint 85th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America and the XXI Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathology Society-Caribbean Division, to be held March 19-22, 2011, a wonderful and unique experience for each attendee.

An important function of the LAC and OC is to ensure that the session rooms are comfortable, there is properly working equipment, and to facilitate the fulfillment of your conference needs. We are certain that you will have a most pleasant experience throughout your travel to Puerto Rico, including the welcome reception on the beach on Sunday night and the closing evening social on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Monday has been set aside for a professional tour and is included with the registration fee. You can choose between one of three tours: El Yunque Tropical Rain Forest, which is the only tropical rain forest within the US National Parks system; tour of tropical fruit production; or the tour of crops on the dry southern side of the island.

Filled with historic sites capturing the essence and tradition of Puerto Rico, Old San Juan makes a great local tour. San Juan was founded in 1521 by Ponce De Leon. Other opportunities and countless activities including birding, canoeing on a bioluminescent bay, world class fishing, and snorkeling are available. The conference hotel has a tour desk to facilitate these and other activities or requests.

**Guest Program**
Several meeting participants are expected to bring one or more guests. To help those traveling with you have a wonderful experience, we have a meeting room for your registered conference guests. We are also working on special activities for them to keep entertained. Also, guests who are registered for the conference will be able to join you on the professional tour, coffee breaks, welcome reception, the awards luncheon, and closing banquet. Of course, your guest is welcome to listen to your presentation.

**Program Overview**
Saturday: Executive Committee and other committee meetings: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
Sunday: Opening session, Scientific presentations, Evening social: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm.
Monday: Open day for tours, exploration, discovery, and collecting.
Tuesday: Scientific presentations, Evening closing social, Meeting closure: 8:00 am-10:00 pm.
Wednesday: Departure or explore Puerto Rico on your own.

**Paper submission deadline is 17 December 2010**
**Hotel Information**
The Caribe Hilton Resort is our meeting site. This hotel is set on an exclusive peninsula, made up of 17 acres of lush tropical gardens. This resort is ideally situated between the historic old San Juan and the exciting Condado business district, offering a secluded beach, lavish accommodations and amenities tailored to families, couples and business travelers. The address for the official accommodation and meeting site is:

- Caribe Hilton Resort
- Address: Los Rosales Street, 1 San Geronimo Grounds, San Juan, PR 00901
- Phone: 787-721-0303
- FAX: 787-724-6992

**Room Rates**
Rooms are being held for our group from March 18-23, 2011. Based on room availability, our group rate will also be honored for attendees who may wish to arrive 3 days before or stay 3 days after the meeting. Daily room rates for our group are as follows:

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**Cut-off date**
The cut-off date for hotel reservation is Friday, February 25, 2011.

**Room Reservation**
To make reservations, individuals may call the hotel Reservations Department directly at (787) 721-0303 Ext. 2156 or (800) 468-8585, fax (787) 724-6992 or email the hotel at reservations.caribe@Hilton.com. Please be advised that a credit card or other method as noted below is required to guarantee room reservations. **The group code is ESAA11.**


Check-in time is 4:00 PM; check-out time is 12:00 noon. All guests arriving before 4:00 PM will be accommodated as rooms become available. The hotel Front Office Staff or Bellman Staff can arrange to check baggage for those arriving too early to check in. The 14% Resort fee will not be charged to rooms in our block. Also, there will be complimentary internet access in all of our rooms. Other hotel fees and taxes, however, will be charged.

**Method of Room Guarantee**
A deposit equal to one night’s stay is required to hold each individual’s reservation. Personal check, money order, or a valid American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diner’s Club Card, or Carte Blanche card is acceptable. Should a guest cancel a reservation, the deposit will be refunded if notice is received at least three (3) working days before arrival, and a cancellation number is obtained.

**Early Hotel Departure Fee**
In the event a guest checks out before the guest’s reserved check-out date, the Hotel will add an early check-out fee to that guest’s individual account. Guests wishing to avoid an early check-out fee should advise the Hotel at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.
Transportation

Visa – Because Puerto Rico is a Commonwealth of the United States, you do not need a visa or passport to fly to Puerto Rico from other locations in the US. Travelers arriving from other countries, who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. residents, should visit the US Department of State web site at: http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/ for temporary visa information. For cash (US$), ATMs are plentiful around the island.

Airport - The Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport (SJU) is a major interconnecting point to the Caribbean as well as a hub for airlines such as American Airlines. The airport is served by large aircraft from airlines including: American Airlines, BWIA, Delta, Continental, Air Canada, British Airways, Iberia, Lufthansa, Northwest, TWA, United, US Airways and Virgin Atlantic. Other airlines also fly into and out of Puerto Rico, so do not limit yourself to the above-listed airlines.

Local Transport - The airport is about 7 miles (less than 15 minutes) from the conference hotel and can be reached by taxi, public bus or rental car. The hotel is about a 10 minute taxi ride to the historic district of Old San Juan which has a fort maintained by the US Park Service, colonial homes and buildings, and abundant shops and restaurants.

Driving Directions to Caribe Hilton Resort from Luis Muñoz International Airport
Take first exit to the right to Baldoriroty Expressway 26 West.
Drive straight for approximately 7 miles.
The expressway ends and you continue on Munoz Rivera 25.
Go over the Dos Hermanos Bridge and go through one set of traffic lights.
Follow the road around the corner and the Caribe Hilton Hotel will be on the right-hand side.

Parking
Registered Guests - Self Parking: $15.00USD; VALET $20.00USD. IN-OUT ALLOWED.
Visitors – Hourly Self Parking: $8.00 - up to 4 hr; $10.00 - up to 6 hrs; $15.00 - up to 8 hrs; $17.00 - up to 10 hrs; $20.00 - up to 12 hrs.

We look forward to seeing you at the joint SEB-ESA / APS-CD meeting in San Juan!

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