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Note From the National President



Wow! What a fun filled conference we had in Orlando, Florida this past July. I hope everyone is planning to attend the 2009 National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri July 25-28th.

Orlando was filled with networking opportunities, tours, judging contest, and lots of fun. Here's a recap:

Many undergraduates got the opportunity to tour Leu Gardens to help them prepare for the competition on Monday. This also allowed us to get to know one another and although our bus driver got lost, it provided for a good time. The students really enjoyed the giant elephant ears!!!

Monday was a great day of competition with the Texas A&M team winning overall. Monday afternoon we had a great round of undergraduate presentations. The student premier workshop prepared students for what the conference entailed and answered student questions on proper etiquette for the conference. Tuesday, many students traveled to Disney World or took part in the career symposium that took place.

Wednesday was the business meeting where a new group of officers were selected for the coming year: President: Sarah Hobbie – Northwest Missouri State University, Vice President – Amanda Krieg – Mississippi State, Secretary/Treasurer: Courtney Maier – Texas A&M, and Reporter - Isaac Wong. Wednesday afternoon students attended the ASHS Business Meeting and were recognized for the competitions they competed in. Thursday – some students got to tour Disney World's Greenhouses and see their topiary production. Then, they all headed to catch plane rides home.

St. Louis proves it will be just as exciting and the opportunities are there – for friendly competition, tours, and fun. Excited to see you there!

Sarah Hobbie, National ASHS - ACB President

About the 2009 Meetings

69th Annual Meeting
Southern Region of the
American Society for Horticultural Sciences
Atlanta, GA
January 31 to February 2, 2009

Important Deadlines

January 16, 2009
[Hotel Group Rate Registration](#)

January 20, 2008
[SR-ASHS Pre-Registration Deadline](#)

Undergraduate Events

The SRASHS sponsors many ACB activities and events to enrich the undergraduate experience. The following is a compilation of the activities that are of interest to undergraduate students.

ACB Events

The Club Share is the first undergraduate event of ASHS, and it provides a good opportunity for undergraduate students and organizations to share the accomplishments that their clubs have achieved throughout the year.

The Group Lunch and Tours allow students to interact and experience some of the sights that the locale.

The Reception usually brings the day to the close, wrapping up any further business necessary to present before dismissal.

The Business meeting is the last ACB meeting. The results of the judging contests are announced, and officers are elected for the upcoming year.

J. B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Award

The J.B. Edmond Paper Award aims to recognize outstanding oral paper presentations based on original research conducted by undergraduate students.

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Award

The National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Award recognize outstanding poster presentations based on original research conducted by undergraduate and graduate students.

Even if you are not presenting a paper or a poster, you should attend to support your fellow students and learn about what your peers are doing in horticultural research.

J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest

J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest recognizes the outstanding clubs and club members who demonstrate proficiency in the identification and judging of landscape and woody ornamentals, herbaceous perennials, floricultural crops, vegetables, fruits, and nuts.

Business Meeting/Awards Program

The Business Meeting/Awards Program is the final meeting for SR-ASHS. Here Paper and Poster awards are announced, and the SR-ASHS conference is concluded.

ACB Itinerary

Event	Time
Saturday 1/31	
ACB Club Share • International Room B	10:00-11:30 AM
ACB Group Lunch • International Room B	11:30-1:30 PM
ACB Activities or Tour • International Room B	1:30-5:00 PM
ACB Reception • International Room B	5:00-6:00 PM
Sunday 2/1	
J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Paper Competition • International Room E	8:00-9:15 AM
J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest Set-Up • Augusta I	8:00-12:00 PM
J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest • Augusta I	12:00-5:00 PM
Poster Session Set-Up • The Overlook Room	8:00-12:00 PM
Poster Session Viewing & Judging • The Overlook Room	12:00-5:00 PM
Monday 2/2	
Poster Session Viewing • The Overlook Room	8:00-12:30 PM
Poster Take Down • The Overlook Room	12:30-4:00 PM
ACB Business Meeting • International Room D	9:00-10:45 AM
Business Meeting/Awards Program • International Room D	11:30-1:30 PM

2008-2009 ACB Officers

Name	Position
Dustin Blue	President
Amanda Krieg	Vice-President
Iris Clawson	Treasurer
Kadie Koepp	Secretary
Shannon Slivinske	ACB Representative
Isaac Wong	Newsletter Editor