

2017 Fall Newsletter

Call for Paper Titles and Award Nominations



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- Edmund, Childers, Barham and Poster Judging competitions
- SAAS Board Meeting

Sunday

- Poster session and viewing
- ACB Business meeting and election of new officers
- Commodity Section meetings.
- Business Meeting
- Super Bowl Party if you hang around

About the 2018 Annual Meeting

Jacksonville, FL
February 2-4, 2018

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS) in Jacksonville, FL at the Hyatt Regency. SAAS indicated the hotel was flooded by Hurricane Irma. We must assume this will not affect the meetings being held there in 5 months. You will be kept posted.

Schedule of the Meetings

The general schedule of the meetings will be:

Friday

- Working Group Meetings
- Administrators Meetings
- ACB Club Share and tour
- Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday

- Poster session set-up and viewing
- ACB judging contest
- Working Group Meetings

- Extension and Education Sections meetings

Forms

Where to Get All Needed Forms

The Southern Region web site:

<http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html>

- ACB Awards Nomination Forms
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award Nomination form
- Member Awards Nomination Forms
- Submit Paper Titles & Instructions
- Abstract Preparation Instructions
- Instructions to Section Chairs
- Submit Directory Information
- Instructions to Judges

Southern Region Dues

ASHS Headquarters collects and manages dues for the Southern Region. It is recommended that you pay your dues with your yearly ASHS membership. If you are not a member of National ASHS, you can pay your dues through the ASHS Online Store at <https://ashs.site-ym.com/store/default.aspx?> or at the annual meetings. Dues are \$30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.

SR-ASHS Web Site Address
srashs.org

ASHS Web Site Address
ashs.org

SAAS Web Site Address
saasinc.org

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville- Riverfront

225 E Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL
32202

Phone: 904.588.1234

Fax: 904.633.9988

Deadline to make reservations: Friday,
January 22, 2018

Group Rates:

Single/Double/Triple: \$139/night

Quad: \$159/night

Riverview Room: +\$20/night

Premier Room: +40/night

Junior Suite: +100/night

SAAS rate includes: No resort fee, no
fee for Health Club or pool usage, and
50% discount on self-parking fees.

Reservations: can be made online or by
calling

1-888-421-1442 and refer to the
Southern Association of Agricultural
Scientists (SAAS) group block.

Reservations can include 3 days ahead
and 3 days after the meeting dates at the
discounted group rate, if rooms are
available.

NOTE: Check back Oct. 15 for a
dedicated website to reserve lodging.

Check in: 3:00 pm

Check out: Noon

AIRPORT INFORMATION

The Jacksonville International Airport (JAX),
located at 2400 Yankee Clipper Dr.,
Jacksonville, FL 32218, is approximately 15
miles (22 minutes) from the conference hotel.

Call for Paper Titles – Sections

Deadlines: November 10 - Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
November 20 - Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

Submission of Paper Title and Presentation of Paper: One of the authors must be registered for the conference (SR-ASHS or one of the other societies and SAAS); authors do not have to be dues paying members of SR-ASHS.

Abstract Publication: To publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org).

If all authors have the same address, use the following format for Paper Titles:

Identification of the Compounds Contributing to Antioxidant Activity in Specialty Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* L.). Lavanya Reddivari* and J.C. Miller, Jr., Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2133. (lavanya@neo.tamu.edu)

If authors have separate addresses, use the following format for Paper Titles:

Molecular Marker Analysis of a Segregating Blackberry Population. Eric T. Stafne^{1*}, John R. Clark¹, and Kim S. Lewers², ¹316 Plant Science, Department of Horticulture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701, ²USDA-ARS Fruit Lab., 10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705. (estafne@uark.edu)

*indicates the presenting author; list corresponding author's email address at the end of the abstract.

Send Titles to Section Chairs

Education Section

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bpearson@ufl.edu

Extension Section

Elina Coneva, Chair
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Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section

Thayne Montague, Chair
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Lubbock, TX 79409
thayne.montague@ttu.edu

Fruit Crops Section

Erick Smith, Chair
University of Georgia
2360 Rainwater Road
Tifton, GA 31793
ericks@uga.edu

Postharvest/Biotechnology Section

Ainong Shi, Chair
University of Arkansas
316 Plant Science Bldg.
Fayetteville, AR 72701
ashi@uark.edu

Vegetables Crops Section

Rick Snyder, Chair
Mississippi State University
Truck Crops Experiment Station
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Crystal Springs, MS 39059
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Poster Section

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Little Rock, AR 72204
Amcwhirt@uaex.edu

Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions

Deadlines: November 10 - Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
November 20 - Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

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Abstract Publication: To publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org).

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Send Titles to the Section Chairs

Students may also present their paper or poster in the Commodity Section, if they submit the title to the appropriate Section Chair and there is an available time slot; they must notify the Chair that it is a second presentation. The abstract will only be published once with the competition papers.

Undergraduate Student Paper Competitions

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

Cynthia McKenney, Chair
Texas Tech University
Dept. of Plant & Soil Science
M.S. 2122
Lubbock, TX 79409
cynthia.mckenney@ttu.edu

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Competition

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards

Amanda McWhirt, Chair
University of Arkansas
UAEX
2301 S. University Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72204
Amcwhirt@uaex.edu

Graduate Student Paper Competition

Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Competition

and
Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Competition
Eric Stafne, Chair
Mississippi State University
Coastal REC
PO Box 193
Poplarville, MS 39470
eric.stafne@msstate.edu

Working Group Sessions

The following Working Groups will meet at the annual meeting. Information about the sessions can be obtained by contacting the respective Working Group Chair. If you have agenda items, topics, papers titles, etc. that you would like to present, contact the respective Working Group Chair.

Registration: All participants in the Working Groups must register for the SR-ASHS meeting.
Abstract Titles Deadlines: December 15 –For titles and agenda to appear in the Southern Region Program.
 November 20- For titles and agenda to appear in the SAAS Program.
 Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

Abstract Publication: To publish abstracts presented in the Working Group Sessions, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference by one of the authors. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Working Group Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org). The group of abstracts is submitted by the Working Group Chair to the Chair of the most appropriate Commodity Section; the abstracts will be published as a block under a sub-heading of the Section.

Send Agenda items, paper titles, etc. to the Working Group Chairs

Horticulture Administrators

Janet Cole, Chair
 Dept. Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
 358 Agricultural Hall
 Stillwater, OK 74078
 janet.cole@okstate.edu

Watermelon Research Group

Jerome Berneir, Chair
 Monsanto Vegetable Seeds
 37437 State Highway 16
 Woodland, CA, 95695, USA
 jerome.bernier@monsanto.com

Pecan Research & Extension Forum

Lenny Wells
 University of Georgia
 4604 Research Way
 Tifton, GA 31793
 lwells@uga.edu

National Cowpea Improvement Association

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 LSU AgCenter
 Red River Research Station
 262 Research Station Drive
 Bossier City, LA 71112
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Southern Fruit Workers

Rachel Itle, Chair
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 1109 Experiment Street
 Griffin, GA 30223
 ritle@uga.edu

National Sweet Potato Collaborators

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 Blueline Road & Highway 3
 Simcoe, ON Canada N3Y 4N5
 melanie.filotas@ontario.ca

Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee

Blair Buckley, Chair
 LSU AgCenter
 Red River Research Station
 262 Research Station Drive
 Bossier City, LA 71112
 bbuckley@agctr.lsu.edu

Call for Nominations for Student Awards

Student Paper and Poster Awards

Submit to Chair: Submit paper titles to the respective Chairs in Call for Student Paper Competition Titles

ACB Club and Club Member Awards

Requirements: See below for each award

Submit to Advisor: Mail or e-mail Nominations to the ACB Faculty Advisor listed below.

Nomination Forms: Download award forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org

Deadlines: November 10 - Nomination packet submitted to the ACB Faculty Advisor
December 15 - ACB Faculty Advisor submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

Student Oral & Poster Awards

(Submit titles to Chairs)

J.B. Edmond

Undergraduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by undergraduate students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$300, \$200 and \$100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is funded by the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Endowment.

Norman F. Childers

M.S. Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by M.S. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Norman F. Childers Endowment.

Warren S. Barham

Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by Ph.D. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Warren S. Barham Endowment.

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards

One award is given for the best undergraduate student poster and one for the best graduate student poster. The awards are certificates and \$100 for undergraduate and graduate poster.

Norman F. Childers' Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Award is given to the outstanding graduate student in the southern region. The award is \$1,000 funded by the Childers Endowment.

Send nominations to:

Ed Bush, Chair
Louisiana State University

SPESS

137 J.C. Miller Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 7803
ebush@agcenter.lsu.edu

Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

Outstanding Club Award

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ACB Clubs (active dues paid clubs) based on the club's activity record for the previous academic year. The awards are certificates and checks for \$150, \$100 and \$50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding Association of Collegiate Branch Member

The award is given to the student judged to be the Outstanding ACB Club Member. The award consists of a plaque.

J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place clubs and individuals in each commodity category. Only one team per ACB club or department may compete for awards. The ACB club must have current dues paid, and all student competitors must be registered for the current meeting. Individual students may judge as space allows. Clubs sign-up to compete at the meeting. If possible, clubs that plan on competing should notify the ACB Faculty Advisor prior to the meeting. The award consists of certificates.

Send Nominations to ACB Faculty Advisor

Steve Still, ACB Advisor
Murray State University
Hutson School of Agriculture
401S Oakley Applied Science Building
Murray, Kentucky 42071
ssill@murraystate.edu

Call for Nominations for Member Awards

Requirements:	See below for each award.
Submit to Chair:	Mail or e-mail Nominations to Awards Chair listed below.
Nomination Form:	Download Nomination Forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org
Deadlines:	November 10 - Nominations submitted to Award Chairs December 15 - Award Chairs submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award

The award recognizes outstanding teaching.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) classroom teaching and advising for 10 or more years, with primary emphasis in undergraduate teaching; (3) substantial portion of effort in teaching regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Teaching Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. Jeannie P. Miller, wife of Dr. Miller. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Teaching Award.

Send nominations to:

Helen Kraus, Chair
North Carolina State University
Dept of Hort Science
Box 7609
Raleigh, NC 27695-7609
helen_kraus@ncsu.edu

Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award

The award recognizes outstanding research.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) outstanding record in research on one or more horticultural crops and in one or more areas of horticultural research for a period of 10 or more years; (3) substantial portion of effort in research regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Research Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. J. Creighton Miller, Jr. in memory of his father. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Research Award.

Send nominations to:

Arthur Villordon, Chair
LSU Ag Center
130 Sweet Potato Road
Chase, LA 71324
avillordon@agcenter.lsu.edu

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing

The award is presented in recognition of the best published paper developed from doctoral research.

Requirements: (1) award recipient and/or primary advisor must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) submit reprint of paper published in any refereed journal, (3) paper published within calendar year of award due date and the previous calendar year; therefore for this cycle the paper must have been published in calendar year 2016 or 2017, (4) doctoral research must have been completed in horticulture at a university in the Southern Region; (5) one paper per senior author and submitted only once, The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn.

Send nominations to:

Richard Harkess, Chair
Mississippi State University
117 Dorman, Box 9555
Starkville, MS 39762
richard.harkess@msstate.edu

Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and administration, which contributes to the progress of professional horticulture.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) active administrator and leader as Department Chair or Head, or College or University administrator at a University in the Southern Region; or administrators of horticultural units, such as Universities, USDA stations, botanical gardens, arboreta, etc., with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions in horticulture. (3) not a member of the selection committee.

Send nominations to:

Doug Bailey, Chair
University of Georgia
Department of Horticulture

1111 Plant Sciences Building
Athens, GA 30602
dabailey@uga.edu

Henry M. Covington Extension Award

The award is in recognition of outstanding and valuable contributions to horticulture by an Extension Horticulturist.

Requirements: 1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) minimum 5 years' experience as an extension agent or specialist; (3) minimum 60% extension appointment; (4) not a member of the selection committee; (5) not a previous recipient or any other Region award this year. The award is endowed by the late Dr. Henry Covington and his wife. The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200.

Send nominations to:

Elina Coneva, Chair
Auburn University
101 Funchess Hall
Auburn, AL 36849
edc0001@auburn.edu

John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by a young Extension Worker.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS for at least two years; (2) person must be 35 years or younger on December 31 in year of nomination **or** 5 or less years in continuous extension experience; (3) greater than 50 percent extension appointment in horticulture (city, county, area, or state). The award consists of a \$200 award and a plaque. The award is sponsored by the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

Send nominations to:

Cheryl Boyer, Chair
Dept. of Horticulture and Natural Resources,
K-State Research and Extension
2021 Throckmorton Plant Sciences Center
Manhattan, KS 66506
crboyer@ksu.edu

Extension Communications Awards

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects. Submissions may be circulars, bulletins, tabloids, manuals, newspaper series, fact sheets, video, computer programs, and other methods of electronic delivery.

Requirements: (1) senior author must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) one publication per author; (3) entry may be submitted by the author(s) themselves or by SR-ASHS members on behalf of the authors; (3) entry should have been prepared within the past two years; (4) submit three copies (print, electronic or digital) of the entry, and (5) a completed Extension Communication Entry Form. Copies of entries will not be returned, unless arrangements are made with the Chair. The award consists of a Blue Ribbon Certificate.

Send nominations to:

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Clemson University
Dept. of Agricultural & Environmental Science
E-143 Poole Agricultural Center
Clemson, SC 29634
swhite4@clemson.edu

2017-2018 Officers, Chairs and Committees

(Term of office is from end of 2017 meeting through 2018 meeting meeting)

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