



Newsletter

Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

To: All Members of the Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists

August 19, 2011

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Jamaica Association of Sugar Technologists (JAST) celebrates **75 years** of sterling contribution to developments in Jamaica's Sugar Industry.

This landmark will be commemorated at the **74th Annual Conference** scheduled for **Thursday and Friday, November 3 and 4 2011**, at the **Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios, St. Ann**. At the beginning of the week, **Sunday October 30, 2011**, members and friends of the Association are invited to participate in a Church Service at the Ally Anglican Church - Clarendon, to give thanks for the Association's 75 years and to pray for renewed vigour so that the Association will endure at least for another 75 years.

Founded in 1936 by the late A.C. Barnes C.M.G., B.Sc., F.R.I.C., A.M.I.Che., JAST under the leadership of some 30 Presidents to-date continues to be the dynamic force holding together Jamaica's Sugar Industry. As the Industry transitions into new areas, JAST hopes to continue on this pathway and to inspire its membership to make even greater contributions.

The Executive Committee of JAST headed by President, Mr. Ian Maxwell, invites you all to participate in these events to mark this momentous occasion.

CHANGING LANDSCAPE

JAST welcomes on board the Chinese firm **COMPLANT International Sugar Industry Ltd.** - the company that has taken over the remaining 3 entities of SCJ Holdings Ltd. We wish them every success and look forward to great collaboration in Jamaica's sugar cane business.

SUBMISSION of PAPERS

The Executive Committee invites papers for the 74th 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/> (JAST related).

Please submit titles of papers with abstract, not exceeding 200 words, to the JAST Secretariat no later than September

16, 2011. A draft of the full text should be submitted by September 30, 2011. The following software should be used:

- Word Perfect for text
- Microsoft Power Point for presentations.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Sunset Jamaica Grande offers **special rates** to facilitate our Conference this year. The rates are as follows:-

US\$130 per night single occupancy (all-inclusive)
US\$155 per night double occupancy (all-inclusive)
US\$235 per night triple occupancy (all-inclusive)

Child Rate - US\$30.00 per child/night (3-12 yrs) sharing with 2 adults.

CONFERENCE CHARGES

A Registration Fee of J\$700.00 (members) and J\$1,000.00 (non-members) will be charged at the Conference.

A **Conference Pass** for persons not rooming at the hotel will be available at **US\$45.00 per day** and covers **coffee break** and **lunch**

OR

Day Pass of **US\$60.00 per day** for coffee break, lunch and beverages from the bar up to 6:00 p.m.

JAST INVITATIONS

- JAST invites business interests and suppliers of goods and services to advertise in our colourful 2011 Conference Magazine.
- Special invitation to the following stakeholders:
 - ▶ Sugar Industry Authority
 - ▶ Wray & Nephew Group
 - ▶ Worthy Park Estate
 - ▶ Golden Grove Sugar Company Ltd.
 - ▶ Everglades Farms Ltd.
 - ▶ Cane Farmers' Associations
 - ▶ COMPLANT International Sugar Industry Ltd.
 - ▶ Workers Unions.

For more information on the upcoming JAST Conference, please contact: *Derek Little or Paulette Wright*

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"JAST Keeping the Industry Focused on the Future."