



Plasticulture' 08

34th National Agricultural Plastics Congress
March 7 to March 10, 2008

Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel
Tampa, Florida

This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to meet and learn from world-renowned researchers and to gather feedback from extension professionals and crop consultants about the application of the technologies in production.

With many planned opportunities for vital networking with researchers, extension faculty, growers and plastics manufacturers and distributors from around the world, there is certain to be an explosion of ideas. Since 1961, the Congress has truly served as the birthplace for hundreds of innovations that use plastics to increase agricultural productivity and profitability.

To further expand your horizons, an optional tour is available on Monday to take you to nearby facilities that use plasticulture in innovative ways in this region.

We invite you to be part of this unique gathering by contributing to the scholarly discussions, exchange of information and innovative thought that takes place at each Congress. Experience the diversity that is the hallmark of the American Society of Plasticulture as presenters from around the world join together at the Congress to offer dozens of ground breaking research reports.

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Preliminary Program and Events

Friday, March 7

9:00am- 6:00pm Optional trip to
Florida Strawberry Festival
www.FLStrawberryFestival.com

7:00pm - 9:00pm Registration desk
open

7:00pm - 8:30pm Welcome reception

Saturday, March 8

8:00am - 6:00pm Registration desk
open

8:00am - 9:00am Continental breakfast
and moderators session

9:00 - 10:15am Keynote Session
Speaker: Dr. Gene Giacomelli
*"Controlled Environment Opportunities - It's Not Just
Tomatoes"*

10:15am - 10:30am Award Presentations

10:30am - 11:00am Break

11:00am - Noon General Session
Speaker: Dr. Dan Cantliffe
"The Last 50 Years of Plasticulture in Florida"

Noon - 1:00pm Group Luncheon

1:00pm - 1:45pm General Session
Speaker: Robert Krebs
"The State of Plastics in the US"

1:45pm - 2:30pm General Session
Speaker: Tim Blank
*"Green Trim in Commercial and
Urban Food Production"*

2:30pm - 3:15pm General Session
Speaker: Steve Wildes
*"Industrial Chemicals and Products
from Soybean Chemistry"*

3:15pm - 3:30pm Break

Saturday, March 8 (Cont.)

3:30pm - 4:30pm Panel Discussion
Moderator: George Hochmuth
Panel: Dr. Jim Gilreath, Steve Olson
"Research on Alternatives to Methyl Bromide"

4:30pm - 5:00pm Q&A Session
All general session speakers available for questions

6:00pm Open dine-around

Sunday, March 9

8:00am - 5:00pm Registration desk open

9:00am - 10:20am Two concurrent sessions
for paper presentation

10:20am - 10:40am Break

10:40am - Noon Two concurrent sessions
for paper presentation

Noon - 1:00pm Group Luncheon

1:00pm - 2:40pm Two concurrent sessions
for paper presentation

2:40pm - 3:00pm Break

3:00pm - 4:00pm Two concurrent sessions
for paper presentation

4:00pm - 5:00pm ASP Membership Meeting

5:00pm - 6:00pm ASP Board Meeting

-Dinner on own-

Monday, March 10

Morning Breakfast on own

**Buses will depart at 8:30am from the Sheraton &
return about 5:30pm**

(Pre-purchase of tour ticket is required.)

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Internationally Renowned Speakers

Dr. Gene Giacomelli
Professor and Director, Controlled Environment Agriculture Program
University of Arizona

Dr. Daniel Cantliffe
Distinguished Professor and Chair, Dept. of Horticultural Sciences
University of Florida

Robert Krebs
American Chemistry Council

Steve Wildes
Omni-Tech International/United Soybean Board

Tim Blank
Future Growing LLC



Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk

200 North Ashley Drive
Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: 813-223-2222
Website: www.tampariverwalk.com

Room block deadline is Feb. 4, 2008

ASP cannot guarantee room availability. After Feb. 4, the rooms blocked for our group will be released to the public and, if available, rooms will be more expensive.

To make room reservations:

Contact the hotel directly, 813-223-2222
Please note: You must identify yourself as part of the American Society of Plasticiculture to receive the group rate.

Online reservations:

The discounted group rate is not available for reservations made online.

Special ASP Room Rates:

\$149 for single. \$159 double, \$169 triple, \$179 quad plus local taxes (currently 12%)

Hotel policies:

Reservations require a valid credit card number to place a hold to be charged unless cancellation occurs less than 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival, under which circumstances, a charge of one night's room rate and tax will be applied to the card. A one-night's charge will also be applied for no-shows. If you plan to use a debit card, please check with reservations about the hotel's hold policy.

Check-in: 3:00pm

Check-out: Noon

Transportation:

Tampa International is 7 miles from the hotel. Taxi charge (one-way) is approximately \$20 and takes 15-20 minutes. An airport shuttle service is available for \$12 per person one-way.

Driving directions are available on the hotel's website at www.tampariverwalk.com. On-site parking is \$14 daily plus tax for registered guests. The garages are unable to accommodate large vans, RV's, motor-coaches and other oversized vehicles. Please call the sales office for assistance in securing parking.

Special Features of the Congress

Your registration includes:

All Congress sessions plus a reception, two group lunches and breaks throughout the sessions. The Welcome Reception on Friday evening is a casual time for all attendees and their guests to become better acquainted as the Congress begins. Saturday evening will provide a festive atmosphere with our popular dine-around feature. To promote networking, lunches on Saturday and Sunday will be group events.

Saturday night dine-around

ASP will make reservations for tables at a variety of Tampa's top restaurants. Sign up at the Conference for the group and dining experience of your choice.

Proceedings

You will receive your complimentary copy of the Congress Proceedings on a CD when you arrive at the registration desk. Additional copies will also be available for sale. The Proceedings has been expanded to contain reports from researchers unable to be present, as well as those making presentations at the Congress. A booklet of abstracts will be provided for notetaking.

Awards Ceremony

Each Congress highlights the importance of plasticulture in horticultural crop production for the world. The Congress also provides an opportunity for the American Society of Plasticiculture to recognize the achievements of those who have contributed to that growth by presenting its highest honors: the Distinguished Service Award, the ASP Pioneer Award and the Best Paper Award. The Awards announcement is made during the Keynote Session that opens the Congress.

**Check the web for Congress updates and a list of papers being presented:
www.Plasticulture.org**

Industry Tour - Monday, March 10

These tours are not part of the Congress Registration. Tickets must be purchased in advance so that arrangements can be made for buses and meals. Space will be limited by bus availability. The fee includes transportation, all tour stops and lunch. Tickets may be purchased by people who are not registering for the Congress and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tour buses will leave the hotel promptly at 8:30 am. Breakfast is on your own prior to departure.

JayMar Produce



JayMar Produce is one of the largest strawberry growers in Florida with approximately 400 acres. On this tour, you will see how JayMar Produce uses plasticulture - from laser level beds to plastic and drip tape installation. During the month of March, they pick half of their annual volume - this will allow you to see the facility in full-scale production. Jay Mar Produce is also well known for cantaloupes – they double crop and lay fresh plastic. The tour will allow you to see the early plantings for cantaloupes and plasticulture...Florida style.

The group will also see JayMar's state-of-the-art facilities complete with 22,500 square feet of pre-cooling and cooling space. This new technology allows product to cool more quickly and efficiently to improve the shelf life of the produce.

For more information, visit www.JayMarProduce.com.

Gulf Coast Research and Education Center



The Gulf Coast Research and Education Center is situated on 475 acres which has been donated by Hillsborough County. The fields are currently being used to grow and research the development of strawberries, tomatoes, and ornamental horticulture. The center is 1 of 13 Research Centers in Florida run by the University. The tour will include a PowerPoint overview of the Research Center as well as the opportunity to walk through the array of fields of strawberries and tomatoes. You can even pick the strawberries!

For more information, visit <http://grec.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Tour Itinerary

- 8:30 am** Leave hotel
- 9:30 am** JayMar Produce
- 11:30 am** Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (90 minute tour and lunch)
- 3:00 pm** Santa Sweets, Plant City
- 5:30 pm** Return to hotel

Santa Sweets

Known for their exclusive grape tomatoes, the fields of Santa Sweets offer a spectacular learning experience. With a focus on flavor, come see how the tomatoes are harvested and stored. Grape tomatoes, like the ones you will see here, are a difficult crop to grow.

The tour will consist of viewing the delicate vines where these grape tomatoes reside, substantial storing process, and how each vine is individually unique in the growing process. Come with us to find out why Santa Sweets call them "authentic grape tomatoes". You won't want to miss their unique and state-of-the-art equipment.

For more information, visit www.SantaSweets.com.

Registration Form for Plasticulture 2008

To insure accurate information is recorded, please use one form to register each individual. Form may be photocopied and total fee may be paid with one check or credit card.

Full Congress registration includes: All sessions Saturday and Sunday, a copy of the Proceedings, plus reception Friday evening, two lunches and four session breaks.

One day registration includes: All sessions on the day of your choice with accompanying lunch and breaks. Saturday registration includes the Friday evening reception.

Registration for Industry Tour: Monday's Industry Tour is not included in the registration package. Tickets must be purchased separately. Members, Non-Members and Students pay the same ticket price.

Register by February 8 for the LOWEST RATES

Please print clearly

Surname/Last Name First Name

Complete name as you want it to appear on your name badge

Mailing address

City State Zip

Country Daytime phone

Email

Please check one:

____ Grower ____ Academic (Research, Teaching, Extension)
____ Commercial ____ Government agency ____ Other

Payment for Registration and Tickets

Total payment for registration and/or tickets

\$ _____

TO MAIL payment, make check or money order payable in U.S. dollars to American Society of Plasticulture and send with completed registration form to:

ASP Registration Office
174 Crestview Drive
Bellefonte, PA 16823 USA
Phone: 814-357-9198

OR FAX the application form with credit card payment noted below to the ASP Registration Office:

Fax: 814-355-2452 (USA country code is 1)

Credit Card information:

(We accept only):

VISA

MasterCard

Name on card (Please print)

Account number

Exp. date

Signature

Electronic bank transfers can be arranged for out-of-country registrants - please contact the ASP office for information.

Our Federal ID#: 52-1342743

Congress Registration Fees

Member Discount Registration

Registration BEFORE Feb. 8

Full Congress Registration

____ \$425 Individual

____ \$600 Business

One-day Congress Registration

____ \$255 Individual

____ \$360 Business

____ Saturday

____ Sunday

Industry Tour

____ \$60 Individual

and Business

Registration AFTER Feb. 8

Full Congress Registration

____ \$475 Individual

____ \$750 Business

One-day Congress Registration

____ \$285 Individual

____ \$450 Business

____ Saturday

____ Sunday

Industry Tour

____ \$70 Individual

and Business

Non-Member Registration

Registration BEFORE Feb. 8

Full Congress Registration

____ \$475 Individual

____ \$700 Business

One-day Congress Registration

____ \$285 Individual

____ \$420 Business

____ Saturday

____ Sunday

Industry Tour

____ \$60 Individual

and Business

Registration AFTER Feb. 8

Full Congress Registration

____ \$525 Individual

____ \$800 Business

One-day Congress Registration

____ \$315 Individual

____ \$480 Business

____ Saturday

____ Sunday

Industry Tour

____ \$70 Individual

and Business

Student (graduate or undergraduate) Registration

____ \$115 Full Congress Registration

____ \$70 One-day Congress Registration

____ Saturday

____ Sunday

____ \$60 Industry Tour (BEFORE Feb. 8)

____ \$70 Industry Tour (AFTER Feb. 8)

Total \$ _____

Not a member? Applications are available on the ASP website at www.plasticulture.org. Take advantage of discounted member fees now!