The February SAEA meetings are right around the corner and I look forward to seeing you there! In addition to being able to attend an excellent meeting, Mobile has a lot of amenities that make it a fun city, especially during the depths of winter. The 2017 annual meetings will be held at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel on February 4-7, 2017, in Mobile, Alabama. The deadline for booking hotel rooms at the group rate is January 20, 2017. Reservations may be made by attendees by calling 800-922-3298 and asking for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group room block. Hotel room rates are $139 for single and double rooms and $149 for triple and quad rooms. Additional information can be found at [http://www.saasinc.org/2017-Mobile/Hotel-Info.asp](http://www.saasinc.org/2017-Mobile/Hotel-Info.asp).


This year, the program contains 4 invited symposia (including the Emerging Scholars symposium), 4 organized symposia, 206 selected papers making up 41 “traditional” sessions and 7 of the new “lightning round” sessions, and 45 selected posters. I want to thank Lisa House for coordinating the invited and organized symposia sessions and Jody Campiche, Carlos Carpio, and Susana Ferreira for organizing the selected paper sessions. I would also like to thank all of the award committee members for their hard work in selecting the award recipients for the 2017 meeting. Please make plans to join us as we recognize three colleagues during the Lifetime Achievement Awards breakfast.

New this year at the SAEA meetings will be 7 “lightning round” sessions and a new mobile phone app. The “lightning round” sessions will feature more presentations than the traditional selected paper sessions with each presentation being limited to approximately 10 minutes. Presenters will provide the most pertinent points of the presentation, generally not including extensive literature review or detailed model development, followed by questions. The major advantage of these sessions will be the opportunity for the audience to be exposed to a number of research projects with the possibility of following up on details later for those with specific interest in a project. The new mobile phone app will provide the program and updates as the meetings progress. I want to specially thank John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University, and Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia, for their work on this app. As we proceed through the meetings, I and the other members of the Executive Committee will be very interested to hear your thoughts on both the “lightning round” sessions and the mobile phone app – your input will be useful for planning future SAEA meetings.

I want to congratulate our new SAEA officers: President-Elect Deacue Fields, Auburn University, and Director Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University. I very much look forward to working with these new officers whose terms will begin with the 2017 annual meetings. I also wish to thank Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University, and Andrew Griffith, University of Tennessee, for their willingness to stand for election. Both have provided much appreciated service to SAEA and we look forward to working with them more in the future. We had a solid response rate for the SAEA election this year, with 186 total responses.
If you have a selected paper for the 2017 annual meetings, please don’t forget to submit the full selected paper to the AgEcon Search website (http://ageconsearch.umn.edu) by Wednesday, January 18, 2017. See you in Mobile!

Jeffrey M. Gillespie, SAEA President

2017 SAEA Annual Meetings
Make your plans now to attend the 2017 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Mobile, Alabama, February 4-7, 2017.

What – SAEA Annual Meeting
Where – Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, AL
When – February 4-7, 2017
Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration is now open at https://www.saea.org/payments/


HOTEL INFORMATION
Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, and
The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa

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CUT OFF DATE Reservations by attendees must be received on or before Friday, January 20, 2017. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-922-3298 and asking for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group room block.

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2017 ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN MOBILE, AL

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!
Please make your plans for Mobile! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition. Please contact Sierra Howry, Undergraduate Committee Chair, to sign up for the competition. She is located at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 105 Ag Sciences Building, River Falls, WI 54022, Phone 715/425-3298, Email: sierra.howry@uwrf.edu. Travel grants are available for students participating in Quiz Bowl. Also note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.

We are again planning on hosting a Graduate Program Recruitment Fair during the Quiz Bowl competition which provides graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit quiz bowl participants for their respective departments. Please contact Jeff Jordan at jjordan@uga.edu if you would like to have a display at the recruitment fair.
2016-2017 SAEA COMMITTEES

Much of the important work the SAEA performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on these committees. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees in the future, please contact Jeffrey M. Gillespie at Jeffrey.Gillespie@ers.usda.gov.

**Selected Papers Committee:** Jody Campiche, National Cotton Council (2017); Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University (2018); Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia (2019).

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Jeffrey Jordan, University of Georgia (2017); Mike Woods, Oklahoma State University (2018); Curtis Jolly, Auburn University (2019).

**SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee:** Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University (2017); Steve Klose, Texas A&M University (2018); John Westra, Louisiana State University (2019).

**SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee:** Joshua Detre, MedComp Sciences (2017); Lurleen Walters, Mississippi State University (2018); Mikael Sandberg, University of Florida (2019).

**Masters Thesis Award Committee:** Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2017); Esendugue Greg Fonsah, University of Georgia (2018); Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2019).

**Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee:** Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2017); David Willis, Clemson University (2018); Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University (2019).

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**Social Planner for 2017 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

**IT/AV Committee for 2017 Meetings:** Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University; Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia.

**Outreach and Engagement Committee:** Margarita Velandia, University of Tennessee (2017); John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2018); Mohammad Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University (2019); and Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University.
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