



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The February SAEA meetings are right around the corner and I look forward to seeing everyone in Jacksonville! In addition to being able to attend an excellent meeting, Jacksonville is a great place to visit (and we have requested nice weather for everyone to enjoy). The 2018 annual meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront on **February 3-6, 2018, in Jacksonville, Florida**. The deadline for booking hotel rooms at the group rate is January 20, 2018. Reservations may be made by attendees by calling 1-888-421-1442 and asking for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group room block or online at <https://aws.passkey.com/e/16345711> Hotel room rates are \$139 for single through quad occupancy, February 1-7, 2018. Additional information can be found at <http://saasinc.org/2018-Jacksonville/Hotel-Info.asp>

The annual meeting program is finalized and can be found at <http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/SAEA-final-program-2018-1.pdf> This year, the program contains a pre-conference session on Sunday organized by the Southern Farm Management Extension Committee, 2 invited symposia (including the Emerging Scholars symposium), 7 organized symposia (including the Legends vs Quiz Bowl Champs), 233 selected papers making up 40 "traditional" sessions, 12 "lightning round" sessions, and 62 selected posters. I want to thank Deacue Fields for coordinating the invited and organized symposia sessions and Carlos Carpio, Susana Ferreira, and Luis Ribera 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 2018 meeting. Please make plans to join us as we recognize three colleagues during the Lifetime Achievement Awards breakfast.

We have new activities planned at the meeting especially for graduate students. On Sunday afternoon, we will hold a reception and networking mixer for graduate students. This event promises to be fun and make it easier to meet people during the rest of the meetings. In addition, the graduate student committee has planned two symposia on professional development (in addition to all of the wonderful graduate student presentations). Back from last year will be the lightning rounds, which allow more presentations in a shorter time period, allowing presenters to focus on the main points of the research and encouraging follow up discussion for those interested in the topics. Also back will be the mobile phone app that provides live updates and pictures from the meeting. We again thank John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University, for his help with the app. I also want to thank Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia, and John VanSickle, University of Florida, in advance for all of their work putting together the meetings.

I want to congratulate our new SAEA officers: President-Elect Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University, and Director Michael Vassalos, Clemson University. I very much look forward to working with these new officers whose terms will begin with the 2018 annual meetings. I also wish to thank Marco Palma, Texas A&M University, and Mohammed Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University, 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 record response rate for the SAEA election this year, with 206 total responses.

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If you have a selected paper for the 2018 annual meetings, please don't forget to submit the full selected paper to the AgEcon Search website (<http://ageconsearch.umn.edu>) by Wednesday, January 17, 2018. See you in Jacksonville!

Lisa House, SAEA President

2018 SAEA Annual Meetings

Make your plans now to attend the 2018 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, February 3-6, 2018.

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jacksonville, FL

When – February 3-6, 2018

Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration is open at <http://saea.org/payments-page/>

Access the SAAS website at www.saasinc.org for more information about the 2018 meetings.

Hyatt Regency Hotel Information

Group Rates:

Single/Double/Triple/Quad: \$139/night

Riverview Room: +\$20/night

Premier Room: +40/night

Junior Suite: +100/night

NOTE: Due to room inventory, SAAS only contracted for Queen/Queen rooms at the conference rate.

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

 The Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront has provided us with a dedicated website for online hotel booking.

Booking Website:

<https://aws.passkey.com/e/16345711>

If you need additional assistance, call the reservations phone number 1-888-421-1442

2018 ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AND RECRUITMENT FAIR AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN JACKSONVILLE, FL

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

Please mark your calendars and make your plans for Jacksonville! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA is coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for another record turn-out of schools and student participants. We are again planning on hosting a graduate program *Recruitment Fair* which provides graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit quiz bowl participants for their respective departments. Please contact Maria Bampasidou, Undergraduate Committee Chair, to sign up for the competition. She is located at Louisiana State University, 234 Martin D. Woodin Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, Phone 225/578-2367, Email: mbampasidou@agcenter.lsu.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. Departments interested in participating in the Recruitment Fair should contact Treasurer Jeffrey Jordan (phone: 770/228-7231, x106 Email: jjordan@uga.edu) to reserve your spot.

2017-2018 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 Lisa House at lahouse@ufl.edu.

Selected Papers Committee: Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University (2018); Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia (2019); Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2020).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Mike Woods, Oklahoma State University (2018); Curtis Jolly, Auburn University (2019); Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University (2020).

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Steve Klose, Texas A&M University (2018); John Westra, University of Nebraska (2019); Alan Hodges, University of Florida (2020).

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Lurleen Walters, Mississippi State University (2018); Mikael Sandberg, University of Florida (2019); Dr. Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2020).

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Esendugue Greg Fonsah, University of Georgia (2018); Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2019); Michee Lachaud, Florida A&M University (2020).

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: David Willis, Clemson University (2018); Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University (2019); Ryan Williams, Texas Tech University (2020).

Poster Committee: Nathan Smith, Clemson University (2018); Tyler Mark, University of Kentucky (2019); Daniel Solis, Florida A&M University (2020).

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Nominating Committee: Past-President Jeffrey Gillespie, USDA-Economic Research Service; President Lisa House, University of Florida; President-Elect Deacue Fields, Auburn University.

Social Planner for 2018 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

IT/AV Committee for 2018 Meetings: Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia; Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University.

Outreach and Engagement Committee: John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2018); Mohammad Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University (2019); and Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University (2020).

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