



## **2009 General Meeting American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists Orlando, Florida**

Dear ASSBT Members and Interested Persons:

It is hard to believe our 34<sup>th</sup> General Meeting was held over a year and a half ago. Now our next meeting is fast approaching. The Program Committee has done an excellent job of organizing the outstanding program.

The venue for this 2009 Meeting is the Wyndham Orlando Resort in Orlando, FL. Orlando is a wonderful city with many attractions. The weather that time of year should be enjoyable, especially to experience some of the many activities in the area. The hotel is situated on International Drive which gives access to all major theme parks.

Enclosed, you will find the following information concerning the 2009 Meeting:

### **Schedule of Meeting**

An abbreviated Meeting Schedule is enclosed. Shortly, the detailed program can be found on our website, [www.bsdf-assbt.org](http://www.bsdf-assbt.org), along with other information concerning the upcoming meeting.

### **Meeting Registration**

This form can be filled out and faxed back to the office - if paying by credit card - or mailed if paying by check. Please be sure to include your membership dues. These dues are the only source of income for the ASSBT, and help us supply services to you, our members. Descriptions of the memberships can be found on the website, [www.bsdf-assbt.org](http://www.bsdf-assbt.org). Please note that the cut off for pre-registration is **January 30, 2009**. Registrations received after this date and those registering at the meeting will be charged the higher fee. **We ask that you register your accompanying person; this registration helps cover the cost of social functions at the meeting.** As usual, the Awards Banquet is optional; however, I encourage you to attend, not only to honor the award recipients, but also to enjoy the evening with your ASSBT friends. Also, don't forget to order your Proceedings. They will contain either full papers or expanded abstracts of all the papers.



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**Hotel Registration**

This year there is no hard copy of a registration form for the Wyndham Orlando Resort. They ask that you register on-line or by phone. The group rate for the meeting is \$159.00 (single or double) and is valid prior to and following the meeting.

If registering by on-line, go to:

**[www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/mcowd\\_sugarbeet/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/mcowd_sugarbeet/main.wnt)**

If registering by phone, call:

1-800-996-3426 (mention the **American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists**)

Please note that the cut-off date for reservations is **January 23, 2009**. These reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

**Airport Transfers/Theme Parks Tickets/Accompanying Persons Tours**

Also enclosed is information on Airport Transfers, Theme Parks Tickets and Accompanying Persons Optional Tours (please note there are different tours each day). The cut-off date for the return of requested airport transfers, tickets and/or tour forms is **February 16, 2009**. These forms should be returned directly to Meeting Movers, Inc.

To place an order, fill out the appropriate form(s) and the Credit Card Authorization form -- e-mail to [reservations@meetingmovers.com](mailto:reservations@meetingmovers.com) or fax to (407) 644-2425. You will receive a confirmation via e-mail. If you do not receive a confirmation within 72 hours, please resubmit the order. Please note that the tour company will need a copy of your credit card (front and back) as specified on the Credit Card Authorization form. (Since it may be difficult to get the front and back of your credit card copied onto their form. The tour company will accept a copy of the front and back of your credit card on a separate piece of paper as long as it is attached to the Credit Card Authorization form.) Also, along with the Credit Card Authorization form, please remember to include all completed forms for transfers, tickets or tours you are requesting. **Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Katrina Byerwalters at either the toll free number: 1/866-393-2985 (ext. 105), or the office number: 1/407-644-1601 (ext. 105).**

Disclaimer: The Society does not guarantee that the Theme Parks Tickets are at the lowest available price.

**Elections**

Last, but certainly not least, those of you who are ASSBT members will find a ballot for election of officers. Please vote and return to the ASSBT office before **January 9, 2009**.