

Southern Plant Board

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2018 Southern Plant Board Meeting Invitation May 6-9, 2018 Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Southern Plant Board Members:

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. Details can be found below. Our gathering in Charleston promises to be a historically productive meeting as we strive to continue our missions of protecting agriculture, horticulture, forestry and the environment in all that we do.

Accommodations/Room Rates

Francis Marion Hotel
387 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 722-0600

Please reference the 2018 Southern Plant Board Meeting when making reservations. Contact the hotel directly to make individual reservations.

- A room rate of \$149 per night will be honored from May 6-8, 2018. A post-conference room rate of \$189 per night will be honored from May 9-10, 2018. *(Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes, which currently total 14% and are subject to change. A destination marketing fee of two dollars per room night will also be applied to each individual guest folio and is subject to sales tax.)*
- Reservations must be received by the hotel by Thursday April 12, 2018 at 5:00pm.
- Check in time begins at 4:00pm and checkout time is by 12:00pm.

Transportation and Parking

The nearest airport is Charleston International Airport. Transportation from the Charleston International Airport to the Francis Marion Hotel is available through airport taxi, shuttle services, and Uber. Rates for the various transportation services can be found at <https://www.iflychs.com/Ground-Transportation/Taxis-Shuttles>. Transportation to and from the airport and parking is the responsibility of the traveler. Parking options include self parking (\$17 per day) immediately adjacent to the Francis Marion Hotel in the City Garage or valet (\$22 per day).

Meeting Schedule

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Monday, May 7, 2018

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Registration and Evening Reception

General Session and Breakout Sessions

Morning Sessions, Afternoon Tour of historic Fort Sumter*

Morning Sessions and Breakout Sessions - Annual Meeting Adjourns at Noon



***Fort Sumter Tour** - On Tuesday, May 8th, we will be diving into the beauty and history of Charleston as we tour Charleston Harbor on our way to historic Fort Sumter. The Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge provides the backdrop for all Fort Sumter cruises, with Charleston's stately Rainbow Row and Battery homes clearly seen from onboard. Stand on the grounds where America's deadliest war began at Fort Sumter National Monument. The cruise dock is a 15-minute walk from the hotel where we will arrive at 2:00pm for cast-off instructions. The cruise will return to dock at 4:15pm.

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