



Southern Plant Board

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2016 Southern Plant Board Meeting

April 18 - 21, 2016

Biloxi, Mississippi

REGISTRATION:

The 2016 registration fee is \$320. Please make your check payable to the “Southern Plant Board” and mail you completed registration form and registration fee to the address below. Registration deadline is March 31. After March 31 the registration fee will increase to \$360. Single day registration is also available.

Kenneth Calcote
 MDAC/BPI
 P.O. Box 5207
 Mississippi State, MS 39762

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Imperial Palace Casino Resort & Spa, <http://www.ipbiloxi.com/>
 850 Bayview Ave, Biloxi, MS 39530
 (228) 436-3000

Our group code is **S160341** (Master Account), and your event is listed as the “Southern Plant Board Annual Meeting.”

ROOM RATES:

Friday	April 15, 2016	\$149.99
Saturday	April 16, 2016	\$149.99
Sunday	April 17, 2016	\$64.99
Monday	April 18, 2016	\$64.99
Tuesday	April 19, 2016	\$64.99
Wednesday	April 20, 2016	\$64.99
Thursday	April 21, 2016	\$64.99
Friday	April 22, 2016	\$149.99
Saturday	April 23, 2016	\$149.99

*These rates are net, non-commissionable and based on single or double occupancy. All rates are subject to a \$9.00 resort fee per night, and state and Harrison County room taxes that currently total 12%.

DEADLINE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS:

Reservations must be received by the Hotel before Tuesday, **March 11, 2016**.

Member States
 Alabama – Arkansas – Florida – Georgia – Kentucky – Louisiana – Mississippi
 North Carolina – Oklahoma – Puerto Rico – South Carolina – Tennessee – Texas – Virginia

METHOD OF RESERVATION:

Under the group code **S160341**, reservations will be made individually. We recommend making reservations on line by going to our website, www.ipbiloxi.com/groups . Or your guests can call our hotel's Room Reservations Department directly at 888-946-2847, press 1 for reservations, identify themselves with the group code, and present a credit card number to hold the reservation.

PAYMENT:

Attendees will be responsible for paying their own room, taxes, resort fees and incidental charges. Credit card will be charged at time of reservation for first night's room and tax. Checks cannot be accepted at check-in or check-out. A credit card is required at check-in.

If paying for room with check: When the reservation is made, it will be entered as non-guaranteed reservation. Payment for the full amount of room, tax and resort fee for all nights (provided at time of reservation) must be received within two weeks after making the reservation or two weeks prior to arrival (whichever date comes first) If payment is not received within two weeks after making the reservation or two weeks prior to arrival (whichever comes first) the reservation will be automatically cancelled. The hotel front desk does not accept checks at check-in.

The following information is REQUIRED and MUST BE INCLUDED when sending check as prepayment for room:

- o Name of Guest(s) on each reservation that the check amount is to cover
- o Reservation Confirmation Number(s)
- o Group/Convention Name
- o Arrival Date for each reservation that check is to cover

CHECK-IN:

Check in time begins at 4:00 pm and checkout time is by 11:00 am.

A credit card in the guest's name is required at check in for the \$100.00 security deposit. If DEBIT card is used for this, please note that banks put a "hold" on the \$100 funds for several days (usually 3-5).

TRANSPORTATION:

Gulfport–Biloxi International Airport, <http://www.flygpt.com/>

Taxi: \$50 one-way

**Free transportation: The MS Dept. of Agriculture will have vans available for pickup at the airport.

Provide Pixie Little, Pixie@mdac.ms.gov with your expected landing and departure times.

FIELD DAY:

On Wednesday, April 20, we have arranged to tour the Gateway America Irradiation Facility in Gulfport. Also we will tour the Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum then take a sunset cruise along the coastline on historic Biloxi Schooners.

Gateway America

<http://gatewayamerica.net/>

Maritime & Seafood Museum

<https://www.maritimemuseum.org/w/>

Biloxi Schooners

https://www.maritimemuseum.org/w/?page_id=136