



Southern Plant Board

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Welcome to North Carolina! The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Plant Industry Division, is excited to host the 2014 Southern Plant Board annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina from April 27th-30th, 2014.

Registration

Registration is \$300 to attend. Please make checks payable to the Southern Plant Board. To register for the 2014 Southern Plant Board meeting before rates increase, please complete the enclosed registration form by March 21st and return it to:

Southern Plant Board
C/O NCDA&CS-Plant Industry Division
Att: Phil Wilson
1060 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

If you need immediate assistance, please call NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division main phone at (919) 707-3730 or Phil Wilson, office (919) 707-3753, cell (919) 920-1316.

Accommodations

This year's meeting will be held at:

Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley
4500 Marriott Drive
Raleigh, NC 27612
Reservations: 1 (800) 228-9290 or (919) 781-7000
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rdunc-raleigh-marriott-crabtree-valley/>

When arranging room reservations, please ask for the Southern Plant Board rate. Room rates are \$91 per night plus 12.75% tax (\$102.60). Reservations should be made by Monday, April 7, 2014 in order to secure the Southern Plant Board rate. Check in as early as 3pm and check out is by 12pm. The hotel offers free parking on-site.

Transportation

For those traveling to the meeting by air, there is a free shuttle providing transportation from Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) to the Marriott. Shuttle hours are from 7 AM to 10 PM. The shuttle is on a first come first serve basis and requires a reservation. If you choose this service it is advised that you make your reservation once you have landed and call (919) 781-7000 to request a pick up. Average time for pick up is 30 minutes.

Member States

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

The Marriott is 11 miles east from the airport and the estimated cab fare is \$35 (one way).

Car rentals are available at RDU by visiting <http://www.rdu.com/groundtrans/rentalcars.html>, or calling the airport directly at (919) 840-2123. If choosing this option, directions to the Marriott are as follows:

Take Airport Blvd to I40 E (4.9 mi). Take exit 289 and merge onto Wade Ave. (1 mi). Take the Edwards Mill Rd. exit and make a left hand turn on Edwards Mill Rd (2.8 mi). Edwards Mill turns into Creedmoor Rd. At Glenwood Ave. turn right and take first left (1/10 mi.) onto Marriott Dr.

Field Day

On Tuesday, April 29th, interested participants will leave the hotel by bus after lunch to tour the newly constructed Bayer Crop Science North American Bee Care Center. This environmentally friendly 6,600 square foot building is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified with geothermal heating/cooling, LED lighting and solar water heating. It is the second facility of its kind Bayer Crop Science has built worldwide to promote bee health and sustainable agriculture. For more information see: <http://www.bayercropscience.us/Our-Commitment/Bee-Health>

The Field Day will conclude with a catered dinner provided by Clyde Cooper's BBQ (est. 1937). Clyde Cooper's BBQ is a city landmark when it comes to North Carolina barbecued pork. The evening will be hosted by the J.C. Raulston Arboretum. Established in 1976 by the late Dr. James Chester Raulston, professor at North Carolina State University, the arboretum is situated on 10 acres and holds nearly 5,000 different species of plants. While it has drawn national acclaim, it continues to be used as a "living laboratory" for the Department of Horticultural Science at NC State University. For more information about JC Raulston Arboretum please visit: <http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/index.php>

On behalf of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, we look forward to seeing everyone at what promises to be an enjoyable and productive meeting. Goodness Grows in North Carolina!

For more fun things to see and do in Raleigh or the triangle please visit: www.visitraleigh.com