



Southern Plant Board

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2015 SOUTHERN PLANT BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

The 2015 Southern Plant Board annual meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia, April 26 - 29, 2015. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Plant Industry Services, is excited to host our upcoming annual meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Omni Hotel which is located in Richmond's downtown area, adjacent to both the business district and the historic Shockoe Slip area of Richmond. (More information on the Shockoe Slip area can be found at <http://shockoeslip.org/>).

Accommodations:

Richmond Omni Hotel
100 South 12th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Reservations: Phone: (800) 843-6664 or use the online link below:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/southern-plant-board-annual-meeting-4>

Room rates are \$113 per night plus 13.3% tax. Parking is \$22/day.

When making your reservations please mention the "Southern Plant Board Meeting." Reservations must be made by 5:00 PM ET, March 27, 2015 in order to secure the Southern Plant Board rate of \$113. The \$113 rate is available three days before the start of our meeting and three days after the meeting.

Complimentary Wi-Fi is included with your room.

Registration:

The 2015 registration fee is \$310. Please make your check payable to the "Southern Plant Board" and mail your completed registration form and registration fee to the address below. Registration deadline is March 27. After March 27, the registration fee will increase to \$360.00. Single day registration is also available.

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If you have questions or need assistance, please call the Office of Plant Industry Services at (804) 786-3515.

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Transportation:

For those traveling by air, the closest airport is the Richmond International Airport (RIC). The airport is located approximately 11 miles east of Richmond and a 15 minute drive.

Cab fare from the airport to the Omni Hotel is approximately \$30 - \$35 (one way).

If you want to reserve a ride to the hotel, you can contact:

- Virginia Airlink: Contact at www.virginiaairlink.com or phone (804) 372-7433. Advance reservations required. Cost is approximately \$25 for first person with reduced price for multiple riders (Contact Virginia Airlink for reservations and pricing for multiple riders).
- Groome Transportation: Contact at <http://richmond.groometransportation.com> or phone (804) 222-7222. Advance reservations required. Cost is \$35 one way.

Car rentals are available at RIC by visiting <http://www.flyrichmond.com/index.php/rental-cars>.

Field Day:

On Tuesday, April 28, we have arranged to take a tour of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home which is located in Charlottesville, Virginia. The field trip will include a tour of the house and Southern Plant Board members will also be treated to a tour of the gardens at Monticello.

Charlottesville is a one hour drive from Richmond. We will leave the Omni Hotel at noon and arrive back at the hotel around 6:00 PM. A box lunch will be provided for the bus ride to Monticello. Dinner on Tuesday is on your own.

For more information, go to the Monticello website at <http://www.monticello.org/>. Information on the Monticello garden tour can be found at <http://www.monticello.org/site/house-and-gardens/historic-gardens>.

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, we look forward to hosting this year's Southern Plant Board meeting and seeing you all in Richmond!

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