

**The American Association of Professional Apiculturists  
Annual Meeting Announcement  
and  
American Bee Research Conference Call for Papers**

**Gainesville, Florida  
February 5-6, 2009**

The American Association of Professional Apiculturists (AAPA) Annual Meeting and the 2009 American Bee Research Conference (ABRC) will be held in Gainesville, Florida on February 5-6, 2009 at the Florida State Division of Plant Industries Building. This is a short drive from the hotel where a block of rooms has been reserved for participants - the Holiday Inn University Center. All apiculture specialists and apiculture students are invited to attend and present papers. Our meeting will be held together with the 2009 Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) meeting, taking place February 3-6.

The purpose of the ABRC is to provide an opportunity for scientists to present their current work to those present as well as to a worldwide audience via the *American Bee Journal*. A second objective is to provide an opportunity for all of us to get to know other honey bee researchers in an informal social setting in addition to the traditional meeting format.

The AIA will have a series of talks on Wednesday. On the evening of Wednesday, February 4, there will be a social and dinner for both ABRC and AIA participants. There will also be a catered lunch for both AAPA and AIA members on Wednesday and Thursday. Registration for ABRC will be Thursday morning. ABRC presentations are scheduled for Thursday and Friday. On Thursday evening there will be an informal mixer for ABRC participants. The AAPA annual business meeting will follow the end of scheduled ABRC talks.

**Registration**

Registration for speakers and attendees at ABRC is \$25 plus a \$50 per abstract fee for speakers and will be collected on site at our AAPA registration desk on Thursday. Speakers at ABRC will not pay any other registration fees, but will be allowed to attend the meetings of the Apiary Inspectors on Wednesday. Likewise, AIA conference attendees will be able to attend ABRC without paying ABRC registration fees.

## Lodging

**Book your reservations early since the rooms negotiated for the meetings may be taken. The Hilton would be a good alternative, but more expensive.**

**Reservations can be done online or by phone. Use the code “APA” to get our meeting rate of \$89.**

Holiday Inn University Center  
1250 West University  
Gainesville, Florida 32601-5118  
Telephone: 352-376-1661 or 800-Holiday

Rooms have free wireless internet.

## Transportation

The hotel is at corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and University Avenue about fifteen minutes drive from the Gainesville Airport. A free shuttle between airport and hotel is available from 7:30AM to 10:30 PM.

## Procedures for titles, abstracts and presentations

1. Presentations and abstracts are restricted to research involving the genus *Apis*. Previously published work is not acceptable. Presentations of current research and of articles submitted for publication are encouraged. Abstracts will be published as the "Proceedings of the 2009 American Bee Research Conference" in the May issue of the *American Bee Journal*. Publication of an abstract does not preclude later publication in a journal requiring unpublished work.
2. **Title deadlines and scheduling:** Send titles, author list and institutional addresses for presentations by email to Greg Hunt no later than December 15, 2007: ([ghunt@purdue.edu](mailto:ghunt@purdue.edu) tel. 765-494-4605. You will receive a schedule to confirm the acceptance of your title(s).
3. **Abstract deadline:** Authors are encouraged to email their abstracts before the meeting to: Jeff Harris, USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Laboratory, 1157 Ben Hur Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70820 (tel. 225-767-9293, fax 766-9212, e-mail [jwharris@ars.usda.gov](mailto:jwharris@ars.usda.gov)). If necessary, abstracts may be delivered at the meeting. Please submit a double-spaced hard copy, and a copy on a memory stick or disk. Students participating in the student competition need to submit three hard copies of their abstract.

4. **Student paper competition:** Students attending the meeting are encouraged to enter the student paper competition. When submitting titles, students should indicate that they wish to participate in the student paper competition, and they should bring three printed copies of their abstract to the meeting. A plaque and a check for \$50 are awarded to the winner.

5. **Abstract format:** The maximum length of an abstract is 540 words. An abstract may have one table or figure. If a table or figure is included, the text and figure caption are limited to 350 words. A graph, photograph, or table will be printed in a single column width of 3 1/4" (8.5 cm). When preparing the manuscript, use the format from a previously published proceedings or the included example as a guide. There should be no more than four coauthors per abstract.

6. **Oral Presentations:** Each speaker will be allotted 15 minutes for a presentation. The actual talk should be 10-12 minutes to allow time for discussion. The speaker must be an author, and no person may present more than two papers. All presenters should bring their presentation (MS PowerPoint) to the meeting on a CD or USB-storage device. Presentations should be saved as a .ppt or .pps file (.pps preferred). If you prepared your presentation on a Mac, be sure to save it in a format that can be read by a PC. All presentations will be loaded onto one computer to make efficient use of time. All presenters should submit their presentation to the program chair (José Villa) by 8:00 AM on Thursday, January 10, 2008. Alternatively, you can send your presentation to the program chair as an email attachment prior to the meeting (jvilla@ars.usda.gov).

7. **Written presentations:** An additional one or two written presentations will be accepted on condition that the senior author of a written paper presents a senior-authored oral presentation (see #6, above). The written paper is limited to two pages, but may be single spaced and arranged with figures or tables in any way the author chooses. The author needs to bring 50 copies of the paper to the podium before the beginning of the meeting. Preferably, the two pages will be copied onto two sides of a single sheet of paper. A written paper will be listed as such in the program and printed as an abstract (in the abstract format) in the Proceedings of the ABRC.

## **A sample abstract for the American Bee Research Conference**

Please type your abstract (double spaced) in the following format:

Williams, J.L., W. Bruce & J. Pettis - TITLE IN CAPITAL LETTERS - Leave 4 spaces before the author so I can assign a number to the abstract. Do not include a title page. If you have a figure or table, refer to it as figure or (table) or (see figure) not as Table I or Figure I because no paper will have more than one figure or table.

Subsequent paragraphs should be indented as usual. Any references should be cited in the text using the official abbreviation of the journal. Use only last names, list no titles, and give no more than two authors per citation. Examples: (Harris, *J Apic. Res.* in press), (Hall *et al.*, 1995 *Am. Bee J* 121:61-62) or (Delaplane & Guzman, 1998 *Science* 108:217).

Addresses of authors will be footnoted as in previous Proceedings, so be sure that you include the address of each author (complete but as brief as possible) as you want it to appear in the journal. This will be compiled on a separate sheet, so you can put it at the end of the abstract or on the back of the text. Also, in case there are questions from the editor, include telephone, FAX numbers and an e-mail address.

Please make a special effort to have your abstract understandable by nontechnical readers. Since a figure or table often helps explain results and attract reader interest, authors are encouraged to use a figure or table and less text.