Sugarcane professionals urged to submit papers for 36th annual ASSCT conference

Sugarcane industry professionals, scientists, engineers, technologists and growers will come together in April 2014 for the Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists’ (ASSCT) annual conference.

The conference will be held in the Pavilion Convention Centre at Jupiter's Hotel & Casino on the Gold Coast from Tuesday 29 April to Thursday 1 May 2014 and will showcase the latest research breakthroughs, technology advances, and innovative machinery and equipment.

Dr Geoff Kent, President of the ASSCT, urges leading sugarcane innovators to submit their research and industry practice papers by 11 October 2013 if they want to be considered as speakers at the conference or published authors.

“Last year we received 62 peer refereed technical papers and 13 posters that focused on the introduction of cutting-edge RD&E projects and innovative industry practices”, Dr Kent said.

“We are expecting even more submissions this year as we are offering a $50 discount on ASSCT conference registration fees for the first authors of papers.

“To make it more beneficial for those who submit posters we are also changing the way posters are presented in order to give authors access to a wider audience.

“ASSCT’s value comes from each delegate sharing their ideas and innovations and this is just one way we are encouraging the exchange of new ideas amongst our participants.

“For the first time, our Industry Equipment Exhibitors will have an opportunity to give short presentations in break-out rooms in-between major event sessions. This innovation in format is designed to give our Exhibitors greater access to the conference delegates.

Dr Kent said that the conference will also feature technical sessions, a comprehensive partners’ program, technical site visits, excursions and social activities in and around the Gold Coast.

“The ASSCT conference is an opportunity for participants from around the world to network whilst immersing themselves in the latest developments and innovations.

“It’s also a chance for our delegates to have some fun and experience all that the stunning Gold Coast has to offer.

The ASSCT conference is one of the few annual occasions on the sugarcane industry calendar when growers, harvesters and millers can interact with leading researchers, scientists, technologists and suppliers and provide feedback on the collective research and development agenda.

Submission outlines for papers must be received by Robin Bruce via email at r.bruce@internode.on.net by 5pm, 11 October 2013 to be considered.

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The Editor will acknowledge all emails sent from authors by 30 October 2013. Authors who have not received acknowledgement by this date should contact the ASSCT Editor.

Acceptances are determined by the Publications Committee and are based on the subject matter, technological worth and compliance with the guidelines on manuscript preparation.

The full instructions for Authors, Instructions for Poster Presentations and selection criteria for the various ASSCT bursaries to be awarded at the Conference are available on the website:

www.assct.com.au

ABOUT ASSCT

The Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists Limited (ASSCT) is a leading technical society which provides a forum for scientists, engineers, chemists, institutions, growers, companies and individuals interested in sugarcane technology to publish and discuss current developments as well researching recorded technology.

The ASSCT enjoys the world-wide reputation of premier repository for the public domain technology of the Australian Sugar Industry.