



Caribbean Agro-Economic Society

NEWSLETTER

January, 2006

26th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 26th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference will be held jointly with the 42nd meeting of the Caribbean Food Crops (CFCS) Society in San Juan Puerto Rico from July 9-12 2006. A field trip will be organised on July 13 2006 an optional tourist tour on July 14, 2006.

The theme of the meeting is “Food safety and value added production and marketing of tropical crops”.

CAES members and other interested persons are invited to submit oral or poster presentations related to the above theme or anything else relevant to economics, extension or trade with respect to crops, livestock, fisheries or the environment.

Abstracts should be submitted by email to Sarojini Ragbir at ragbir@fsa.uwi.tt or Indira Ousman at ousman@fsa.uwi.tt on or before April 15 2006. When submitting the abstract, please indicate whether the abstract is for an oral or poster presentation.

Persons whose abstracts are accepted will be required to bring the full text on CD or diskette to the meeting. Persons who do not meet this requirement will not be allowed to

deliver their oral or poster presentation at the meeting.

Hotel details

The meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Resort, 5961 Isla Verde Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00779. The Hotel is located in the heart of the Isla Verde tourist and entertainment area and is a 5 minute taxi ride from the Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport. It has an oceanfront location with 2 miles of white sandy beach and is only 15 minutes from historic Old San Juan and Plaza Las Americas Shopping Mall.

The resort offers a large selection of restaurants, full fitness service centre, various shops, a hair and beauty salon and complete business and conference services.

The Intercontinental is one of the most popular resorts in San Juan. If you plan to stay there you are advised to get your reservation in early. A limited number of rooms have been reserved for participants at the CFCS/CAES joint meeting at a special rate of US129 plus 11% tax plus 11% resort fee (single or double occupancy). These

rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis and must be reserved by 30 May 2006.

Reservations can be made at 1-888-IC-HOTELS (1-888-424-6835) or direct with the hotel 787-7916100 (fax: 1-797-2532510) email sanjuan@interconti.com.

Further conference details

Details of alternative accommodation close to the conference site for those unable to pay the room rate at the Intercontinental Resort will be forwarded in due course. However, it should be pointed out that the

special rate is a bargain for this 5-star resort and represents a very good value for the accommodation provided.

Registration fees for CAES members will be US\$175, plus US\$30 CAES membership dues. Reduced rates are available for students.

A banquet will be held on Tuesday July 11, 2006 at a cost of US\$50. The field trips on July 13, 2006 will cost US\$50. Other social events (cost included in the registration fee) are a Welcome Cocktail party (July 9), a Puerto Rican night (July 10) and a cocktail and poster session (July 12).

Remember that you need a US visa to enter Puerto Rico!

The draft technical programme is:

Sunday July 9

2:00 – 7:00 pm Registration

Monday July 10

7:00 am – 5:00 pm: Registration

9:00 am – 10:30 am Opening session; welcome, opening remarks

11:00am – 12:00noon Opening session; invited speakers

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Parallel technical sessions:
Caribbean Agro Economic Society
Food Safety and Value Added Products
Animal Science

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Parallel technical sessions
Caribbean Agro Economic Society
Food Safety and Value Added Products

Tuesday July 11

8:00 am – 10:00 am Registration

8:00 am – 12:00noon Parallel sessions
Caribbean Agro Economic Society
Invasive Species Symposium
Food Safety and Value Added Products Symposium
Poster session

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Parallel sessions
Caribbean Agro Economic Society
Invasive Species Symposium
Food Safety and Value Added Symposium
Poster session

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm Parallel sessions
Caribbean Agro Economic Society
Invasive Species Symposium
Horticulture
Poster session

Wednesday July 12

- 8:00 am – 12:00noon Parallel sessions
Caribbean Agro Economic Society
Roots and Tubers
Animal Industry
Poster session
- 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm Parallel sessions
Caribbean Agro Economic Society
Farmers' Forum
Poster session
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm CFCS Business Meeting
Poster session

The CAES business meeting will be scheduled at some time during the meeting.

We are looking forward to a very busy joint meeting with the Caribbean Food Crops Society and we look forward to many CAES members being present.

***Don't forget to keep checking
our website www.caestt.com.***

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