Want to Help Shape the ASA Annual Meeting?

Have you ever said to yourself, “If there are one or two things that I would change at the ASA Annual Meeting, it would be...?” Have you always wondered why a gallon of coffee costs that much? Well, this is your chance to make those changes—and learn more about coffee pricing!

ASA is now accepting nominations for ASA Program Planning Officer. In this position, you will be able to let your creative juices flow and lead the Society’s efforts in all phases of the Annual Meeting activities for the next three years. This is a great way to offer some new ideas, not only to ASA, but to the other Societies as well. What changes would improve the Annual Meeting experience? What is it that really needs attention in your eyes? This is your chance to help make a difference in remodeling the meetings.

The position is part of the ACS732 Annual Meetings Planning Committee. The term of the appointment is 1 Jan. 2014 to 31 Dec. 2016 with the ASA Program Planning Officer serving as chair of the committee in 2016.

What are the job requirements? If you are a member of ASA and are forward thinking, creative, willing to take risks, a dreamer, a high-energy person, a visionary, then you have the right qualifications. You’ll get together a few times a year on conference calls and attend the summer program planning meeting held in the host city (Long Beach in 2014, Minneapolis in 2015, and Phoenix in 2016), and the Society pays your expenses. You would be working with 11 other people on the committee—three Society Program Planning Officers, three Society Program Chairs, a Corporate Member Representative, an Early Career Member Representative, a Graduate Student Member Representative, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Director of Meetings and Conventions.

To be considered for the position of ASA Program Planning Officer, please send a letter of interest by 15 July 2013 to Sharon Clay, ASA President, Plant Science-Box 2140C, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57007-2141 (email: sharon.clay@sdstate.edu).

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Housing and Registration Now Open

Housing and registration for the 2013 International Annual Meetings in Tampa, FL are now open! Hotel accommodations have been reserved at reduced rates for Annual Meetings attendees at several hotels within walking distance of the Tampa Convention Center. Discounted rates are only available by making your reservation through the ASA, CSSA and SSSA Housing Bureau. Lock in discounted rates by making your reservations and registering now:

Housing: www.acsmeetings.org/housing
Registration: www.acsmeetings.org/register

Reserve Your Table for the Graduate School Forum in Tampa

A table at the Grad School Forum during the Annual Meetings is a fantastic opportunity to promote your school and department, interview students for M.S. and Ph.D. programs, and discuss assistantships and fellowships in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. The Forum will be conveniently located next to the Career Center in the exhibit hall.

Visit www.careerplacement.org/meetings for details and to place your reservation (fee required). Schools reserving early for the full session will be assigned to the most visible tables. Reserve by 30 August and your school will be promoted in the October issue of CSA News magazine.

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