

The 47TH ANNUAL FLORIDA PESTICIDE RESIDUE WORKSHOP (FPRW) will be held July 18-21, 2010 in St. Pete Beach, FL, at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort. FLAG Works, Inc., a non-profit organization, sponsors the meeting, which has entered into an agreement with ACS (via the AGRO Division) to help plan and coordinate the event. Online registration at www.FLworkshop.com and abstract submissions at <http://abstracts.acs.org> are now open.

FPRW is designed for scientists particularly interested in trace level analysis of pesticides, veterinary drug residues, and other chemicals in food, animal feed, and environmental samples. The purpose of the meeting is to provide training, develop and improve technical knowledge, facilitate development and distribution of new analysis methods and techniques, and establish networking to promote professional cooperation between scientists of these interests. While the majority of attendees are from North America, important international speakers are always included in the Technical Program, and attendance of scientists from Asia, Europe, South America, Australia, and Africa is increasing annually.

The meeting is expected to have approximately 250 attendees representing government, academia, and industries. The program is designed for technical scientists and lab managers alike; interactive forums and daily poster and vendor sessions will be held.

At this time, accepted keynote speakers include Dr. Michelangelo Anastassiades of CVUA-Stuttgart, Germany (Multiresidue method for difficult-to-detect pesticides), Dr. Hans Mol of Rikilt Institute of Food Safety, The Netherlands (Simultaneous analysis of pesticides, drugs, mycotoxins, and pollutants), and Jonathan Friedan, Professional Engineer, of Ballinger-AE (How to save money and reduce the environmental footprint of your lab).

Planned oral sessions include: "Why are we analyzing chemical residues anyway?" "What you don't want to know about quality assurance and lab accreditation but can't avoid;" "Global chemical contaminant conflicts... and resolutions;" "Multiresidue methods for veterinary drugs;" "Our government in action;" and "Cream of the crop technical talks." Door prize drawings will be held after each session for those who arrive on time to receive a ticket.

Poster sessions will be held each morning in the Exhibits area, and the poster receiving the most votes from the meeting participants will receive a prize. The posters will be displayed from Mon. a.m. until Wed. noon during the meeting. The posters will be divided into 3 groups, and authors will be asked to stand by their posters for an hour each morning depending on their group. The winner will be announced and prize given at the end of the meeting on Wed. p.m. (July 21). Vendor sessions are planned for Sun. evening (July 18) and during breakfasts and lunches each day during the event. On-site registration will begin at 5 pm on Sun., July 18. There are expected to be 30 to 40 exhibitors representing analytical instrument companies, laboratory and analytical standards suppliers, and analytical service laboratories. The Exhibition will take from Mon. morning July 19 to Wed. at noon on July 21. Booth space can be reserved through the meeting website www.FLworkshop.com or contacts listed there.

There are a limited number of slots available for talks and posters. The deadline for oral presentation abstracts is May 1, 2010 and June 1 for poster abstracts. The program committee will make the decisions on talks by May 10 and posters by June 10, at which time submitters should receive notifications. Talks will be 15-25 min and poster boards will be 4 feet high by 6 feet wide. Last minute poster submissions after the deadlines will be allowed depending on availability.

Authors are encouraged to contribute an article to the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* (JAFC) as part of a planned special section related to FPRW 2010. The manuscripts must be submitted electronically online on the JAFC website by the deadline to be announced (expected to be Aug. 31, 2010). Submitted manuscripts will undergo the normal peer-review process to determine if it is acceptable for publication.

The event will be held at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, FL. The meeting organizers have reserved a block of rooms at a group rate until June 16. You may book your room following the directions on the meeting website.

For more information, please see www.FLworkshop.com. For program-related matters, contact Steven Lehotay (215-233-6433; Steven.Lehotay@usda.ars.gov) and for logistical matters, contact Nicole Fisher (n_fisher@acs.org), Jack Cochran (jack.cochran@restek.com), or George Fong Gandwfong@comcast.net.