

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Location of Events and Exhibits

Plant Biology 2008 major & mini symposia, posters, and exhibits will be held in the Siglo XXI Convention Center

Evening events and workshops will be held in the Fiesta Americana, Hyatt Regency, and the Intercontinental hotels.

The opening reception will be held at the José Peón Contreras Theatre and the final party will be held at La Quinta Montes Molina.

Please refer to the daily schedule for locations of specific events. Buses will be provided to the Siglo XXI Convention Center and the Jose Peon Contreras Theatre. Please refer to the bus schedule within this program.

### Registration

The registration desk will be available for questions and registration during the hours below. Tickets for available events may be purchased at the on-site registration desk, and t-shirts and abstract books/CDs will have a separate pick-up area. The registration desk will be at the Fiesta Americana on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and then at the Siglo XXI Convention Center Gran Pasaje for the rest of the meeting.

**Registration at Fiesta Americana in the Mérida Room** – for pre-registered attendees only.

Thursday (June 26)	3:00 – 6:00 pm
Friday (June 27)	7:00 am – 10:00 am

**Registration at the Siglo XXI Convention Center Gran Pasaje** – for pre-registered attendees and on-site registration.

Friday (June 27)	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Monday (June 30)	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday (June 28)	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Tuesday July 1)	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday (June 29)	8:00 am – 6:00 pm		

### Housing

Any questions or problems concerning roommate matching will be handled by the housing agency, Hachero-Hill, which will have a representative at the Registration Desk. Individual housing concerns should be addressed with the respective hotel directly.

### Badge Scanning

Attendee badges have RFID cards attached to them. The cards are on your badges to allow exhibitors to scan your badge to contact you after the meeting if you'd like them to. The RFID cards contain your name, institution, email, and phone number and no additional information. Scanning requires direct contact to gather the information on them. Attendees are welcome to not allow exhibitors to scan their badges if they so choose. Exhibitors will receive a post-meeting mailing list that does not contain emails and phone numbers. Plant Biology will honor any attendee who wishes to not be placed on the mailing list. Stop by the Registration Desk if you have any questions.

### Job Placement Center

The Job Placement Center posting area is located near the Registration Desk at the convention center. Placement notices will be available for viewing during the conference. Placement Center procedures will be the same as in prior years; information sheets will be available to employers and candidates at the Registration Desk. Tables will also be available to conduct interviews on-site if the employer chooses to. Scheduling of interviews is the responsibility of the employer and job seekers. Employers may pick up their position notices and resumes during the last day of the meeting. Those not picked up will be mailed to the employers.

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### **Internet Café**

Plant Biology 2008 will feature an Internet Café in the Exhibit Hall. It will be open the same hours as the posters. Please limit your online time to 10 minutes or less if others are waiting.

### **Cameras/Video/Audio Recording**

Taking photos, video, or audio recording of any kind of the posters and sessions unless will be **PROHIBITED** an author/speaker provides specific permission. This prohibition includes but is not limited to the use of camera phones and any other digital recording devices.

### **Exhibits & Posters**

Exhibits and posters are open during exhibit hours as listed on your schedule. Please refrain from entering exhibits when they are closed. The posters will be organized by category. Exclusive poster session times are listed in the schedule. Please attend your posters during the time slots based on your final poster number. Poster abstracts will be available in the printed abstract book, CD or online. Late submissions are online only.

### **Speaker Ready Room**

A place in the Chichen Itza Exhibit Hall will be available for PowerPoint presentation testing. Speakers should test their presentations at least an hour prior to their presentation and be at their sessions at least 10 minutes before they are scheduled to begin.

### **Message Board**

Plant Biology 2008 will provide the traditional message boards near the Registration Desk at the convention center for attendees to send and receive messages. An online message board is also available on the ASPB website this year. Please do not use the Job Placement Service boards for messages.

### **Visiting the Yucatan – What to See and Do**

If you would like assistance on touring please contact **Amigo Yucatan**, [info@amigoyucatan.com](mailto:info@amigoyucatan.com). Mention that you are attending ASPB's meetings in Mérida. They will work with you to create a specific tour or assist you in joining a group. Confirmation on all tour arrangements will be from them not ASPB. Amigo Yucatan will also have a representative available near the Registration Desk.

### **Getting Around Mérida**

Please see the bus schedule and maps on the following pages.

### **Airport Transportation**

**Reserved Airport Transportation:** Amigo Yucatan is pleased to offer transfers to and from your hotel. Reserve online at <http://www.yucatanbuyonline.com/aspb> or visit the Amigo Yucatan representatives available at registration or in the Hyatt Hotel Lobby. Mention that you are attending ASPB's meetings in Mérida.

### **Taxis**

Taxis are available at the Mérida airport for transportation to the hotel. When exiting the airport, look for the taxi booth to pre-purchase a taxi ticket to your hotel. Taxis will ask for the ticket and you will be on your way. With the taxi ticket, you do not have any additional fare. If you like, you can tip the driver upon arrival.

### **Parking**

Parking is available at all of the Plant Biology 2008 hotels. Check with the bellman at the front entrance upon arrival at your hotel. The convention center has a large free parking lot beside it if you are driving or renting a car.

### **Safety Notice**

While enjoying the beautiful city of Mérida, please remember to keep your personal belongings secured. Traveling in groups is a safe way to visit the many attractions of Mérida.

### **Plant Biology 2008 Smoking Policy**

Smoking is not allowed at any Plant Biology 2008 annual meeting functions or areas.

### Child Care

Through the Women in Plant Biology Committee, ASPB will provide a partial reimbursement for child care or babysitting services for children under 12 years of age whose ASPB-member parents are attending Plant Biology 2008. Funds come from the bequest of Eli Romanoff, a long-time member of ASPP/ASPB and winner of the Adolph E. Gude Award in 1995. This is a continuation of a program that was originally funded with a donation from John Radin. The reimbursement is available to ASPB members on a sliding scale. Per family: Graduate Students - up to \$400; Post-docs - up to \$300; and Faculty - up to \$200

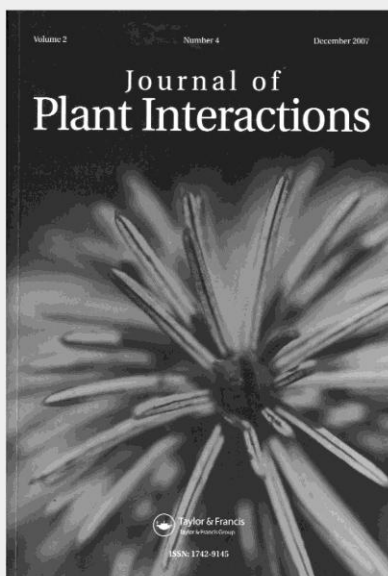
Parents should make their own arrangements via their hotel concierge, and then provide receipts to the Plant Biology 2008 registration desk at the meeting or by fax to 301-251-6740. No claims will be honored if received more than 60 days after the meeting closes. Reimbursements will be processed at ASPB headquarters immediately following the meeting. ASPB assumes no responsibility with respect to child care services and accepts no liabilities relative to the services.

### Meeting Survey

A meeting survey will be e-mailed to attendees immediately following the meeting. Your response is considered valuable by the society Program Committees. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Additional Information/Questions

The conference Registration Desk will be able to assist you with any additional questions regarding the meeting.



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