



# INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

*The International Commission of ASABE welcomes members and guests to the ASABE Annual International Meeting. We hope that you will enjoy the meeting, find it a very rewarding experience and will establish many new contacts and friendships. The International Commission encourages you to attend the International 611 and 612 committee meetings and to become actively involved in our activities.*

## **INTERNATIONAL AND FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES WELCOME RECEPTION**

**SUNDAY, JULY 9** **5:45PM-6:30PM**  
**Location: Exhibit Hall A**

Non-U.S. attendees, guests with international interests, ASABE members, and first-time meeting attendees are invited to attend this reception. The International Affairs Committee, members of ASABE staff, and representatives from the ASABE Board of Trustees will be available to answer questions and provide information about the Society. Following the welcome and brief overview of the meeting, attendees are encouraged to join the general welcome reception from 6:30PM-8:00PM.

## **ASABE WELCOME RECEPTION**

**SUNDAY, JULY 9** **6:30PM-8:00PM**  
**Location: Exhibit Hall A**

All meeting registrants are invited to attend this welcome reception. Start off the evening with a welcome from ASABE's President Otto Loewer and get acquainted with the general ASABE population in addition to networking with other attendees. Come relax and enjoy an informal evening with other ASABE members. Cash bar.

Event #25

## **JAPAN LUNCHEON**

**MONDAY, JULY 10** **12:00PM-2:00PM**  
**Location: B114**

This is the social event for Japanese nationals and their friends during the 2006 ASABE Annual International Meeting: lunch and an award presentation.

**COST: Free to Japan Nationals**  
**\$5 to Non-Japan Nationals**

Event #27

## **INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11** **7:00AM-8:30AM**  
**Location: B114**

The International Breakfast is a great opportunity to interact with peers from many different countries. If you are coming from abroad or have an interest in international issues, this is the best place to meet new people and begin long and fruitful working relationships. The International Breakfast also is honored to have as its speaker the 2006 recipient of ASABE's prestigious Kishida International Award Dr. Yasushi Hashimoto.

**COST: \$19 per person**

Event #40

## **ASSOCIATION OF OVERSEAS CHINESE AGRICULTURAL, BIOLOGICAL AND FOOD ENGINEERS (AOCABFE)**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11** **6:00PM-7:00PM**  
**Business Meeting, Dinner banquet to follow.**

**Location: B113**

AOCABFE is a professional association with the primary goal of promoting and facilitating research and educational exchanges with China in areas of agricultural, biological and food engineering. Conference attendees with international interests are invited to attend the AOCABFE business meeting where the AOCABFE activities in 2005-2006 will be reviewed and plans for action for 2006-2007 will be discussed. There will be a dinner right after the business meeting at a location to be announced. The banquet will provide an excellent opportunity for socializing and networking. Awards will be presented to outstanding student members of AOCABFE at the banquet.

**COST: \$50 per person**

\$10 for Students and Members from China

## **UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL BIORESOURCES ENGINEERING GET-TOGETHER**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11** **6:00PM-10:00PM**  
**Location: A106**

Staff, alumni, and prospective students are invited to join us for this informal get-together, in order to renew old friendship and discuss future plans for UKZN's School of Bioresources Engineering and Environmental Hydrology. We will meet at the conference center and then walk to a nearby restaurant.

## **INTL-601 INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12** **5:15PM-7:00PM**  
**Location: A105**

## **New Visa Invitation Letter System**

If you plan to attend the Annual International Meeting or one of our many specialty conferences in the United States, you will want to visit <http://www.asabe.org/meetings/index.html> to acquire your visa invitation letters. ASABE's new system is quick, easy, and has no fees. Type in the required information and print your letter instantly. This new system enables you to schedule your meeting with the U.S. Consulate or U.S. Embassy quicker, earlier, and easier. Remember to apply early for your visa! It is recommended that you initiate the visa application process at least four to six months prior to the opening date of any ASABE conference or meeting.

Begin planning now to join us  
in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the  
2007 Annual International Meeting