

## Greetings International Citrus & Beverage Conference Participant!

<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/citrus>

We look forward to seeing you in Clearwater Beach, Florida! Whether you are an attendee, sponsor or speaker, please review these updates and reminders in preparation of your travel to the conference.

### PROGRAM UPDATES

The website contains the most current information and will continue to reflect the latest developments such as agenda updates and any weather announcements. We suggest that you reference it during the week prior to the conference. <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/citrus/agenda.html>

### LOCATION

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort  
1160 Gulfview Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767, Phone: 727-595-1611

Web: [www.sheratonsandkey.com](http://www.sheratonsandkey.com)

- Directions to the hotel can be found by clicking on the following hotel link:  
<http://www.sheratonsandkey.com/directions>
- If requiring transportation from the airport, the Super Shuttle services the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. Here is the Super Shuttle web site: <http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx>
- If you are staying at the Sheraton, check-in time is after 3:00pm and check out is prior to 11:00am. The Sheraton can provide luggage storage for early arrivals and late departures.

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

**ONLY UPON ARRIVAL** to the conference and check in at registration - a list of registered participants will be provided to each conference attendee. A final list will also be sent via email to all registered participants about one week after the conference has concluded. This final list will include those that registered after the initial list was developed as well as any substitutions.

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The conference registration will be located in the Sand Key Room, across from the hotel reservations area. Registration hours are 4:00pm-7:00pm on Tuesday, and again every day beginning at 7:30am. We encourage you to stop by early to pick up your name badge and conference materials. Your name badge will serve as your pass and it is necessary to check in prior to entrance into any conference activities. Please wear it while attending all conference functions.

### MEETING AND NETWORKING EVENTS

The meeting will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel. There will be early morning refreshments as well as light afternoon refreshments provided each day in the lobby area, directly outside the meeting room. In addition to the educational sessions, we hope you will join us for the conference social functions.

Wednesday's networking social will be poolside, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Thursday's evening reception will also be held poolside 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Complimentary non-alcoholic and adult beverages will be available at both receptions. Recommended dress for these evening events is comfortable and festive! Comfortable shoes (ie: sandals, flip flops or tennis shoes) and "beach casual" clothes (ie: Khaki or cotton shorts, Hawaiian or light colored shirt, etc. ), are perfectly acceptable. Networking opportunities will continue the next morning during the Friday breakfast. The breakfast will be held in the Grand Ballroom from 7:45am-8:30am, followed by the closing session.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our sponsors for their continued support of this event. Each year, their contributions help to make this conference a success. While attending the conference, we hope you will take a moment to say hello to the attending representatives. You can learn about their companies in advance by clicking on the following link. Thank you!

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## SPEAKERS

Don't forget to bring your PowerPoint presentation IN ADVANCE and preferably the day prior to you talk. Bring your presentation to the Sand Key Room, the conference registration room.

## MEETING ATTIRE

Oftentimes we are asked "What should I wear to the meetings?" We suggest semi-casual, yet comfortable clothing and walking shoes (example: cotton trousers with nice shirt). Bring a light coat, jacket or sweater jacket to wear during sessions - meeting room temperatures can vary. The bottom line is dress comfortably and come prepared to learn and exchange new information!

## TRAVEL AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Airports: Here is the Tampa International Airport (TPA) web site: <http://www.tampaairport.com/>  
Here is the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) web site: <http://www.fly2pie.com/>

Temperature: The temperature in Clearwater Beach this time of year is anywhere from upper 90's to the low 80's during the day, and mid 70's in the evenings. There is always a chance of rain and it could be humid, so pack accordingly. Here is a link to the forecast for your convenience.

<http://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/pages/weather>

Visitor Information: Following is a link to the area information to help in your explorations.

<http://www.floridasbeach.com/>

## QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact me. Otherwise, we will see you onsite at the conference and we look forward to your participation. Have a safe trip!

On behalf of the program committee,  
Sincerely,  
Mandy