

ISSCT PROCESSING WORKSHOP

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"Cane Juice Purification Processes"

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HOST COUNTRY:

United States is the world's fifth largest producer and fourth leading net importer of sugar. Sugarcane and/or sugar beets are produced in 16 states and provided an estimated 8.9 million short tons (raw value) of sugar to the USA in 2004. The state of Louisiana produces about 20% of the sugar grown in the United States (beet and cane).

Louisiana sugarcane is grown on over 580,000 acres of land to produce an estimated fourteen million tons of cane with an economic impact of \$1.7 billion to the cane growers and raw sugar factories of the state. Approximately 27,000 employees are involved in this production and processing of sugar in Louisiana alone.

The Louisiana sugarcane industry is currently in its third century of sugar production. Sugarcane arrived in Louisiana with the Jesuit priests in 1751 who planted it near where their church now stands on Baronne Street in New Orleans. Several plantations were planted in what is now the city limits of New Orleans and in 1795, Jean Étienne de Boré, first granulated sugar on a commercial scale in Audubon Park.

HOST INSTITUTION:



Audubon Sugar Institute had its beginnings at the Sugar Experiment Station in Audubon Park in New Orleans. Today, it is a well-established brand name as a sugar institute of renown and has the backing of a major university, the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center (LSU AgCenter). It has the mission to foster excellence in applied and fundamental sugar research that exceeds the expectations of its stakeholders in Louisiana and the international sugar industry through innovative research, education and technology transfer.

The American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (ASSCT) is a society interested in the general study of the cane sugar industry in the United States and the dissemination of information to members of the organization through meetings and publications. The ASSCT consists of the Florida

Division and the Louisiana Division with two membership groups, Agriculture or Manufacturing. A joint meeting is held once a year in June, hosted by the Florida Division on even-numbered years and the Louisiana Division on odd-numbered years. Each of the two

ASSCT Divisions holds a separate meeting each year in their own home-state. The ASSCT publishes an annual journal called The Journal of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists in which scientific papers from the annual joint meeting are published. Online journals available at their website at www.assct.org.

WORKSHOP VENUE:



Lod Cook Conference Center and Hotel at LSU overlooks the scenic university lakes in the heart of Louisiana State University's campus in Baton Rouge, the capital city of Louisiana. The workshop will be held in the Noland/Laborde Hall, a 4,000 square-foot meeting room. There are 34 standard rooms and 16 deluxe suites reserved at the conference hotel for this workshop. Standard rooms come with either one king or two double beds and each room has one bedroom, one bath with two vanity areas and a coffee maker. Other features include hair dryer, iron, ironing board, 27-inch remote control color TV, cable service and on demand movies, desk area, voice mail and complimentary high-speed internet connection. Handicap accessible rooms are also available. An on-site fitness center and an outdoor pool and spa are amongst other services also available. For further information on room features and other services and amenities, go to www.thecookhotel.com.

