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Southern Region
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ORLANDO, FL: AGRICULTURE, TOURISM, & AEROSPACE

49th
Annual
Meeting

International Plant Production Society
Southern Region of North America
DoubleTree Hotel Orlando at Seaworld
10100 International Dr • Orlando, FL 32821
October 19-23, 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 19

4:00 PM	Hotel Registration Begins
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Conference Registration Open, Diamond Pre-function
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Auction Plants accepted, Diamond 1-2
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	IPPS-SR 50th Anniversary Celebration, Veranda
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Board Meeting, Silver

Monday, October 20

6:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Conference Registration, Diamond Pre-function
Noon - 9:00 PM	Auction Plants accepted, Diamond 1-2
7:10 AM	Load Buses
7:30 AM	Depart Hotel
8:15 AM	Arrive at Southern Hill Farms (Coffee & Donuts Provided)
9:35 - 9:45 AM	Load Buses
10:45 AM	Arrive at Flowerwood Nursery, Inc.
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch at Flowerwood Nursery, Inc.
1:00 - 1:10 PM	Load Buses
1:40 PM	Arrive at Southeast Soils
2:50 - 3:00 PM	Load Buses
3:30 PM	Arrive at Cherrylake, Inc.
5:00 PM	Sponsor Exhibit Setup, Royal Pre-function
5:10 - 6:10 PM	Cocktail Hour at Cherrylake, Inc.
6:10 - 6:20 PM	Load Buses
7:10 PM	Arrive at Hotel
	Dinner on your own

Tuesday, October 21

6:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Conference Registration, Diamond Pre-function
6:30 - 7:30 AM	Fellows Breakfast, Flamingo Room (Tower Building, first floor)
8:00 AM	Visit with Sponsors, Royal Pre-function
8:00 AM	Auction Open, Diamond 1-2
8:00 AM	General Session, Royal 1-2
	Opening Remarks, Michael Roe, 2024-25 IPPS-SR President, Introduction of Vivian Munday Scholarship

Join us for music and a cash bar in the Veranda 5:00-7:00 PM to celebrate 50 years of IPPS Southern Region on Sunday evening October 19.

	Recipients, Margie Jenkins Scholarship Recipients, Coach Vince Dooley Scholarship Recipient, and Exchange Program Participants
8:15 AM	Session 1, Moderator TBD
8:15 AM	A Horticultural Journey & Opportunities with IPPS, Dr. Fred Davies
8:35 AM	Developing Talent Through a Futuristic Internship Model, Jerrin Victor, Corporate Director – Science and Technology, Magnolia Gardens Nursery
8:55 AM	Beyond the Dip: Redefining Auxin Applications for Improved Propagation Outcomes, Anthony Bowden, Assistant Professor - Ornamental Extension Specialist, University of Arkansas
9:15 AM	Question and Answer for Session 1 Speakers
9:25 AM	Recognition of New Members, Brie Arthur, Membership Chair
9:35 AM	Poster Pitch, Students
9:55 AM	Refreshment Break, Visit with Sponsors, Visit Silent Auction, View Posters
10:15 AM	Session 2 Moderator, Dr. Mack Thetford, University of Florida
10:20 AM	The Charles SR-IPPS Student Research Competition
10:25 AM	First Student Presenter
10:45 AM	Second Student Presenter
11:05 AM	Third Student Presenter
11:25 AM	Fourth Student Presenter
11:45 AM	Question and Answer for Session 2 Speakers
11:50 AM	Sponsor Recognition, Richard May, Sponsor Chair
11:55 AM	Announcements
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own
1:30 PM	Session 3 Moderator (TBD)
1:35 PM	What We Know and Don't Know About Fungus Gnat, Dr. JC Chong, Technical Development Manager – Ornamental, SePRO Corporation
1:55 PM	Nutritional Considerations for Optimum Stock Plants and Cuttings, Lynn Griffith, President - Tropical Plant and Soil Expert
2:15 PM	Finding Your Niche, Jennifer Tucker, Owner - Jensfarm Maples
2:35 PM	Question and Answer for Session 3 Speakers
2:45 PM	Refreshment Break, Visit with Sponsors, Visit Silent Auction, View Posters

3:05 PM	IPPS International Update: Global Plant Adventures & 2026 Sneak Peak, Brie Arthur
3:20 PM	New Friends and Old Foes: Tips for Managing Difficult Nursery Diseases, Dr. Emma Lookabaugh, Senior Technical Specialist - BASF
3:40 PM	Bracing for Hurricane Season – Insights & Lessons Learned from Florida Growers and FNGLA, Tal Coley, Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association - Chief Executive Officer
4:00 PM	Train Your Staff How to Water, Paul Fisher, Professor and Extension Specialist in Floriculture, University of Florida
4:20 PM	Question and Answer for Session 4 Speakers
5:30 PM	Auction Closes, Diamond 1-2
6:30 PM	Social (cash bar)
7:30 PM	Awards Banquet and Live Auction, Royal 1-2
9:00 - 11:00 PM	Auction Checkout, Diamond Pre-function

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Conference Registration, Diamond Pre-function
7:10 AM	Load Buses
7:20 AM	Depart Hotel
8:00 AM	Arrive at Knox Horticulture
9:45 - 9:55 AM	Load Buses
	<i>Note: Groups A & Group B split up</i>
10:25 AM	Arrive at Amerigo (GROUP A)
10:25 AM	Arrive at Agri Starts (GROUP B)
11:50 AM - Noon	Load Buses
12:20 PM	Arrive at UF IFAS MREC (GROUPS A & B)
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch at MREC
2:30 - 2:40 PM	Load Buses
	<i>Note: Groups A & Group B split up</i>
3:00 PM	Arrive at Amerigo (GROUP B)
3:00 PM	Arrive at Agri Starts (GROUP A)
4:25 - 4:35 PM	Load Buses
5:40 PM	Arrive at Hotel
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Conference Registration Open
7:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own
8:00 PM	Ice Cream Social, Promenade B, C, D
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Question Box, Promenade B, C, D

Thursday, October 23

7:00 - 9:30 AM	Registration open, Diamond Pre-function
8:00 AM	General Session, Royal 1-2
8:00 AM	Welcome, Session 5, Moderator (TBD)
8:05 AM	The Latest in Nursery Weed Control: Herbicides, Application Equipment, Mulch, and other Strategies to Save Money, Chris Marble, Associate Professor - UF/IFAS
	Environmental Horticulture, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center
8:25 AM	"I Can Propagate That"- A Survey of Propagation Research From Seeds to Tissue Culture, Sandra Wilson, Professor - University of Florida
8:45 AM	Cooked Roots, Stunted Shoots: The Hidden Cost of Hot Containers, Jeremy Pickens, Assistant Extension Professor - Auburn University
9:05 AM	Question and Answer for Session 5 Speakers
9:15 AM	Annual meeting
10:15 AM	Refreshment Break, Visit with Sponsors, View Posters
10:35 AM	Session 6, Moderator (TBD)
10:35 AM	Autonomous Inventory Management: It Is Closer Than You Think, Christopher Brown, Jr., Lancaster Farms
10:55 AM	Boxwood Disease Mitigation with Biologicals, Mark Freeman, Technical Services Manager - BioWorks
11:15 AM	Question and Answer for Session 6 Speakers
11:25 AM	Session 7, Moderator (TBD)
11:25 AM	IPPS Early Career International Exchange Program 2024: Southern Region North America to Europe, Max McKeon, Huntsville Botanical Garden
11:40 AM	Looking forward to Houston in 2026, Paul Winski, Local Site Chair, Houston, TX
11:55 AM	Question and Answer for Session 7 Speakers

Conference Ends

Thank you for attending, and we look forward to seeing you next year in Houston, TX!

12:30 PM - 2:00PM Board Meeting, Silver

Please bring along a few dollars in cash to tip the bus drivers on Monday and Wednesday.

2025 IPPS-SR Tour Description

Monday Tours



Southern Hill Farms

Southern Hill Farms is a 120-acre family-owned and operated agritourism farm growing u-pick blueberries, strawberries, blackberries, peaches, seasonal vegetables, sunflowers and zinnias in their respective seasons, along with commercially harvested blueberries and strawberries. Originally, their blueberries were solely commercially harvested until 2014 when they opened the farm for their community to enjoy. Today, Southern Hill Farms is a beloved destination within Clermont and the Greater Orlando area, welcoming guests for their winter and spring u-pick seasons as well as their annual fall festival, a family tradition to remember. Southern Hill Farms offers the community a chance to know their local farm and love their local farmer.

Flowerwood Nursery

Flowerwood Nursery began as the backyard hobby of Harry H. Smith during the last years of the Great Depression. Today, under third-generation owner, Greg Smith, Jr.'s leadership and vision, family-owned Flowerwood Nursery has growing facilities in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, selling only to the trade. Flowerwood provides broadleaf evergreens, conifers, deciduous shrubs, grasses, groundcovers, trees, perennials, and seasonal color throughout the Southern and Mid-Atlantic states. With over 1,000 acres in active nursery production and the ability to expand to an additional 400 acres, Flowerwood Nursery is strengthened by a team of 600 year-round employees. Flowerwood Nursery specializes in improved products, including the many varieties of Encore® Azalea and the Southern Living Plant Collection. Selections like Encore Azaleas, the Southern Living® Plant Collection, Endless Summer® Hydrangeas, the Knock Out® Family of Roses (along with other known industry favorites) help create a product mix designed to satisfy the needs of retail garden centers and professional landscapers. Flowerwood is unique due to its longevity and the ability to utilize multiple growing zones in the Southeast United States, and its focus on innovation, excellent production facilities, and must-stock flagship brands.



Southeast Soils

After several decades of experience working for other potting media and soils manufacturing companies, our team of experts took their experience and moved into the growing wave of pioneers creating unique, premium quality potting media. Now, we supply big and small nurseries from Homestead to Jacksonville out of our main 20-acre facility in Okahumpka. Located on CR 470 just off the turnpike, we are strategically situated in Central Florida for efficient shipping throughout the state and close access to our quality peat bogs. Our focus is providing our customers with premium quality materials with the highest level of service at affordable prices. From custom media for indoor foliage liners to 100-gallon tree containers to rooftop gardens to topdressing for sports fields, if there is a job requiring substrates for growing—we do it. There are a lot of variables to growing plants and our experienced and knowledgeable sales team works with growers to provide the right media for the right situation. Southeast Soils is here to help you grow well.



Cherrylake

Cherrylake is a family-owned horticulture and landscape company with over 40 years of farming in Central Florida. As one of the largest vertically integrated growers in the Southeast, we grow ornamental trees, palms, and shrubs across 1,600 acres while providing commercial landscape construction and maintenance services throughout the region. Fueled by our why words—sustainable, beauty, vision, life, and community—we are dedicated to protecting Florida's natural landscapes through innovation, regenerative agriculture, and biodiversity. More than growers, we are entrepreneurs, constantly pushing the boundaries of what's possible in agriculture and beyond. Our deep-rooted love for the land drives us to innovate, improve, and shape a future where people and nature thrive together.



2025 IPPS-SR Tour Description

Wednesday Tours

Knox Nursery, Inc.

An established second-generation family-run business started in 1962, Knox Nursery produces a full line of young plants for the greenhouse industry as well as 4-inch finished plants for landscapes and local theme parks. Producing over 150 million plugs and liners from over 700,000 square feet of high-tech greenhouses, Knox Nursery takes advantage of the Central Florida sun to provide customers with a nutrient-packed plant for quicker turns. Unique to Knox is their EZ-pot brand for El-lepots manufactured on-site in different media and sizes. This system not only reduces plastic consumption but improves rooting and transplant efficiency resulting in premium plant quality (<https://www.knoxhort.com/the-ellepot-store/>). With over 5000 varieties of plants, from Alyssum to Zinnia, Knox Nursery has remained Florida's leading bedding plant specialist for over 60 years. Website: www.knoxhort.com | 940 Avalon Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787 | 407-654-1972



Amerigo Farms, Inc.

Bringing with them generations of experience, Amerigo Farms expanded from Canada to Central Florida in 2006. Their dynamic and ever-expanding 27-acre location in Mount Dora features greenhouses with highly-automated environmental controls. Together with its sister-company, Homestead Growers, in Canada, Amerigo Farms is North America's largest, premium potted Calla Lily grower, also producing lush Tropical Foliage and seasonal crops like Clematis, Pot Mums and Poinsettia.



UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research and Education Center

Located in the heart of Florida's greenhouse and nursery industry, the University of Florida Institution of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Mid-Florida Research and Education Center (MREC) opened in 1999 after combining three existing research centers into one. As one of 12 UF/IFAS research and education centers, MREC specializes in foliage and ornamental plant production. Researchers at MREC focus on key areas of horticulture production and management, including plant physiology, breeding and genetics, integrated pest management, consumer economics, and water management. The center also houses an Extension-run plant clinic, offering science-based guidance to industry professionals and homeowners.

To learn more, visit <https://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu/>



Agri-Starts, Inc.

Agri-Starts, Inc is a family owned bio-tech company founded by Randy Strode in 1984 in Apopka, FL. Agri-Starts, Inc. is a leading wholesale plant nursery and tissue culture lab, dedicated to producing high-quality starter plants for commercial growers and farms across North America. Operating on two production locations, including over 210,000 square feet of greenhouse space and a 30,000-square-foot tissue culture lab, Agri-Starts has the capacity to produce up to 20 million plants annually. Specializing in tissue culture cloning, the company offers a diverse portfolio of pathogen-free and juvenile-vigorous plants, including tropical foliage, small fruits, Florida natives, aquatic varieties and more. With grow times ranging from 6 to 21 weeks, their advanced propagation techniques allow for faster production, superior plant structure, and year-round availability. Powered by a team of skilled technicians and supported by modern greenhouse technology, Agri-Starts continues to innovate and expand as a trusted partner to the horticulture industry.



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IPPS–SRNA Officers & Committees for 2024-2025

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IPPS-SR Fellows Recipients John L. Machen, Sr, 1993 Charles H. Parkerson, 1993 Dr. Carl E. Whitcomb, 1993 Ron W. Copeland, 1994 Fred W. Garrett, 1994 Peter van der Giessen, 1995 Judd P. Germany, 1995 David M. Byers, 1996 Dr. Michael A. Dirr, 1997 Dr. Bryson L. James, 1998 James Berry, 1999 Buddy Martin, 1999 Richard Marshall, 2000 Ben Davis II, 2000 Wayne Sawyer, 2001 James Gilbert, 2002 Dr. David L. Morgan, 2003 Bill Barr, 2004 Doug Torn, 2004 Margie Yates Jenkins, 2005 Don A. Covan, 2005 Randy Jacobs, 2005 Dr. Charles Gilliam, 2006 Dr. Fred T. Davies, 2006 Eelco Tinga, Jr., 2007 Bob Smart, 2007 Stewart Chandler, 2008 Dr. Ted Bilderback, 2008 Bill Turk, 2009 Dr. Patricia Knight, 2010 Dr. Thomas Yeager, 2010 Hugh Gramling, 2011 Kay Phelps, 2012 Dr. Gary Knox, 2013 Dr. Mack Thetford, 2014 Tom Saunders, 2015 Robert Black, 2015 Dr. John Ruter, 2016 Buddy Lee, 2017 Dennis Niemeyer, 2018 Dr. Sandra Wilson, 2018 Dr. Donna Fare, 2019 Dr. Allen Owings, 2019 Dr. David Creech, 2020 Rick Crowder, 2021 Maarten van der Giessen, 2021 Kevin Gant, 2022 Dr. James Robbins, 2022 John Hoffman, 2023 Robert Green, 2024	Recipients of Southern Region's Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit Charles H. Parkerson, 1990 David M. Byers, 1991 Dr. Vivian Munday, 1992 Dr. Bryson L. James, 1993 Dr. Fred T. Davies, Jr., 1994 Bill Barr, 1995 James B. Berry, 1996 Dr. J.C. Raulson, 1997 Richard Marshall, 1998 John Machen, Sr., 1999 Dr. Carl E. Whitcomb, 2000 Dr. Michael A. Dirr, 2001 James Gilbert, 2002 Dr. David L. Morgan, 2003 Fred Garrett, 2004 Dr. Charles Gilliam, 2005 Dr. Donna Fare, 2006 Thomas 'Buddy' Martin, 2007 Dr. Tom Yeager, 2008 Dr. David Creech, 2009 Dr. Ted Bilderback, 2010 Margie Jenkins, 2011 Don Covan 2012, 2012 Stewart Chandler 2013 Rick Crowder, 2014 Eelco Tinga, Jr. 2015 Dr. Mack Thetford, 2016 Dr. Patricia Knight, 2017 Robert "Buddy" Lee 2018 Robert "Bob" Black 2019 Dr. Gary Knox 2020 Tom Saunders, 2021 William "Bill" Turk, 2022 Dennis Niemeyer, 2023 Kevin Gantt, 2024
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HOTEL INFORMATION

Host Hotel:
DoubleTree Hotel Orlando at Seaworld



DoubleTree Hotel Orlando at Seaworld
10100 International Dr,
Orlando, FL 32821
(407) 352-1100

The DoubleTree Hotel Orlando at Seaworld is located off of I-4, on 28 tropical acres within two miles of Aquatica Orlando and SeaWorld. With plenty of activities and family-friendly perks, the hotel offers all the fun and relaxation needed for an unforgettable stay. \$10 per day parking for those booking within our room block.

Room Rates: \$149.00 per night plus taxes

Deadline: September 27, 2025

Registration Link: <http://book.passkey.com/e/EventID-goesHere>

Airport: Orlando International Airport (MCO)

There is a UPS Store at the Hotel, if you need to ship plants or other items bought at the auction.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

2026 (Oct 18 – Oct 22) Houston, TX
2027 (Oct 24 – Oct 28) Charlottesville, VA

IPPS-SR Early-Career Professional Opportunities

Margie Jenkins IPPS-SR Industry Scholarship Award

The award was established in 2021 to honor Margie Jenkins. Its purpose is to enable individuals who are employed or self-employed in the nursery/green industry to attend an International Plant Propagators' Society – Southern Region of North America (IPPS-SRNA) meeting for their first time. The recipient receives a complimentary full conference registration. Margie Jenkins was a long-time member of the IPPS-SRNA. She started her nursery/green industry career later in life. She became a mentor to everyone and was very passionate about plants. Under her leadership, the Jenkins Farm and Nursery enlarged and prospered, and "Ms. Margie" became recognized as a botanical authority across the Gulf States. She was a frequent guest speaker and lecturer at nursery and botanical organizations. She received awards from many nursery associations, and was the first woman to be inducted into the Louisiana's Department of Agriculture Hall of Distinction. Ms. Margie was passionate about mentoring and introducing new plants to the green industry. She exemplified the IPPS motto: "To Seek and Share."

Vivian Munday IPPS-SR Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship Work Program

This program began in 1997, as the Vivian Munday Undergraduate Awards program in memory of Dr. Vivian Munday, Professor of Horticulture, University of Georgia. Dr. Munday was passionate about undergraduate students, all flora and fauna, the IPPS-SR and her job as editor for 18 years. The scholarship work program supported worthy undergraduates and introduced them to the IPPS-SR and the green industry. A requirement of the award was that applicants be full-time students in two or four year programs. The students were required to be at the conference meetings to introduce them to this great organization and to reach out to them and hopefully attract them as new members. The scholarships were \$1,000 with a \$500 travel stipend per student. Some 3-5 students majoring in horticulture/agriculture were chosen each year.

In 2013, the program was reorganized as the Vivian Munday Young Horticultural Professional Scholarship Work Program. It includes students in horticulture/agriculture with career interest in the green industry/plant propagation. The program is geared to introduce students to career opportunities in the green industry, horticulture and plant propagation. Awardees actively participate at the annual meeting – helping with and attending the educational sessions, nursery tours, and general assistance with running the conference. A goal is to enhance educational interaction with the students and green industry professionals. Through greater engagement/participation between students and professionals – awardees are encouraged to become future members of the society. There are four individuals (4-pack) selected. The awardees receive free registration, banquet ticket, and tours, and co-share a hotel room at the conference. The Vivian Munday IPPS-SR Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship Work Program Selection Committee is composed of the three most recent IPPS-SR Fellows.

Early Career IPPS-SR Professional Exchange Program

In 2013, the IPPS-SR began to participate in the Early-Career Propagator Exchange program with the European Region. This is an outreach program to attract and educate early career nursery/green industry professionals. The goal is to interchange young nursery/green industry professionals between international regions and give an early career professional the opportunity to learn about the industry/profession in another world region of the IPPS. The IPPS-SR awardee is currently hosted by the European Region. While visiting the region, the awardee will attend the regional conference and visit nurseries. The IPPS-SR provides \$2,000 to the awardee to cover travel expenses. Partial reimbursements are available to SR hosts to cover some of their travel expenses related to hosting the European Region awardee when needed.

The Charles IPPS-SR Student Research Awards Program

This program began in 1985 with the objectives to: 1) stimulate student research and career interest in the propagation and production of landscape plants, and the green industry and 2) raise the quality of educational programs through student participation and interaction with the membership at annual meetings of the IPPS-SR. Awards are 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$250 plus \$500 travel stipend for each awardee. In 2007 the program began supporting up to 4 graduate post presenters at \$500 travel for each awardee. In some years, as many as 15 students have applied to compete (paper and oral presentation). There is a Scholarship and Awards Committee composed of industry and academia who evaluate and rank the student research papers. Students with the top-ranked papers are invited to make oral presentations at the annual meeting - from which the final election is made. Remaining students are encouraged to give poster presentations. In 2016, the IPPS-SR Student Research Award program was named the Charlie Parkerson IPPS-SR Student Research Awards Program.

Students with the top-ranked papers are invited to make oral presentations at the annual meeting - from which the final election is made. Remaining students are encouraged to give poster presentations. In 2016, the IPPS-SR Student Research Award program was named the Charlie Parkerson SR-IPPS Student Research Awards Program and in 2024 the name was changed at the request of Mr. Parkerson to also honor Dr. Charles Gilliam his longtime friend.

Coach Vince Dooley IPPS-SR Student Scholarship

This program was established in 2023 in honor of the late Coach Vince Dooley from University of Georgia. Recipients do not work the conference but rather use this opportunity to network with IPPS members and identify employment opportunities. Eligibility is for Juniors or Seniors in 2 or 4-year ag science/horticulture programs. Scholarship covers full registration, hotel, and travel (actual flight costs or mileage reimbursement), plus \$250 spending money. Awardee will share a hotel room with other scholarship winners.



Working Together to Grow Future Horticulturists

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This is my first IPPS-SR Conference - YES NO I opt out of sharing my contact information with other attendees - YES NO

Company Name _____

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ATTENDEE #1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Preferred Nick Name for Badge _____

IPPS-SR Member YES / NO Meal Selection(deadline 10/1/25): _____ Standard _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free

		* Early Rate is only available to active IPPS Members		
	Early* (by Sept 18, 2025)	Regular	Student**	Amount
Full Registration (Conference, Mon & Wed Tours, banquet	\$575.00	\$725.00	\$195.00	\$ _____
Full Registration - Group of 3 or more*	\$510.00	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
Conference Registration (Seminars Only - no banquet or tours)	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
MondayTour	\$155.00	\$195.00	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
WednesdayTour	\$155.00	\$195.00	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Banquet	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 30.00	\$ _____

ATTENDEE #2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Preferred Nick Name for Badge _____

IPPS-SR Member YES / NO Meal Selection(deadline 10/1/25): _____ Standard _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free

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	Early* (by Sept 18, 2025)	Regular	Student**	Amount
Full Registration (Conference, Mon & WedTours, Banquet	\$575.00	\$725.00	\$195.00	\$ _____
Full Registration - Group of 3 or more*	\$510.00	N/A	N/A	\$ _____
Conference Registration (Seminars Only - no banquet or tours)	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
Monday Tour	\$155.00	\$195.00	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
WednesdayTour	\$155.00	\$195.00	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Banquet	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 30.00	\$ _____

* Group Rate -Register 3 or more from the same organization at the same time and at least 1 attendee must be a IPPS Member.

** Enrolled as a full time student

I would like to join IPPS-SR for the 2026 year @ \$105.00 \$ _____

PAYMENT TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Compute the total amount due and indicate method of payment below with requires information. Cancellations must be received in writing by September 30, 2025 and are subject to a \$75 processing fee. After September 30 registration fees are non-refundable.

_____ Check (Payable to IPPS-SR) _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ American Express _____ Discover

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email to scplant@bellsouth.net or mail to IPPS-SR 4661 Crystal Drive Columbia, SC 29206

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