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## WELCOME TO ORLANDO!

# 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Sunday, October 19

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

## Monday, October 20

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

## Tuesday, October 21

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| <b>6:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b> | Conference Registration, Diamond Pre-function                  |
| <b>6:30 - 7:30 AM</b>    | Fellows Breakfast, Flamingo Room (Tower Building, first floor) |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>           | Visit with Sponsors, Royal Pre-function                        |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>           | Auction Open, Diamond 1-2                                      |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>           | General Session, Royal 1-2                                     |
|                          | Opening Remarks, Michael Roe,                                  |

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.

2024-25 IPPS-SR President, Introduction of Vivian Munday Scholarship Recipients, Margie Jenkins Scholarship Recipients, Coach Vince Dooley Scholarship Recipient, and Exchange Program Participants

Session 1, Eric Shealy, Moderator  
A Horticultural Journey & Opportunities with IPPS, Dr. Fred Davies  
Developing Talent Through a Futuristic Internship Model, Jerrin Victor, Corporate Director – Science and Technology, Magnolia Gardens Nursery  
Beyond the Dip: Redefining Auxin Applications for Improved Propagation Outcomes, Anthony Bowden, Assistant Professor - Ornamental Extension Specialist, University of Arkansas  
Question and Answer for Session 1 Speakers  
Recognition of New Members, Brie Arthur, Membership Chair  
Poster Pitch, Students  
Refreshment Break, Visit with Sponsors, Visit Silent Auction, View Posters  
Session 2 Moderator, Dr. Mack Thetford, University of Florida  
The Charles SR-IPPS Student Research Competition  
First Student Presenter  
Second Student Presenter  
Third Student Presenter  
Fourth Student Presenter  
Question and Answer for Session 2 Speakers  
Sponsor Recognition, Richard May, Sponsor Chair  
Announcements  
Lunch on your own  
Session 3, Kristopher Criscione, Moderator  
What We Know and Don't Know About Fungus Gnat, Dr. JC Chong, Technical Development Manager – Ornamental, SePRO Corporation  
Nutritional Considerations for Optimum Stock Plants and Cuttings, Lynn Griffith, President - Tropical Plant and Soil Expert  
Finding Your Niche, Jennifer Tucker, Owner - Jensfarm Maples  
Question and Answer for Session 3 Speakers

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| <b>2:45 PM</b>         | Refreshment Break, Visit with Sponsors, Visit Silent Auction, View Posters                                                                                                      |
| <b>3:00 PM</b>         | Session 4, Max McKeon, Moderator                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>3:05 PM</b>         | IPPS International Update: Global Plant Adventures & 2026 Sneak Peak, Brie Arthur                                                                                               |
| <b>3:20 PM</b>         | New Friends and Old Foes: Tips for Managing Difficult Nursery Diseases, Dr. Emma Lookabaugh, Senior Technical Specialist - BASF                                                 |
| <b>3:40 PM</b>         | Bracing for Hurricane Season – Insights & Lessons Learned from Florida Growers and FNGLA, Tal Coley, Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association - Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>         | Train Your Staff How to Water, Paul Fisher, Professor and Extension Specialist in Floriculture, University of Florida                                                           |
| <b>4:20 PM</b>         | Question and Answer for Session 4 Speakers                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5:30 PM</b>         | Auction Closes, Diamond 1-2                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>6:30 PM</b>         | Social (cash bar)                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>7:30 PM</b>         | Awards Banquet and Live Auction, Royal 1-2                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>9:00 - 11:00 PM</b> | Auction Checkout, Diamond Pre-function                                                                                                                                          |

## Wednesday, October 22

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

## Thursday, October 23

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| <b>7:00 - 9:30 AM</b> | Registration Open, Diamond Pre-function                                                                                                                       |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>        | General Session, Royal 1-2                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>        | Welcome, Session 5, Anthony Bowden, Moderator                                                                                                                 |
| <b>8:05 AM</b>        | 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                                                                                         |
| <b>8:25 AM</b>        | "I Can Propagate That!"- A Survey of Propagation Research From Seeds to Tissue Culture, Sandra Wilson, Professor - University of Florida                      |
| <b>8:45 AM</b>        | Cooked Roots, Stunted Shoots: The Hidden Cost of Hot Containers, Jeremy Pickens, Assistant Extension Professor - Auburn University                            |
| <b>9:05 AM</b>        | Question and Answer for Session 5 Speakers                                                                                                                    |
| <b>9:15 AM</b>        | Annual meeting                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>10:15 AM</b>       | Refreshment Break, Visit with Sponsors, View Posters                                                                                                          |
| <b>10:35 AM</b>       | Session 6, Ping Yu, PhD, Moderator                                                                                                                            |
| <b>10:35 AM</b>       | Autonomous Inventory Management: It Is Closer Than You Think, Christopher Brown, Jr., Lancaster Farms                                                         |
| <b>10:55 AM</b>       | Boxwood Disease Mitigation with Biologicals, Mark Freeman, Technical Services Manager - BioWorks                                                              |
| <b>11:15 AM</b>       | Question and Answer for Session 6 Speakers                                                                                                                    |
| <b>11:25 AM</b>       | Session 7, Dennis Niemeyer, Moderator                                                                                                                         |
| <b>11:25 AM</b>       | IPPS Early Career International Exchange Program 2024: Southern Region North America to Europe, Max McKeon, Huntsville Botanical Garden                       |
| <b>11:40 AM</b>       | Looking forward to Houston in 2026, Paul Winski, Local Site Chair, Houston, TX                                                                                |
| <b>11:55 AM</b>       | 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, October 18-22, 2026!

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.