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EMBRACING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND AI TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

LOUISIANA, USA
11–15 April 2027







FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

KEY DATES

- **1 JUNE 2026** – Registration Opens and Call for Abstracts
- **1 NOVEMBER 2026** – Deadline for abstract(s) submission (oral or poster)

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

Crop Management and Soil Health, Water and Irrigation Management, Engineering and New Technologies, Weed Management, Extension Education

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The ISSCT Agricultural Commission's Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, and Extension Workshop will be hosted by the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (ASSCT) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA from 11 to 15 April 2027.

HOST INSTITUTION

The ASSCT is interested in the general study of the U.S. sugarcane industry and the dissemination of information to members through meetings and publications. The ASSCT is comprised of two branches, the Florida Division and the Louisiana Division. Members of the ASSCT associate themselves with one of two membership groups, Agriculture or Manufacturing. The Agriculture group includes individuals interested in the growing and harvesting of sugarcane. The Manufacturing group includes individuals interested in the extraction and processing of sucrose from sugarcane.

LANGUAGE

The Workshop will be conducted in English.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

The workshop will include two full days of scientific presentations and discussion. Oral presentations and posters are welcomed. Topics of the sessions will include sugarcane agricultural engineering, agronomy, and extension. In addition, there will be two days of tours which will include visiting Louisiana State University Agricultural Center's Sugar Research Station, John Deere Thibodaux, United States Department of Agriculture-Agriculture Research Service, Sugarcane Research Unit, and other sites within the Louisiana sugarcane industry.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 JUNE 2026 - Registration and abstract submission opens

1 NOVEMBER 2026 - Deadline for abstract(s) submission (oral or poster)

1 FEBRUARY 2027 - Notification of acceptance of oral presentations and posters from organizing committee

11 APRIL 2027 - Evening Welcome Reception

12 to 15 APRIL 2027 - Workshop and Tours

15 APRIL 2027 - Evening Farewell Reception

VISAS

Generally, a citizen of a foreign country who wishes to travel to the U. S. must first obtain a visa. Visitor visas are nonimmigrant visas for persons who want to enter the U. S. temporarily for business (B-1 visa) which includes attendance of a scientific, educational, professional, or business convention or conference http://www.usembassy.gov/

Visa Waiver Program (VWP) Overview

The U.S. Visa Waiver Program allows citizens from designated countries to travel to the United States for up to 90 days without needing a visa. Travelers must apply for an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) prior to their trip, which is a requirement for entry under the VWP.

Countries Eligible for the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)

Citizen or national of the following countries are eligible to travel to the United States under the VWP: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Qutar, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man).

REGISTRATION COST

Workshop registration is $350 per participant. All workshop participants must be ISSCT members for 2025-2028. ISSCT membership dues are $150 and must be paid through the online payment system at https://issct.org/membership/.

VENUE

L'Auberge Casino and Hotel Baton Rouge
777 L'Auberge Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70820
Room Rate: $129 per night + $14.99 resort fee and taxes.
To book your room, please use the following link:
https://book.rguest.com/onecart/wbe/offers/688/LBatonRouge?offerCode=ISSCT27
Alternatively, you can call the reservation line directly at +1-866-261-7777 to secure your room via the telephone. When calling, please provide the code: **ISSCT27**
Please note that the hotel block will expire on 28-Mar 2027, so we encourage you to make your reservations before then to ensure room availability at the group rate.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are encouraged to fly into the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (BTR) which is located 27.2 km north of the hotel and conference center.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Louisiana has a wide range of tours and activities that appeal to visitors who want to experience the culture, history, and energy of south Louisiana. In Baton Rouge, popular options include guided tours of historic plantation homes, riverfront attractions, museums, and food experiences that highlight Cajun and Creole cuisine. One of the most memorable activities for international visitors is a swamp tour, where guests travel through Louisiana wetlands to see alligators, cypress trees, and native wildlife while learning about the region's unique environment. Just an hour away, New Orleans adds even more excitement with its historic French Quarter, live jazz music, iconic architecture, and vibrant nightlife, including the world-famous Bourbon Street, known for its music, dining, and lively atmosphere. Together, Baton Rouge and New Orleans provide visitors with a well-rounded and unforgettable Louisiana experience.