

**Call for papers for the 2016 International Spinach Conference,
30 November & 1 December, which will be held in San Antonio,
Texas and the surrounding winter garden area.**

This is the first call for papers for the 2016 International Spinach conference to be held in Texas. The conference hotel will be at El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel located on 110 Lexington Ave., San Antonio, TX 78205. Note we have a special rate of \$105.00, single or double. This downtown hotel is in a beach resort-inspired 1960s building by the San Antonio Riverwalk. It is 0.6 miles from I-35 and I-37, a 12 minute walk from the Alamo and a 15 minute walk from Hemisfair Park. Sleek, modern rooms offer free WiFi, flat-screen TVs, coffeemakers and desks; some rooms have balconies, and suites add wet bars with microwaves and minifridges. Upgraded suites in tropical colors offer access to a private roof terrace. There's an on-site espresso bar and a casual restaurant, plus a pool, fire pit, sundeck and fitness center.

In addition there are several restaurants within 10-12 minute walking distance from hotel with easy access to the Old Time Trolley which is an exciting way to see the City, Decker 50 Minute Tour, and the River Walk Taxi Barge Tour. As you may know the River Walk is a network of walkways along the banks of the San Antonio River lined by bars, shops, and restaurants.

We will have a welcome reception in the hotel on Tuesday evening with the all-day educational meeting beginning at 8 am in the hotel meeting room on Wednesday. Lunch will be provided at the meeting room and will feature Texas grown spinach of course. Then on Thursday morning, 1 December, we will board tour buses and head west to see some of the finest spinach in the whole world. Lunch and dinner will be provided and to experience the full tour it is BEST to ride on the bus. We will tour several grower fields and demonstration plots as well as the Del Monte research farm and spinach nurseries. We will conclude the day with a good ole fashioned South Texas pajanga !! So please make plans to join us in Texas this fall and send in your paper title soon. We would like to have the program finalized by September. Please e-mail your paper title to Larry Stein: larrystein@tamu.edu

Finally, we would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping with sponsorship of the meeting to contact Larry Stein. Sponsorships are at the Bronze (\$500), Silver (\$1,000), Gold (\$1,500), and Platinum (\$2,000) levels.

For any questions related to the meeting, please contact Larry Stein at larrystein@tamu.edu or at 830-278-9151.

To register please go to:

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Many thanks and see ya'll in November!!