



Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists

109th Annual Meeting and Conference Birmingham, Alabama February 4 - February 7, 2012

The 109th SAAS Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in the heart of Birmingham's Central Business District in the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. The complex includes the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, the Medical Forum Building, and the Convention Center.

50 Years After Birmingham **Reflections on the Changes in the Conditions of** **People Especially in Rural Alabama**

The OPENING/GENERAL SESSION will be a distinguished panel, including State Senator Hank Sanders, all of whom have rich experience with the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement, will reflect on the history, the progress that has been made, and the on-going challenges and work that still needs to be done. For a full description of the session, [click here](#).



Additionally, associations are developing new and exciting programs and educational sessions. Various sections have made calls for papers and presentations; check your section web site for additional information and association's registration information.

SAAS's Opening/General Session is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, February 5th followed by the Annual Super Bowl Party/Dinner on Sunday evening at [Old Car Heaven](#). Come watch the game on the big screen with a backdrop of a splendid selection of rare automobiles. Enjoy jambalaya and fixings cooked by Byron Gautreau, Four-Time World Champion Jambalaya Cook.

Hotel reservation deadline is Friday January 20, 2012, to receive the group's block room rates. Sheraton Birmingham Hotel reservations can be made [online](#).

Hope to see you in Birmingham!!!

Dr. William Richardson
President

Mark D. Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer

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Check your section/discipline's web site for additional information
and association's registration information.

Conference Program will be available on [SAAS's website](#) as it is finalized.