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To: FES Members
From: Phil Stansly, President
Cc. Dr. Wilfredo Colón, President CFCS
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Subject FES Joint Annual Meeting with CFCS in Puerto Rico

Dear FES Members,

As many are aware, the next FES Annual meeting will be held jointly in Puerto Rico with the Caribbean Food Crops Society (CFCS) as agreed at our business meeting in Sanibel Harbor and at the Executive Committee meeting on 27 Aug 2015. Since then, I have been in close contact with CFCS president Dr. Wilfredo Colón, Past President Dr. Alberto Beale, and other members of their Board of Directors, both by email and most recently, in person at their 2016 annual meeting 17-22 July in Guadeloupe. There, I was able to present FES to the CFCS Board and general society as well as participate in a preliminary planning session for our 2017 meeting with the local organizing committee. The meeting is set to commence on 16 July 2017 with a tentative venue in Isla Verde, close to the airport and with the best beaches in San Juan. Attendees can register through either society and have free access to all technical sessions. The CFCS meeting will run through Friday, 22 July whereas we will have our customary 3 day meeting with arrival on Sunday 16 July and meetings through Wednesday, 19 July. Various interesting field trips will be offered by both CFCS and FES on Thursday, 20 July, and CFCS will wrap up their meeting next day including their banquet that evening.

Soon to be president elect Catherine Mannion and I have had a preliminary discussion about the program and details will be forthcoming during the next months. In general, we are thinking of kicking off with a joint session on Monday morning, then organizing our own program through Wednesday, with the possibility of at least one joint symposium with CFCS on a subject of mutual interest such as sustainable pest control systems. I am excited about the prospect of mutual exchange with our Caribbean colleagues and welcome your ideas on ways we can enrich the experience for all. Please plan to join us next year in Puerto Rico and do your best to motivate your friends and colleagues in all branches of Agriculture and Natural Resources. You won't want to miss this one; it's going to be **AWSOME!**

Best Regards,
Phil Stansly



Professor of Entomology and President of FES