

## **Benefits of attending the Annual Meeting**

The FAS Annual Meeting is an excellent venue for faculty to present their work and to interact with other faculty and professionals from around the state. All state universities and many private schools are represented at the meeting as well as representatives from state agencies and industry. It is also an excellent opportunity for students to present their undergraduate or graduate research in a friendly environment where they can gain the experience of presenting their work to other professionals. Students and faculty are encouraged to submit abstracts for posters and/or platform presentations.

Regional societies such as academies of science allow for more intense networking among colleagues in multiple disciplines at a lower rate of dues than do specialty societies at the national and international levels. There are issues in research, teaching, and service unique to Florida that are less effectively addressed at the larger societies. One example is the Academy's input to the State standards in science teaching.

Our annual meeting provides industry professionals, faculty, undergraduate and graduate students a nearby venue for oral and poster presentation of the results of their research. Registration and travel costs are much less than for national and international meetings, a consideration these days for faculty as well as for your students. Our annual meetings generally comprise about 150 presentations and 50 posters.

The annual meeting is also an excellent opportunity for students and professionals to network. It allows students and faculty from various schools to become acquainted with one another.