Development of Title/Abstract Submission Software

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David Krueger, our webmaster, has been working hard on developing title/abstract submission software. The committee working on this project include Joyce Lancaster, Mike Barrett, Wun Chao, Ed Luschei, and me representing WSSA, Mark VanGessel and Greg Armel representing NEWSS, Daniel Reynolds representing SWSS, Kevin Bradley representing NCWSS, Tim Miller and Tony White representing WSWS, Linda Nelson representing APMS, and Anita Drabyk representing CWSS.

The committee reviewed the specifications needed in the program and submitted additions to David. David demonstrated a test version of the software with Joyce and me. He made some additional changes based on our comments and then demonstrated a revised version for the committee. Joyce, Mark, Greg, and I were able to participate in this demonstration on Tuesday (July 21). David will be demonstrating the program for the WSSA board on Saturday during the board meeting. Here is a website for the test version: http://wssaabstracts.com/.

The webpages for title and abstract submission are close to being completed. There will be different levels of access: presenter, section chair, program chair, and administrator. Presenters will be able to see their submitted titles and make changes to their submitted abstracts until the deadline. There will be available drop down menus for keyword selection. The system will allow section chairs, program chair, or administrator to send out email announcements. Section chairs will be able to put titles in the order they desire. One of the main areas David still needs to work on is development of the software to generate reports that will be used to create the program and to develop a compilation of the submitted abstracts.

David will be working closely with Greg and Mark to develop any special requirements needed by NEWSS. NEWSS will be the first real test of the software as they use the program this September for their title and abstract submission process. The tentative schedule is to have the final version up and running for NEWSS by August 20. WSSA will be using the program for the 2011 meeting so there will be plenty of time to work out any bugs in the system. If any other affiliated society besides NEWSS is interested in using the software, let me know.