

Aquatic Plant Management Society Call for Papers

You are invited to submit a title and abstract for the 56th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society to be held July 17-20, 2016, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI. Both oral and poster presentations are solicited for original research on the biology or ecology of aquatic and wetland plants, control methods (biological, chemical, cultural, mechanical) for invasive, exotic or nuisance plant or alga species, and restoration projects involving wetland or aquatic plants and algae. Presentation of original research will be given preference, and should be indicated by including results in the abstract. This year's meeting is in the region of the Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society, so regional presenters are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract.

The Society also invites student abstracts for oral or poster presentations. This meeting presents an opportunity for students to network with key government, university and industry representatives; and peers with similar educational and professional interests. The society will provide all student presenters with room accommodations and complimentary registration. First, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money will be awarded in separate contests for both oral and poster presentations. In addition, all students are invited to attend a hands-on tour of local aquatic plant management sites immediately following the meeting and concluding Thursday, July 21. Students may contact the APMS Student Affairs Committee Chairs, Dr. Becca Haynie or Dr. Chris Mudge, with any questions at rebeccah@sepro.com or CMudge@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Oral presentations will be allotted a total of 15 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions and discussion. Contributed oral presentations should be scientific or technical in nature, which will be determined from the submitted abstract. An LCD projector/computer and laser pointer will be available for oral presentations. Only PC-based PowerPoint presentations will be accepted. All presenters will be required to upload their final PowerPoint presentation to the abstract submission portal prior to the meeting. Note: All presentations that include externally run programs; models or special animation, must be reviewed and approved by the Program Chair prior to the meeting. You will not be allowed to set up a personal computer for your presentation. A poster session will also be scheduled. Free-standing display boards (4' x 4') will be provided for posters.

Please go to the WSSA Title and Abstract Submission System at <https://wssaabstracts.com/> to submit your information online. Log in and click "Join a Conference" to access the 2016 APMS meeting. Click "Enter" then "My Titles and Abstracts" to submit your information. Please limit abstracts to 300 words. You will receive a confirmation email to indicate your title and abstract have been received and uploaded. This does not mean that your presentation is accepted for the conference. Acceptance of contributed papers will not occur until after the abstract deadline, and will be confirmed by a separate e-mail. The title and abstract submission system is now active and will remain open until April 29, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the APMS Program Chair, Dr. John Madsen at jmadsen@ucdavis.edu.