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***SEERS SPRING MEETING - APRIL 8 - 10, 1999
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA***

**ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MARCH 12, 1999**

Overview: The spring meeting of SEERS will be held in Jacksonville Florida and is to be hosted jointly by Jacksonville University and the St. Johns River Water Management District. The meeting scheduled for April 8 - 10th, will be held at the Ramada Inn hotel / Conference Center in down-town Jacksonville. There will be awards for best undergraduate poster and best (graduate/undergraduate) student oral presentation. An election to fill openings of Treasurer and student representative will be conducted at the business meeting Friday evening, followed by a banquet on the campus of Jacksonville University.

For detailed information on the meeting contact one of the following:

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The meeting will follow the standard SEERS format

Thursday, April 8th, 6:00-?? -- Poster session and social (Ramada Inn)

Friday, April 9th, 8:30-12:00 -- Oral presentations (Ramada Inn)

12:00-1:30 -- Open lunch (Off hotel grounds)

1:30 - 4:30 -- Oral presentations (Ramada Inn)

4:30 - 6:00-- Business meeting and Treasurer election (Ramada Inn)

6:30 - ?? -- Banquet (Jacksonville University campus)

Saturday, April 10th, 9:00-12:00 -- Oral presentations (Ramada Inn)

Abstract submission: Abstracts should be sent to:

Eric Koepfler, SEERS Program Chair
Marine Science Department
Coastal Carolina University
Conway, SC 29526

no later than March 12, 1999.

Complete abstract preparation and submission instructions are included below.

Presentation Preparation / Submission Instructions:

Abstracts are required for both oral and poster presentations. The maximum time for oral presentations is 12 min., with 3 min. for questions. Student competitions include the Best Student Paper Award for oral presentations and the Best Undergraduate Poster Award. Students wishing to be eligible for these awards must be a member of SEERS (can join at the meeting).

Abstract submission: Those wishing to present a paper/poster can submit an abstract in one of three ways. The **PREFERRED** way is (1) to submit via e-mail to eric@coastal.edu. If attaching the abstract as a file, please cut-and-paste the abstract into the body of your message to account for incompatibility in software. If your abstract includes super or subscripts, bold, italics or underlines please indicate by enclosing and referencing the text within brackets, i.e., {Italics(Crassostrea virginica)}. Receipt of the abstract will be acknowledged in a reply message. If you do not have access to e-mail, your abstract can be submitted either: (2) on a diskette with word processor (preferably Word 6.0) and file name on the disk label, or (3) on a high quality hard copy. All abstracts are **due by March 12th**.

If mailing abstract please send to: **Eric Koepfler, SEERS Program Chair**
Marine Science Department
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Conway, SC 29526

Regardless of the submission route, the abstract should have the following format:

Humperdink, Evan, and Tirebiter, Gene., .L. <Title of Your Abstract>.
Authors' institutes and addresses. Abstract -- Limited to 250 words.

ALSO include at the bottom of the abstract the following information:

- (1) whether the presentation is oral or a poster,
- (2) who the presenter is
- (3) first names of all authors
- (4) if the presenter is a student and whether the student is an undergraduate, M.S. candidate, or Ph.D. candidate,
- (5) if the student will compete for the Best Student Paper Award (oral) or Best Undergraduate Poster Award, and
- (6) for students entering the Award competitions, include the name and phone number or e-mail address of a faculty member or Department Head that will verify his or her student status.

Poster Information:

The top of the poster should have title and author(s) in large lettering no less than 2.5 cm high. Each poster should include an abstract. The Introduction (optional) and Conclusion sections should contain any required text. Keep wording down to a minimum and increase the use of figures/data. This is to encourage interaction between poster author(s) and the browsing audience. Typed material should be in 3/8" (1 cm) or greater size lettering. We suggest using

the capital font of an Orator element and bold print. Poster space is limited, so poster configuration should be no larger than 4 X 6 feet (1.3 X 2 m). Modulating the poster into different sections (pieces) will aid fitting it into a confined space. Charts, graphs, and photographs should be mounted on medium weight (poster) board. Minimum size for all graphics should be 8" X 10" (20.4 X 25.5 cm). Wording and graphic lines should be dense black or bolded, and symbols should be large and easily distinguished. All captions should be brief and the labels few and concise.

In constructing your poster remember these general guidelines:

- 1) Avoid excessive text.
- 2) Text should be large enough to read from a distance of 4-6 feet.
- 3) The objectives should be stated clearly.
- 4) Conclusions/significance of the work should be stated clearly, and provide a sense of closure for the objectives.

Abstract and schedule information will be collated and sent back out as a second mailing to all members on March 19th. At this time you will also be able to view the meeting information on a web page, in a fashion similar to that which was available for the last meeting.

Accommodations:

Ramada Inn Conference Center, Room Rates: \$54/night + tax
5875 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, Florida 32211
phone: (904) 724-3410, (800) 874-3000
fax: (904) 727-7706

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Please mention you are making reservations for the SEERS meeting in order to get this rate.

Alternative accommodations:

(about 25 - 35 minutes from the meeting, depending on traffic)
Comfort Inn Oceanfront, Room Rates: \$90 - \$108/night + tax
1515 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach, Florida
(904) 241-2311, (800) 654-8776

Directions to Ramada:

From the North or South: I-95 to Union Street Exit (US 90 Alternate) Follow signs to the Matthews Bridge (you will need to be in the left lanes), cross bridge, exit Cesery Blvd. Turn left at the light onto Cesery, turn left at the next light onto service road which will take you to the Ramada Inn Conference Center. From the West: I-10 to I-95 North, follow above directions.

Jacksonville International Airport is located 20-25 minutes north of Jacksonville. Take I-95 South from the airport and follow the above directions.

Nominations for SEERS Treasurer & Student representative:

After a highly commendable performance over the last several years Merryl Alber is at the end of her tenure for SEERS treasurer. As part of the membership meeting in Jacksonville we will hold an election to replace Merryl. We welcome at this point any qualified nominations for that position. It is important to note that additional nominations can not be made in the membership meeting in Jacksonville.

Briefly below are our guidelines and agenda:

- 1) Any non-student society member is eligible to be nominated for treasurer. Obviously, this is not a requirement for student representative.
- 2) Interested parties may nominate themselves if they so desire.
- 3) Merryl Alber, Patrick Pitts, and Evan Chiporous (see email, phone & addresses below) are serving as the nominating committee and can be contacted by those who wish to nominate, or with further questions regarding duties, time-commitments, etc.
- 4) The nominating committee will narrow the field down to the final two candidates for each office and biographical sketches of both candidates will be included in the final meeting mail-out/schedule of presenters.
- 5) The date beyond which no further nominations will be accepted by the committee is February 12th.
- 6) Voting will take place on Friday at the business meeting.

Nominations Committee

1) MERRYL ALBER

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Marine Sciences

Athens, GA, 30602-3636

School Of Marine Programs

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2) EVAN CHIPOURAS

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3) PATRICK PITTS

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Physical Oceanography program

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SEERS Membership Form

Seers annual membership dues of \$10.00 are payable at the beginning of each calendar year. In order to maintain an accurate list of active members, individuals who have not paid dues for the past two years will be dropped from the membership list (honorary members excepted). Please note that SEERS dues are separate from your membership in ERF.

If you would like to make a contribution to the SEERS student Endowment, please indicate the amount you are contribution in the space provided blow and send the payment with your dues (one check for both will be fine).

Name: _____

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email: _____ telephone: _____

New member? _____ Yes _____ No

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_____ Contribution to SEERS student endowment
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Return form and payment to:

Merryl Alber, SEERS Secretary/Treasurer
Dept. of Marine Sciences
Marine Science Bldg.
University of Georgia
Athens GA, 30602

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- _____ Meeting Registration Fee (regular member) (\$40)
- _____ Meeting Registration Fee (student member) (\$30)
- _____ Non-member registration (\$45)
- _____ Student non-member registration (\$35)
- _____ One day registration fee (regular member) (\$20)
- _____ One day registration fee (student member) (\$15)
- _____ One day registration fee (non-member) (\$25)
- _____ Additional banquet tickets (\$10 each)
- _____ Membership fee (\$10) (Make sure you're up-to date! See mailing label for year of your last dues payment to SEERS)
- _____ Contribution to SEERS student endowment
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