



## SOUTHEASTERN ESTUARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### SPRING MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ESTUARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

April 23-25, 1987

Port of the Islands Resort, Marco Island, Florida

The Port of the Islands Resort is a different kind of meeting place for us. It is not on the beach. It is within the heart of the famous Ten Thousand Islands of southwest Florida. This lush mangrove estuarine area contains a unique flora and fauna found nowhere else in the United States.

#### PAPERS

Anyone interested in presenting a paper or poster should complete the enclosed form and return it to Kris Thoemke by March 20th. Approximately 25 papers will be scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis. The length of these papers will be 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentation plus 5 minutes for questions). No abstract is required for the oral presentations. Anyone interested in being a session chairperson should contact the program chairman.

There will be space for approximately 20 poster papers. Late title submissions can be accepted in poster format only. Cash awards will be given for the best student oral and poster presentations. These will be recognized at the Friday evening business meeting and banquet.

#### LODGING

Rooms at the Port of the Islands Resort are \$39.00 for one or two persons. Reservations should be made directly with the Resort. Reservations should be made by calling the toll free number 1-800-282-3011 or outside of Florida 1-800-237-4173. Reservations must be made by April 3, 1987.

Port of the Islands Resort also has a campground (trailers only). Rates are \$15.00 per day. Individuals wishing to stay in tents or in trailers may also camp at Collier Seminole State Park, 6 miles from the Resort. Campsites are \$10.50 without electricity and \$12.60 with electricity per night. Reservations can be made by calling the park at (813) 394-3397.

#### REGISTRATION

Registration will be \$25. This includes the banquet on Friday evening.

#### DIRECTIONS

The Port of the Islands Resort is easily reached by car or boat or plane. Should you plan to come by boat please call the program chairman for instructions. If arriving by air you can fly to either Ft. Myers, Naples or Miami or land at the Resort's private airstrip. The Port of the Islands Resort has a limousine which will take you from the Naples airport to the Resort for \$8.00 per person. The Resort requests that you make reservations for the limousine when making your room reservation. A map is enclosed if you plan to drive.

## SPECIAL NOTES

An open house at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Headquarters facility and laboratory will occur from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23rd. The enclosed map and directions show you how to reach both the Reserve and the meeting site.

Please remember that this will be the only meeting of SEERS in 1987. Our fall meeting will be limited to a session at the ERF meeting in New Orleans. Please plan to attend the meeting this spring.

Port of the Islands is a full service resort. Amenities that are of interest include swimming, fishing, sheet shooting, and of course VOLLEYBALL. The waters surrounding the resort are also a designated Manatee Sanctuary.

A special session is also planned for Friday afternoon. The title of this session is "Estuaries and the Fruits of our Labor: What happens to what we do." Its purpose is to demonstrate how consultants and developers, natural resource managers, environmental regulators and environmental decision makers use the information which we generate as estuarine scientists. This should be an interesting and informative session for all of us. A number of very good speakers have been arranged for this session.

## FIELD TRIPS

Two exciting field trips are being planned for Saturday afternoon. One of these will be a boat trip into the Ten Thousand Islands. The other will be a walking tour of the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, a vast cypress swamp which forms the freshwater portion of the Ten Thousand Islands watershed. Both trips are planned for Saturday afternoon.

In addition, there are numerous other opportunities to explore southwest Florida on your own. Some interesting destinations include: Everglades City and Chokoloskee Island, Collier Seminole State Park, the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk, part of the Fakahatchee Strand, The Conservancy Inc.'s Briggs Nature Center at Rookery Bay or main nature center in Naples where there are a variety of educational activities; or a visit to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, one of Audubon's premiere facilities in the United States. All of these things are worth seeing. If possible, try to spend an extra day or two in the area to take in these sites. You will not be disappointed.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday April 23	
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Open house at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.
5:00 p.m.	Registration begins - Port of the Islands Resort.
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Poster Session and Social
Friday April 24	
Day	Paper Session, Lunch, Paper Sessions
Evening	Dinner and Business Meeting
Saturday April 25	
Morning	Paper Session
Afternoon	Field Trips

So bring your bathing suits, fishing rods, and insatiable thirst for beer. This meeting should prove to be one of the most unique SEERS meetings in many years.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Spring Meeting of the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society

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Deadline for submitting a title: March 20, 1987

Title of presentation:

Author(s)

Institution and address:

Name and phone number of presenter:

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 minute oral presentation

\_\_\_\_\_ poster (eligible for best poster award)

Need any special projection equipment?

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Best Student Paper Competition (Oral presentation only)

To Qualify: a) work reported must be that of the student, though support may be derived from other investigators

b) evidence of student status must be provided by returning this form with an appropriate signature

c) student must be a member of SEERS (can join at meeting)

I wish to be considered for the SEERS Best Student Paper Award.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a student in good standing at

\_\_\_\_\_.

Professor or Dept. Head Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

All titles must be submitted no later than March 20, 1987. Send to Dr. Kris W. Thoenke, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 10 Shell Island Road, Naples, Florida 33962, (813) 775-8845.



Dear Colleagues:

SEERS is in good shape. Meeting sites have been great, meetings are well attended, papers are getting better and better. So why am I writing? We can improve on perfect - right?

If you recall, the purpose of SEERS as set forth in the constitution, reads as follows: "The Southeastern Estuarine Research Society is organized as a non-profit society and shall be operated exclusively for educational purposes and limited to those purposes. The objectives shall be the informal discussion and exchange of ideas upon estuarine and related research problems centering in, but not restricted to, the southeastern United States area. Emphasis will be placed on the consideration of interdisciplinary studies which have not been previously published. Especially desirable are reports of work in progress, including negative results."

Our student members have lived up the *raison d'etre*, but I'm not sure that enough academicians and senior research people among the membership are taking full advantage of all the benefits that our society offers. At the recent joint meeting with AERS, it was quite obvious that the mix of people and papers reflected a continued strong support for their society by senior members - SEERS attendance and participation did not reflect the strong commitment by the old hands.

So I am asking you, the veterans, to get with it. Plan now to attend the spring meeting - and when there, add your wisdom of the years to the exuberant discussions so ably generated by our student members, bring all up to date on your work, sell a couple of your graduate students into one of the slave houses that carry on estuarine research. I promise the enthusiasm of our students is catching and you'll leave the meeting rejuvenated.

See you there,

V.G. Burrell, Jr.  
President

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

At our sessions, the poster board is usually a vertical 8x4 foot sheet. A 30" base should be blank, so the working space is 66"x48" (66" vertically). The top of the poster should contain the ABSTRACT, TITLE, and AUTHOR(S). The title, and author(s) should be in letters less than 1" high. The abstract should be in 3/8", or greater size lettering. We suggest that using the caps of an orator element and a carbon ribbon as a minimum.

Charts, graphs, and photographs should be mounted on medium weight board (poster paper), leaving about 3/4"-1" border for thumb tacks. Minimum size for all graphics should be 8"x10" and larger sizes are recommended (11"x14" to 16"x20"). Inked lines should be dense and very black, line tape of 1/16" to 1/8" should be used and symbols of 1/4" are encouraged. Lettering should be a minimum of 3/8", including captions. All captions should be brief and the labels few and concise. AVOID "ARTY" or OVERLY ORNATE PRESENTATIONS.

The Introduction and Conclusion sections should be about all of the text required. These pages should be in letters of 3/8" minimum and should be mounted similar to the graphics. Borders of all material in the presentation should be of uniform size.

Bring poster pins or thumb tacks for mounting the presentation on the display board. You should also bring some felt tip pens and a pad of paper (sketch paper or writing paper) to aid in explaining certain points.

