



ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

SPRING Meeting of SEERS

April 11-13, 1991 Gulf Breeze, Florida

DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR ENVELOPE UNTIL YOU HAVE CHECKED THE 2 DIGIT NUMBER INDICATING THE LAST YEAR YOU PAID DUES. IF IT DOES NOT SAY '91, PLEASE SEND A CHECK (SEE DUES NOTICE IN THIS NEWS LETTER).

The Spring meeting of SEERS will be held jointly with the Gulf Estuarine Research Society (GERS). The meeting will be held in Gulf Breeze, Florida. As always, we will start with registration, a poster session, and a social on Thursday evening, **April 11th**. Oral presentations will be scheduled all day Friday and the meeting will end around noon Saturday, **April 13th**.

Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Bay Beach Hotel in Gulf Breeze. Single rooms (king size bed) are \$38 and doubles are \$44 (sales tax is 9%). Reservations should be made with the Hotel (904) 932-2214 by **March 11th** to assure yourself a room at that rate. Make sure that you identify yourself as a SEERS member.

Dr. David Flemer, a research ecologist with EPA's Environmental Research Laboratory in Gulf Breeze, has agreed to serve as local arrangements chairman. He is organizing a poolside cookout and events which will make our visit to the island memorable! Thanks Dave for all of your hard work!

Individuals who are interested in presenting a paper should submit a title and an abstract along with a completed Call for Papers Form (enclosed). These items should be mailed to Ginger Ogburn. The deadline for accepting papers is **Friday, March 1**. Get these submitted on time, as spaces for papers may fill up quickly due to both Societies presenting papers. Maximum time for oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. Approximately 30 papers will be scheduled but, there is no limit to the number of posters. Late abstracts may be submitted for a poster presentation. Abstracts are required for all oral presentations and posters, and should be typed in the proper format and dimensions (see the attached information sheet). Copies of abstracts will be available at registration. Student papers are eligible for the Patrick Adams Award (cash), and a Best Poster Award will also be given.

New this year is a request for preregistration. Since our meeting costs are related to the number of attenders and rooms reserved, it is important for us to have an estimate of attendance by **March 1st**. We are asking all members who expect to attend to return the preregistration form included in this mailing. No money is required to preregister, so if you are at least "half sure" you will join us, please return the form. Also, if you would like to be a session chairperson at the meeting please indicate so at this time.

SEERS News

If you did not attend the Fall meeting at Jekyll Island, GA, you missed a great one! We had 64 enthusiastic registrants and a spectacular facility and setting at Villas-by-the-Sea. All 17 papers and 5 posters were well-prepared and received. The Best Poster was awarded to Michele Babin, Ronald Keine, and Susan Service for the poster entitled "DMSP, an algal derived organic sulfur compound in oysters from a Georgia salt marsh". The Patrick Adams Award for the Best Student

Paper was awarded to Helen Golde and her coauthors, Steve Stancyk and Michael Crosby, for the presentation entitled "Respiration measurements of regenerating infaunal brittlestars". A new feature in the program, an hour of short news and comments by members who had something to share, generated good discussion about issues of regional interest.

Dr. Vic Burrell, Director of the Marine Resources Research Institute of the SC Wildlife and Marine Resources Department was recognized for the many years of affiliation and accomplishments with SEERS. He was awarded a plaque and Honorary Status in the Society. Congratulations, Vic!!

The Society has always promoted the participation of graduate and undergraduate students, but it has been difficult to determine the size and interests of this constituency. Student SEERS Board Member, Dave Mense, is trying to rectify that and he needs your help. From now on, membership and registration forms will include a question about student status. At the Jekyll Island meeting, Dave distributed a survey form to collect information from student attenders. Twenty-five students representing 6 academic institutions responded. Of those, 42% were attending their first SEERS meeting. According to the poll, the most important characteristics of the Society's meetings (in order of preference) are the informal meeting atmosphere, the opportunity to meet others involved with estuarine research, and the meeting frequency. The quality of presentations ranked next highest. Low registration fees/dues, length of the meetings, and meeting locations were less important criteria, but about half of the students acknowledged their significance. The best student paper award was judged the least important of the 8 criteria. When asked about how SEERS could better serve the student membership, providing information on employment opportunities and enhancing financial support for attending meetings were most important. There was a lot of support for providing a membership list with addresses and area of interests. Very little interest was expressed in increasing the focus of the meetings or having more mini-symposia with key invited speakers. Dave will conduct a similar poll at the Spring Meeting, but students should feel free to write or call him with their ideas. The SEERS Board is very receptive to input and will work toward the expressed needs of the student membership.

The Estuarine Research Federation (ERF), which serves the interests of the regional affiliate societies (SEERS is one of five) on the national level, is trying to expand its membership. About half of the members of SEERS have joined ERF. Beside the subscription to Estuaries, ERF membership offers other advantages including an opportunity to compete for a travel award to the November 10-14, 1991 meeting in San Francisco. More details will be available at Gulf Breeze, but you should join ERF soon to be eligible. Student memberships are \$30, full memberships are \$50. Send your mailing information and check to ERF, PO Box 544, Crownsville, MD 21032-0544. More information appears in the ERF newsletter which all SEERS members should be getting at no charge. Remember abstracts for the Fall 1991 ERF meeting are due **April 26**.

We are looking for sponsors for the Spring meeting. If we can raise enough donations, the registration costs of the meeting can be reduced. The Board needs your help in identifying potential private or corporate donors. Let one of us know so that an official letter of inquiry can be sent. A few minutes effort on your part can generate more dollars for the Society than the dues of 50 members can provide!

One final note is to encourage those members who have not been able to attend a meeting lately, to join us in Florida. This will be a rare opportunity to meet and share information with members from the Gulf Coast. Be There!

CALL FOR PAPERS

SEERS - SPRING MEETING APRIL 11-13, 1991

HOLIDAY INN BAY BEACH HOTEL - GULF BREEZE, FL

Author(s) [indicate speaker and affiliation(s)]: _____

Title: _____

[Abstracts are required for oral and poster presentations - See abstract information]

Presentation Type: _____ oral presentation* _____ poster

Do you need any special projection equipment?

A slide projector and an overhead projector will be available.

*Maximum time for oral presentations is 15 minutes followed by 5 min. for questions

BEST STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION - PATRICK ADAMS AWARD
(oral presentation only)

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

Your signature _____

- To Qualify:
- 1) Work reported must be that of the student, although support may be derived from other investigators
 - 2) Student must be a member of SEERS (can join at this meeting)
 - 3) Evidence of student status must be provided by returning this form with an appropriate signature from the Dept. Head or professor

I _____ certify that _____ is a
student in good standing at _____.

Professor or Dept. Head Signature _____

Name and Title (Printed) _____

DEADLINE: All abstracts and preregistration forms must be received no later than MARCH 1, 1991 at the following address:

Ginger Ogburn
USC Baruch Marine Field Lab
P.O. Box 1630
Georgetown, SC 29442

Poster Information

The top of the poster should have title and author(s) in large lettering no less than 1 in. 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" (1cm) 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.

Abstract Information

Type abstract in a 5" wide by 7" long (12.7 x 17.8 cm) format. Make sure that lengths of lines are at least 1/8" to 1/4" short of these dimensions as any letters over this will be lost in the preparation of the abstracts for publication. Your abstract will be cut and photocopied as it appears. Use at least a 12 font type.

Information format for abstracts are as follows:

Author(s). Institution and Address
Line space
TITLE (should be in all Capitals)
Line space
Abstract

Abstract Example

MacTuna, Charlie Q. and Cesar H. Salad. University of Culinary Delights, Hog Heaven, Georgia 12345.

MORPHOLOGICAL AND TASTY DESCRIPTIONS OF THREE UNDESCRIBED SPECIES OF PISCES (FISH)

A year long sampling cruise 1000 miles off the Georgia coast at 1000 m depths into the Atlantic Ocean revealed 3 previously undescribed species of fishes. After a week long power loss and subsequent loss of refrigeration on the ship, the fish descriptions and measurements became somewhat skewed toward the abnormal...Total length: plenty big for all of us, Color: good enough to eat, Body depth: etc. etc. etc.