



SOUTHEASTERN ESTUARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

FALL Meeting of SEERS

October 22-24, 1992 Marineland, Florida

The site for the SEERS Fall meeting is Marineland, Florida. Registration, a poster session and social will be held at the University of Florida's Whitney Marine Lab Thursday evening, October 22. Oral presentations will be scheduled all day Friday and Saturday morning. The meeting will conclude around noon Saturday, October 24.

Quinton White, Local Arrangements Chair, has reserved rooms at the Quality Inn in Marineland. Deadline for room reservations is October 1. The phone numbers are 1-800-824-4218 (in Florida) and 1-800-874-0492 (outside Florida). Single and double occupancy is \$38.00, triple is \$43.00, and quadruple occupancy is \$48.00. Please identify yourself as a SEERS member to get these rates.

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VISA GUARANT
LATE ARRIVAL

Many thanks to Quinton for making the arrangements. Rumor has it that he is an old pro at this and that we can expect a fun meeting. Dinner Friday night is another world famous Waldo fish fry.

Those interested in presenting a paper should submit a title and abstract along with a completed call for papers form (enclosed). Abstracts are required for all oral presentations and posters, and should be typed in the proper format and dimensions (see attached information sheet). Your title, abstract, and call for papers form should be mailed to Liz Noble before Thursday, September 10. Maximum time for oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. Approximately 30 papers will be scheduled. Late abstracts may be submitted for a poster presentation. Abstracts will be available at registration. A Best Poster Award will be given. Students who would like to be eligible for the Patrick Adams Award should complete that part of the call for papers form. If you would like to be a session chairperson or you have any questions, please call Liz at (919) 726-7021.

SEERS/AERS SPRING MEETING

A joint SEERS/AERS meeting was held at the St. Regis Resort in North Topsail Shores, NC, April 9-11, 1992. Everyone enjoyed the excellent papers and posters, the beautiful North Carolina coast, and a good ol' Carolina pig pickin'. The Best Poster Award was given to Tony D'Andrea and Steve Stancyk from the University of South Carolina for their work on the effect of cadmium on regeneration of a brittlestar. Michael Mallin from the UNC Institute of Marine Sciences received the Patrick Adams Best Student Paper Award for his presentation entitled "Meteorological and hydrological control of estuarine primary production". Keith Robertson, also of UNC Marine Sciences, led a field trip to Topsail Island, whose northern beaches are some of the most dynamic on our coast. Thanks to Keith for a great afternoon. A great meeting doesn't just happen. Special thanks go to Ginger Ogburn-Matthews, Program Chair, and Tom Jones, Local Arrangements Chair, for their hard work. The society received generous contributions from Hydrolab Corporation and NOAA to help defray meeting costs. We appreciate their support.

Clay Montague was installed as President and sincere thanks were given to Dennis Allen for his many accomplishments as President. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Ginger Ogburn-Matthews, the outgoing Program Chair, David Mense, outgoing Student representative, and Keith Walters, outgoing Member-at-Large. In a close race, Ed Caine was elected President-Elect and Liz Noble Program Chair.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Clay Montague will be leaving the monsoons and mildew of Florida for a sabbatical in the dry mountain air of Switzerland beginning August 1, 1992 through July, 1993. His address will be Lake Research Laboratory, EAWAG, 6047 Kastanienbaum, Switzerland. His phone number will be (011 41 41) 48 21 11 and FAX (011 41 41) 47 37 06. He will be back for the fall and spring SEERS meetings and the ERF Executive Board meeting in Washington, DC. Clay is excited about the sabbatical, is looking forward to seeing everyone in Marineland in October, and would like to thank Louis Burnett from the University of Charleston for agreeing to serve as Local Arrangements Chair for the SEERS Spring 1993 meeting in Charleston, SC.

STUDENT NEWS

Hello fellow graduate students!

My name is Alexis Sperr and I am the new student representative to the SEERS executive board. I am beginning my second year at the University of Charleston in South Carolina. After attending my first SEERS meeting in April, I realized all the opportunities that could be available to student members of the society. The responsibility of my position as student representative is to report ideas and concerns from the students to the executive board.

One idea that we might try at the upcoming SEERS meeting is to have a time set aside just for graduate students. This would allow students to gather informally and discuss their research. It is conceivable that someone else is conducting similar research and has overcome possible obstacles in methodology. We all know that professionals in the field have this kind of communication continually but graduate students rarely do. It might also be helpful for the graduate students to set up a small poster (20 x 24 inches) with a brief description of their research. This would be separate from the judged poster session and nothing fancy is expected. The purpose is to get opinions and helpful hints from peers.

I am interested in ideas, especially what SEERS can do for you in the future. The meeting this fall is in the planning stages and suggestions are more than welcome. If you are not comfortable writing me as an individual, general comments from a group or school are fine. Your response need not be a formal typed letter, just write down a few comments and send them to me. I would like to hear from you by mid-August, but anytime would be fine. The sooner you let me know what I and the executive board can do to help, the sooner we can accomplish it.

Thank you very much for your time and thought. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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DUES INCREASE

At the spring meeting the Executive Board recommended and the membership voted on a dues increase. Due to increased costs and major expenditures for things like printing, postage, President's travel, and SEERS contributions to ERF and the Student Endowment Fund, dues will be \$10.00 beginning in 1993.

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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.