

Student Presentation Contests and Incentives for the July 2020 Meeting

The Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) is inviting student presentations for the 60th Annual Meeting. The joint meeting with the Texas Chapter of APMS will be held July 19-22, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, San Antonio Texas.

Student Incentives

The APMS and TAPMS especially invite student abstracts for oral and poster presentations. APMS has a strong ethic of student support. The Annual Meeting presents an opportunity for students to develop presentation skills, learn more about the field of aquatic plant management, and network with key government, university and industry representatives and peers with similar educational and professional interests.

Oral and Poster Presentations

Student oral and poster presentations of original research are solicited on: the biology or ecology of aquatic and wetland plants and algae; management strategies (including biological, chemical, cultural, mechanical) for invasive exotic or nuisance native plant species or harmful algae blooms; and restoration projects involving wetland or aquatic plants. Eighteen students from eight universities participated in the 2019 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California and we hope to have strong student attendance again this year.

APMS provide all students who compete in the Oral or Poster Competitions with room accommodations and complimentary registration. First, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money will be awarded in contests for both oral and poster presentations. Due to the limited number of spots available in the program, the society encourages students to consider presenting a poster, especially for those students that have given oral presentations at previous meetings. The Poster Reception on Monday evening is a good opportunity for

students to interact directly with meeting delegates. Authors present their research in a personal, face-to-face format during the 90-minute food and beverage reception, to university instructors as well as government administrators and industry representatives.

Student Meet-and-Greet and Student Luncheon

All students registered for the meeting are invited to gather and get to know other students for an hour prior to the Sunday evening, July 19th Presidents' Reception. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. This students-only event is open to all students who are registered for the meeting. During the conference, the Student Affairs Luncheon will be held on Monday July 20th for all registered students to network with other attendees. Guest speakers from state and government agencies, as well as private industry will answer questions and provide insight to career opportunities.

Post-conference Student Tour

All students are invited to attend a hands-on tour of management activities on surrounding waters following the Annual Meeting. A unique experience on Texas waters tied into conference content is being planned with details available soon in advance of the April 17 abstract submission deadline.

Please log on to www.apms.org to learn more about the Aquatic Plant Management Society and this year's meeting. Students may register for the Annual Meeting and submit an abstract by following instructions under the 2020 Annual Meeting page. The deadline for Abstract submission is April 17, 2020.

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