

The Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) is inviting student presentations for the upcoming 58th Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held July 15-18, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center in Buffalo, New York.

Oral and Poster Presentations

Oral and poster presentations of original research are solicited on the biology or ecology of aquatic and wetland plants, harmful algal blooms, control methods (biological, chemical, cultural, mechanical) for invasive exotic or nuisance native plant species, and restoration projects involving wetland or aquatic plants. Seventeen graduate students from six universities participated in the 2017 Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida and we hope to have strong student attendance again this year.

Student Incentives

The APMS has a strong ethic of student support. This meeting provides an opportunity for students to develop their presentation skills, learn about the field of aquatic plant management, and network with key government, university and industry representatives and peers with similar educational and professional interests. 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.

The Society will provide all student presenters with complimentary room accommodations and meeting registration. First, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money will be awarded in separate 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. During the conference, the Student Affairs Luncheon will be held on Monday July 16th 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

Following the conference, all students are invited to attend a hands-on tour of aquatic plant control in the Buffalo and the surrounding Great Lakes Region. APMS will provide transportation for students who will travel with Dr. Christopher Mudge of the USACE, leaving the hotel at 7:00 am on Thursday morning. Students will interact with government and private plant and water resource managers responsible for managing invasive plants in the region. Herbicides, harvesters, biocontrols, and water level manipulation are integrated to manage invasive plants like hydrilla, water chestnut, starry stonewort, phragmites, harmful algal blooms, and other invasive species to conserve attributes such as flood control, water supply, and navigation. The tour will conclude Thursday afternoon and students will be dropped off at the Buffalo airport for flights home or the conference hotel.

Please log on to www.apms.org to learn more about the Aquatic Plant Management Society and this year's meeting. Students may register and submit an abstract by following the instructions under the "Annual Meeting" link.

The deadline for Title and Abstract submission is April 30, 2018.

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