



BRIDGING GENES TO ECOSYSTEMS:
**AQUATIC SCIENCE AT
A TIME OF RAPID CHANGE**
MAY 18-23 / OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

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Subject Line: 2014 Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting Call for Sessions Proposals

The first ever Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting (JASM) will be held in Portland, Oregon, on 18-23, May 2014. This meeting will bring together four societies: **SFS** (Society for Freshwater Science, formerly NABS), **ASLO** (Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography), **SWS** (Society of Wetland Scientists) and **PSA** (Phycological Society of America).

The theme for the meeting is “Bridging Genes to Ecosystems: Aquatic Science at a Time of Rapid Change.” An important aim of this meeting includes working toward an integrative understanding of aquatic systems and fostering collaboration and interaction across the participating societies.

To these ends, the meeting planning committee has developed five special sessions to accompany each of the five meeting plenary talks. The plenary speakers for the meeting are Ginger Armbrust (University of Washington), Stuart Bunn (Australian Rivers Institute), Laurel Larsen (UC Berkeley), Julian Olden (University of Washington), and Patricia Soranno (Michigan State University.)

The five special sessions associated with the plenaries are:

- Putting Microbial Genomes to Work in Ecosystem Science
- Communicating the Value of Aquatic and Wetland Ecosystems to the Public and Policy Makers
- Predicting Ecosystem Thresholds and Regime Shifts
- Aquatic and Wetland Conservation in the Anthropocene? Principles and Practices for a Rapidly Changing World
- Large-Scale Limnology – Integrating Terrestrial, Wetland, and Aquatic Interactions across Landscapes

The planning committee is calling for proposals for additional sessions. There will be two types of sessions.

- **Special sessions** are intentionally integrative and address broad and timely topics of interest to a diverse audience. In particular we seek ideas for sessions that cut across sub-disciplines, levels of biological or ecological organization, and society boundaries. We encourage co-leadership in these sessions. Co-leaders should be indicated in the proposal. Proposals for special sessions should be accompanied by a list of prospective speakers and

tentative presentation titles or topics, to allow the meeting committee to evaluate interest in the proposed sessions.

• **Regular sessions** will comprise more discipline-specific content with no requirement of multiple society leadership.

Both session types will be open to invited and contributed speakers. Session organizers will be able to review submitted abstracts and approve the final talks / posters included in the approved sessions; they will also be able to order the talks in the desired sequence. All presenters, whether invited or contributed, poster or oral, will need to register for the meeting and pay the appropriate fee. Likewise, session organizers attending the meeting also will need to register.

Proposals for Special and Regular Sessions must be submitted online by 23:59 U.S. Central Daylight Time, 31 August 2013 to <http://aslo.org/meetings/portland2014/sessions/index.php>

Proposals will be reviewed by Special Session co-chairs (see below). Proposers will be notified of the decision in October 2013.

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