



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

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Subject Line: This is another important reminder that proposals for Special and Regular Sessions for the **2014 Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting** are being accepted online through 31 August 2013 at **23:59 U.S. Central Daylight Time**.

Go to <http://aslo.org/meetings/portland2014/sessions/index.php> to submit.

This is the first ever Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting (JASM). Organizers from **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) are calling upon their fellow members and colleagues to submit proposals for sessions.

The meeting will be held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon, on 18-23, May 2014. We are anticipating attendance of over 3500. 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 from the memberships of the four societies. 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, with session organizers coming from 2 or more of the 4 societies participating in the meeting. 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 or society-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 should include the following information:

- Session title
- Name(s) of session organizer(s), affiliation(s) and contact methods. Ideally each special session will have multiple organizers from different societies
- Brief synopsis of the session; preference will be given to sessions with an integrative theme
- List of potential contributors to the session (if a special session)

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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