



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Mississippi River Research Consortium
44th Annual Meeting
April 26-27, 2012
La Crosse, Wisconsin

The Mississippi River Research Consortium is soliciting platform and poster papers for presentation at the 43rd Annual Meeting, April 26-27, 2012. Papers are invited on any subject dealing with the biota and environment, both terrestrial and aquatic, in and along the Mississippi River and its major tributaries.

Platform presentations: Speakers will be allotted 20 minutes for each presentation including 5 minutes for questions and discussion. Use of Microsoft PowerPoint is required for platform presentations; no 35 mm slide projector will be available.

Poster presentations: Standard posters should be no larger than 5 x 4 ft (H x W). A larger space (5 x 8 ft) can be requested and will be approved if space is available. Text, tables, and figures should be readable from a distance of 4 ft. Velcro (not provided) will be used to attach posters to the presentation boards.

Instructions for abstract preparation and submittal are on page 2 of this announcement.

Submit all abstracts and program inquiries to:

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ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 22, 2012

A preliminary program with registration materials and information on hotel accommodations will be emailed during February 2012. This information will also be available on the MRRC webpage at <http://www.ngrrec.org/mrrc>.

Students: three (3) student travel scholarships (\$200 each) are available for the 2012 conference. Students interested in competing for one of these scholarships should submit a scholarship application, available on the MRRC webpage (<http://www.ngrrec.org/mrrc>).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL

Please follow the format provided below

- **Submittal Form:** Abstracts for platform and poster presentations should be submitted by e-mail (Microsoft Word attachment). Font (print) size/type: 12 point/Times New Roman (preferred) or Universal Scalable.
- **Submittal Format:** The first line of the abstract should contain the title in CAPITAL letters. Skip 1 line and type the author(s) names, and address(es). **Bold face** the presenter's name. Skip 1 line and begin the text. Text can be a maximum of 45 single-spaced lines. The abstract must fit within 1-inch margins at the top, bottom, and sides (see example below). No figures are allowed.
- **Keywords:** Please include a list of 5 key words in a line below the abstract (for use on MRRC website).
- **Example Abstract:**

TEMPORAL AND VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION OF UN-IONIZED AMMONIA IN SEDIMENT PORE WATER IN POOL 8, UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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Recently, populations of the fingernail clam *Musculium transversum* have significantly decreased in the upper Mississippi River. Although the causal factors contributing to this decline are unknown, high concentrations of un-ionized ammonia (NH₃) in pore water...

Keywords: fingernail clam, Mississippi River, *Musculium transversum*, ammonia, macroinvertebrate

At the bottom of the page, type/indicate:

1. The name, address, telephone and FAX numbers, and e-mail address of the presenting author. Please indicate if any of the above information should NOT be included on the website.
 2. Denote your preference for Platform or Poster presentation formats and willingness (yes/no) to convert from one format to another.
 3. Denote if the paper is authored by a student (**Students, please note 3 travel scholarships are available, see above**).
 4. Indicate if you need a larger space (5 x 8 ft instead of the new standard 5 x 4 ft) for your poster. Approval is dependent on available space.
- E-mail the abstract (Microsoft Word file) to the address listed above. **SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SENT BY JANUARY 22, 2012.** Confirmation of receipt will be via e-mail.
 - *All participants in the conference must register and pay appropriate fee.*