

64th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society

July 15-18, 2024

Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront – St. Petersburg, Florida

Present Your Original Research

You are invited to submit a title and abstract for the 64th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society to be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront in beautiful St. Petersburg, Florida. Oral and poster presentations are solicited for original research on the biology or ecology of aquatic and wetland plants and algae, control methods (biological, chemical, cultural/physical, mechanical) for invasive, exotic or nuisance plant or algal species, and restoration projects involving wetland or aquatic plants and algae. Presentation of original research will be given preference and should be indicated by including results in the abstract. This year's meeting is in the region of the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society, so regional presenters are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract.

Oral presentations will be allotted a total of 15 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions and discussion. Contributed oral presentations should be scientific or technical in nature, which will be determined from the submitted abstract. All presenters will be required to upload their final PowerPoint presentation to the abstract submission portal prior to the meeting. Note: All presentations that include externally run programs; models or special animation, must be reviewed and approved by the Program Chair prior to the meeting. You will not be allowed to set up a personal computer for your presentation. A poster session will also be scheduled. Free-standing display boards (4' x 4') will be provided for posters.

Plenary Session – Back to the Basics: Control Methods – Past, Present, Future

The society will hold a special session to start the conference discussing the various aquatic plant and algae control methods, their development through the years including how they may have been used separately and integrated together, and what the future outlook is for optimal management outcomes. At the end of the session, each presenter will be available for a panel Q&A. Invited speakers and submitted talks will drive discussions around how weeds and algae are managed with these techniques (pros and cons), management objectives with stakeholder input, and more recent technology development. Abstracts submitted for the special session should be indicated during the abstract submission process.

Students

The society will provide all student presenters with room accommodations and complimentary registration. First, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money will be awarded in separate contests for both oral and poster presentations. In addition, a student tour of local management sites and scenic places is being put together for student enjoyment. Students may contact the Program Chair (Mr. Jeremy Slade; jeremy.slade@sepro.com) or the Student Affairs Committee Chair (Dr. Andrew Howell, awhowell@ncsu.edu) with any questions.

Abstract Submission Information

Abstracts must be submitted on the WSSA abstract system at <https://weedscimeetingabstracts.com/>. Instructions for abstract submittal are below. The WSSA Title and Abstract Submission System is now active and will remain open until Friday, **May 17, 2024**.

Acceptance of contributed papers will not occur until after the abstract deadline and will be confirmed by a separate e-mail.

[Logging in to the WSSA System](#)

If you have used this system before, enter your e-mail address and password to sign on to the system. If you cannot remember your password, click “Forgot your password?” to reset the password.

If you do not have an account with the WSSA abstract submission system, click “Register as a new user” and follow the instructions.

Once you are logged in, you will see a list of conferences that are open for Title and Abstract submissions. Click on “My Titles” at the top, and then click on “Create New”. You will be prompted to select a conference. Select “2024 APMS” and hit the “Continue” button.

Entering a Title: Type in the title capitalizing key words (e.g., Response of Eurasian and Hybrid Watermilfoil to Five Auxin-mimic Herbicides). Please do not submit your title in bold typeface or all caps. Just capitalize the major words in the title.

Students: Please indicate if you are a student. The society will provide all student presenters with room accommodations and complimentary registration. There will be a contest awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both the oral and poster presentations.

Section: Indicate whether you are presenting an oral or poster presentation using the “Type” dropdown menu.

Presenter Biography: Please provide a short biography of the presenting author (200 word maximum).

Abstract: Type or copy the text of your abstract into the abstract box (300 word maximum).

Authors: Be sure to add the full names and contact information of all authors. Please indicate the presenting author with the checkbox. Please enter all authors in the correct order, and the order can be changed by dragging the boxes.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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