



TWS Miami 2008

The Wildlife Society ♦ 15th Annual Conference Miami, Florida ♦ November 8-12, 2008

Call for Contributed Papers and Posters

Deadline: March 14, 2008

The Wildlife Society will hold its 15th Annual Conference in Miami, Florida, November 8-12, 2008. The meeting will include workshops, symposia, panel discussions, breakfast roundtables, special poster sessions, contributed papers (oral presentations), and contributed posters. We invite submission of contributed papers and posters on topics of wildlife science, management, conservation, education, or policy within the broad theme of *Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship through Science and Education*. Presentations will not be published, so we encourage reports from the author's most recent scientific investigations and management experiences.

All contributed papers (oral presentations) will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. **Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint; no other formats (such as slides, overheads, or video) will be accepted.**

We urge participants to consider presentation of their work as posters. Posters provide an opportunity for authors to participate in more detailed communication with attendees. Posters are displayed for a half or full day and authors are requested to attend their posters during scheduled breaks. Posters will be displayed on horizontal cloth-covered boards 4-ft. high x 8-ft. wide.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

Submit an abstract according to instructions on the special online abstract submission site, OASIS (after December 14, 2007). It is accessed via a link from www.wildlife.org. The OASIS site will lead you through the submission steps. You may initiate a submission, leave it, and return to complete or revise your submission as often as you like until the submission deadline. The submission deadline is March 14, 2008 at midnight CST. Abstracts that miss this deadline will not be considered. Please submit only one contributed paper or poster per primary author. This is to allow as many people as possible to present.

Complete submission details can be found on the OASIS site. Highlights are listed here to aid in preparing your abstract. You will have the option of submitting the body of your abstract (maximum 300 words) either by typing directly into the space provided or inserting a Word file. Abstract should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, principal results, and conclusions. Include scientific names in the abstract but not in the paper/poster title. Also, do not abbreviate place names (e.g. state or country) in the paper/poster title. Do not include paper/poster title or author information in the abstract. This information must be entered in the spaces provided on the site. You will be asked to choose one of the following subject categories for your paper/poster.

- Conservation and Management of Birds
- Ecology and Habitat Relationships of Birds
- Population Dynamics of Birds
- Conservation and Management of Mammals
- Ecology and Habitat Relationships of Mammals
- Population Dynamics of Mammals

- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Biometrics
- Conservation of Communities, Ecosystems, and Landscapes
- Human Dimensions, Conservation Education, and Conservation Policy
- Wildlife Damage Management
- Wildlife Diseases and Toxicology
- New Technology and Applications

Abstract Evaluation

Papers and posters will be accepted based on their technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, or policy issues. Papers and posters should present results from completed studies or completed phases of long-term projects. Work in progress is more appropriate for presentation at local or regional meetings and will not be accepted. Preference will be given to work not previously presented elsewhere. All abstracts will be reviewed by at least two reviewers in a blind review process. Please note that presentations from students are welcome but are not given preferential treatment. We have found that students do as well as or better than professionals under our blind review process. However, time/space is a limiting factor and we will not be able to accept all papers/posters submitted (whether from students or professionals).

Notice of Decision

Notice of acceptance will be made by May 21.

Registration

All presenters MUST register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee. Advance registration is strongly recommended. Registration information will be posted on TWS' website, www.wildlife.org, in June.

Questions?

Questions about the conference program may be directed to Consulting Program Assistant Tricia Fry at tricia@wildlife.org. For all other conference questions, please contact Conferences and Membership Assistant Lisa Moll at (301) 897-9770 or lisa@wildlife.org.