



Aquatic and Wetland Plants: Wet & Wild

July 26-31, 2003 ♦ Mobile, Alabama

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CALL FOR 'RECENT TOPICS' POSTERS

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

BOTANY 2003 represents the annual meeting of four professional societies, including the American Bryological and Lichenological Society (ABLS), the American Fern Society (AFS), the American Society of Plant Taxonomists (ASPT), and the Botanical Society of America (BSA). The conference will be held in Mobile, Alabama from July 26-31, 2003, and the theme for BOTANY 2003 will be "Aquatic and Wetland Plants: Wet & Wild."

In addition to the regular program, which will run from Sunday through Wednesday (July 27-30), BOTANY 2003 will include an expanded format. The second FORUM focusing on botanical education and outreach will be held on Saturday, July 26, and it will be linked to the annual scientific meeting on Sunday, July 27, via workshops and field trips. Dr. Bruce Alberts, President of the National Academy of Sciences, will deliver the Keynote Address at the FORUM, and Dr. E. O. Wilson, famed evolutionary biologist, will present the Plenary Address at the scientific meeting. For details about these lectures and rest of the Conference program, please visit the BOTANY 2003 web site <<http://www.botany2003.org/>>.

Submission of regular abstracts for the conference closed on 1 April 2003.

This *Call* announces a poster session for BOTANY 2003 with an extended abstract submission deadline. The 'Recent Topics' poster session is designed to accommodate research results that may not have reached fruition by the April deadline or may have only recently come to light.

Recent Topics posters will fit onto bulletin boards that are 4 ft tall and 4 ft wide.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS (DEADLINE: FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED OR JULY 17, 2003)

Each Recent Topic poster requires an abstract. The same individual should not be a first author on more than three abstracts total for the conference, including regular submissions.

Submission of abstracts, titles, and other relevant information (e.g., keywords) for Recent Topics posters should be conducted on-line using the "Electronic Abstract Submission Form" at the BOTANY 2003 web site: <<http://www.botany2003.org/>>. Copies of the abstracts will be sent electronically to the sender, the Program Chair of the Section/Society selected for submission, and the BSA Program Director.

Abstracts will be accepted beginning on May 27, 2003 on a first-come, first-served basis until all available poster slots for the conference are filled. Space is limited. The absolute deadline for receiving abstracts is **July 17, 2003**.

QUESTIONS

Questions about Recent Topics Posters should be directed to the BSA Program Director: Jeffrey M. Osborn, Division of Science, Truman State University, 100 E. Normal Street, Kirksville, MO 63501-4221. Tele: (660) 785-4017, Fax: (660) 785-4045, E-mail: <josborn@truman.edu>.

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