



BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

ANNUAL MEETING – BOTANY 2005

AUGUST 5-12, 2004

AUSTIN, TEXAS

OVERVIEW & SECTIONAL SPONSORSHIP

The Botanical Society of America (BSA) will hold its annual meeting in Austin, Texas from August 5-12, 2005. In addition to the BSA, other societies participating in the BOTANY 2005 conference will include: the American Bryological and Lichenological Society (ABLS), the American Fern Society (AFS), and American Society of Plant Taxonomists (ASPT). The theme for BOTANY 2005 will be **Learning from Plants**.

Members of the BSA are encouraged to organize symposia for presentation at the annual meeting. Symposia are theme-based and typically include either a half-day or a full-day program of speakers. Individual papers are 30 minutes in length (inclusive of questions). In addition, the symposium program may include other components, such as a separate introduction, summary, panel discussion, etc.

Because all symposia must be approved and sponsored by a Section of the BSA in advance of the meeting, preliminary proposals should be submitted to the appropriate Program Chair(s) for review and action by the Section. Different BSA Sections have different policies and practices for handling symposia proposals. Symposium proposals should demonstrate a high level of organization and indicate the nature of sponsorship requested (i.e., in name only, or with financial support). Sponsorship can be requested from more than one BSA Section, interdisciplinary/multi-sectional symposia are strongly encouraged. Once sectional sponsorship is obtained, the BSA Program Director will coordinate all approved symposia.

This *Call for Symposia* and the proposal submission process outlined below encompass only the BSA Sections. Other societies have different guidelines and may have different deadlines for symposia proposals.

SUBMISSION OF SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS (DEADLINE: JULY 15 OR SEPTEMBER 15, 2004)

Proposals should include the following: 1) a title, 2) name(s) and contact information for all organizers, 3) a brief summary of the symposium that includes relevant background and significance, 4) a tentative list of speakers, including their professional affiliations and presentation titles, 5) length of symposium, 6) nature of sponsorship requested, 7) amount of financial request, and 8) a list of all BSA Sections and other societies from which sponsorship will be requested.

Submission of symposium proposals should be conducted on-line using the “Electronic Symposium Proposal Submission Form” at the BOTANY 2005 web site: <http://www.2005.botanyconference.org/>. Copies of the proposals will be sent electronically to the sender, the Program Chair(s) of the BSA Section(s) from which sponsorship is requested, and the BSA Program Director. There are two (2) deadlines for receiving symposium proposals, as some Sections discuss and approve symposium proposals one full year in advance. The deadlines are as follows: **July 15, 2004** (Developmental & Structural Section, Paleobotanical Section, Systematics Section), and **September 15, 2004** (all other Sections).

QUESTIONS

Questions about symposia sponsorship or proposals should be directed to the appropriate sectional Program Chair(s) listed on the reverse side, or to the BSA Program Director: Jeffrey M. Osborn, Division of Science, Truman State

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