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Spring 2020 Virtual Meeting

~12 p.m. Thursday, June 4 to ~12:30 Saturday, June 6
-- check back soon - we are working on options --

Web Conference

Important Due Dates

5/18/2020 - abstracts due

Local Organizers

Tay Evans, MA Division of Marine Fisheries
Robert Buchsbaum, Retired
Ted Maney, Salem State University
Alan Young, Salem State University
Tristan Taber, University of Southern Maine

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Students - Presentation prizes and student travel awards.

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Registration & Travel Awards: Courtney Schmidt

Website Issues: Brett Branco

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Special Symposium

Long term changes in New England estuaries:
A celebration of the 50th Anniversary of NEERS

Thursday, June 4, 12:30 - 4:00 &
Saturday, June 6, 10:00 - 12:30

The special symposium at the upcoming NEERS meeting will be on 50 years of change in New England estuaries to celebrate the 50th anniversary of NEERS. Because of the needs to keep our on-line sessions to a reasonable time length, the symposium will be split between Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning. The symposium will kick off with a summary by NEERS historian Alan Young on the history of NEERS from its origin at the first meeting in 1970 at Salem State College (now Salem State University) to the present day. Other talks on Thursday will describe the evolution of water quality studies, long term changes in New England benthic and pelagic organisms, the issue of invasive species, and the ups and downs of eelgrass. On Saturday, we feature salt marshes, shellfish, and a look at how our approaches to managing our estuaries has changed over the years. Throughout the symposium, we can reflect on the key role of NEERS as a catalyst for the discussion of these issues.

Symposium speakers:

Alan Young
Courtney Schmidt
Stephen Hale
Michelle Staudinger
Judy Pederson
Phil Colarusso

Ron Rosza
David Burdick
Susan Adamowicz
Sandy Macfarlane
Paul Stacey

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**The abstract submission form is typically available
twelve weeks prior to the abstract deadline.
Go to the "Events" tab to submit your abstract.**

Abstract submissions for contributed oral and poster presentations are invited on any subject related to estuaries or coastal environments. Reports of work in progress as well as work in advanced stages and reviews of relevant topics are encouraged. Contributed oral and poster presentations will be scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning.

You have a choice!

NEERS offers a few choices for presentation styles...

Standard Oral - Regale us with an oral presentation of your work. These talks will be limited to 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for discussion. The meeting begins with a **Thursday Special Symposium** within a specified thematic area. The meeting continues on Friday and Saturday with the **Regular Session**. Related topics are usually grouped together in the schedule.

Ignite -This fast-paced presentation style is a chance for speakers to really focus on their main message. Each speaker has 5 minutes to present 20 slides that advance automatically every 15 seconds – when your slides are done, so are you! Ignite sessions provide an opportunity to share information that might not fit into a standard oral or poster session -- the more concise speaking slot and quick slide transitions lend themselves to a more conversational and storytelling presentation style. Please check the Ignite page for more information.

Poster - Poster presentations are a great way to get up close and personal with your audience. Poster presentations will be displayed throughout the meeting and dedicated time for poster viewing is built into the schedule.

A few details...

Abstracts must be submitted online using the Abstract Submission event found on the Events tab at this site.

All presenters must be or become a NEERS member. Information on becoming a member is included on the pre-registration form, or at Join NEERS.

Prizes

Students will compete for the **Ketchum** and **Rankin** Prizes for oral presentations or the **Dean** and **Warren** Prizes for posters (prize information). Presentation prizes will be awarded at the end of the meeting on Saturday. Students are automatically entered into the prize competition. Students who have won an award are ineligible to win that award again, though they may still compete for the other awards.

All poster presenters (students and non-students) will compete for the **3-3 Award**, which includes a cash award of $33 (judged by students). The "3-3 Rule" generally states that the main point of the poster can be understood by a viewer from 3 feet away, in 3 minutes. This award was conceived to encourage scientists to convey information more clearly to other scientists and the public. Please see the Poster Guidelines section below for more information. Many thanks to the folks at SEERS for the idea and judging form.

All attendees may compete in the **Poster Trivia Contest**, which includes an award of a $20 NEERS membership. Details will be provided at the poster session. Meeting attendees answer a series of trivia question based on the poster presentations. A winner is chosen by lottery from complete and correct submissions.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

Please select your first, second, and third choice for presentation format. Although we will try very hard to accommodate everyone's first choice, selecting multiple options increases the likelihood of securing a spot in the program. Options will include: Standard Oral Presentation - Regular Session; Ignite Oral Presentation; Poster; and Invited Oral Presentation - Thursday Special Symposium.

If you are submitting your abstract for presentation in the special symposium, select "Invited Oral Presentation, Thursday Special Symposium", which appears under First Choice only. For this meeting, all symposium speakers will be invited by the meeting hosts, see the Special Symposium page for more details.

A confirmation page will be emailed to you upon successful submission of your abstract to the NEERS website. If you do not receive this confirmation email, please resubmit your abstract. Contact the Webmaster with recurring problems. Following the deadline for submitting abstracts, all submissions will be confirmed by the program chair and the lead author will be notified of his/her scheduled time. Contact one of the Program Chairs with questions.

1. Abstracts are to be submitted electronically. If you are having problems with the submission form, contact the Webmaster.

2. All abstracts have a 1750-character limit (about 250 words). The character limit includes spaces, and applies to the body of the abstract only; the authors and title are excluded from the character limit. Web page submissions are constrained automatically to the allotted amount of text, you will be prompted if your abstract exceed 1750 characters. You may determine your character count with your word processing program.

3. Author/Address field. Author names have last names spelled out and initials for first (and middle if appropriate) names. If there are multiple authors, list all authors first followed by all addresses in the Sample Abstract format, and place an asterisk following the last name of the presenter. If authors are from different institutions, use numbers in parentheses to associate individuals with the correct address (no numbers are necessary if all authors are from the same institution). Addresses should include the institution, town, and state -- no streets, no zip codes. Separate addresses with semicolons.

4. The presentation title must be in capital letters.

5. Special characters. Do not use your Word Processing program for special fonts such as underlining, italics, superscripts, or subscripts, as these font codes will not be transmitted correctly via the web form. Rather, use the following codes for special fonts. For example, for the genus Zostera to appear in italics it should be surrounded by the "start italics" and "end italics" codes as follows: <i>Zostera</i>

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α	&alpha
Δ	&Delta
®	&reg

Note that these special codes are counted towards the total number of characters in your abstract.

*** SAMPLE ABSTRACT FORMAT***
Cadillac*, M. T.(1) and I. M. A. Hiker (2).
(1) Department of Environmental Sociology and Outdoor Recreation, Coastal College, State-of-Mind, ME;
(2) Department of Trail Maintenance, For Est College, ME.
A SYSTEMATIC SAMPLING OF THE ALLURE OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK
Acadia National Park boasts many dazzling spectacles, including the pounding surf of Thunder Hole, stunning views of Somes Sound and Frenchman Bay, and the first glimpse of sunrise in the US. Evidence suggests, however, that the park's true charm lies in its quiet beauty. We hiked ten trails from sea level to mountain summit, paddled eight 5-km stretches of island shoreline, and biked along 100 km of carriage roads, recording observations at regular intervals. Results confirm the importance of cumulative, small pleasures to the park's allure, such as sights of cliffs tumbling into the sea, islands emerging from the fog,

pristine marshes, 300+ species of birds including breeding peregrine falcons, dense *Ruppia* and eelgrass beds, and diverse woodlands. We conclude that excursions off the loop road will enhance visitor experiences.

PowerPoint Presentations

The conference computer (PC) will use PowerPoint. Please be sure to check your presentation for compatability with Power Point.

We will load all PowerPoint presentations onto an IBM-compatible laptop well before each session. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation on a USB thumb drive to the projection desk at the NEERS meeting. We will load your presentations the evening before your talk. Please make sure your file can be read by another computer before you hand it in. Speakers should not plan to use their own computers for their presentations.

For presentations that include graphics or media other than standard PowerPoint slides (e.g., complicated animations or embedded video clips; photographic slides or overheads), authors will need to make additional arrangements. Please contact the Webmaster for more information.

Poster Guidelines

There will be a poster session during the meeting. Presenters are expected to be present during the dedicated poster viewing sessions. Posters may be mounted beginning Thursday evening. All posters will remain on display through Saturday morning.

In designing your poster, keep content simple and provide a clear message in text that is large enough to read from a distance. Further details can be provided in discussions with attendees or via a handout that also includes your contact information. Good resources for preparing posters can be found at: http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/

NEERS will have available our foam-core mounting boards, pushpins, and tape to display posters. The maximum poster dimensions are 36" x 48". For those of you who prefer conversational discussion of your work, this may be the most appropriate presentation style. Please check the poster option on your abstract form. If you have special needs (a power outlet, etc.) contact the Webmaster.

All posters will be eligible for the **3-3 Award**, which includes a $33 cash prize (judged by the students). The "3-3 Rule" generally states that the main point of the poster can be understood by a viewer from 3 feet away, in 3 minutes. This award was conceived to encourage scientists to convey their information clearly to the public. The award is not meant to trivialize presentations into just "pretty" formats without serious content. Rather, the award is sincerely intended to urge presentation of data and information in a simple, understandable format – a "story" – without large blocks of text. The intent is for the presenter to think like the viewer – is the story clearly presented with only its essential elements? "Viewer" includes not only fellow scientists in your field – rather, the entire NEERS audience, from physiologist to geologist, and perhaps, ultimately, the general public. Streamlining makes the storyline easy to understand. This understanding facilitates interaction. (Many thanks to the folks at SEERS who provided the original 3-3 idea and the judging form.) Two additional resources to help get you thinking are provided below...
Creating Effective Poster Presentations from NC State University
Designing an Effective Research Poster from UC Merced

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Go to the "Events" tab to register.

Registration is free for active members. Prior to the meeting, all registered attendees will be sent information on how to access the events on Zoom.

Registration will be open through the last day of the meeting on Saturday June 6.

If you add donations to your registration, you may pay online with a credit card, receive an invoice for paying later, or pay by check.

* This site includes a link to join NEERS (membership details).
Loyal NEERS members, annual dues are collected at the spring meeting.

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Welcome to the NEERS Meeting & Membership Site

If you are already a member and need a password, please select "Forgot Password" under the login option on the side menu.

If your membership has not been renewed within the last two years, you will need to re-enter your contact information.

Meetings - Getting Started

Be sure to check out the information in the "Meeting Overview" tab for information on formatting your abstract, meeting location, and costs.

Follow these steps to register for a conference or to submit an abstract:

(NOTE: if you are attending a meeting as a non-member, skip to step 3.)

1. Create a password (see note above).

2. Check your membership status - renew if you need to, but hold off on paying the invoice until you register for the conference. (Click "View Profile" to check your membership and view outstanding invoices.)

3. Go to the events page or click the link to the right to submit an abstract or register for a conference.

4. Click "View Profile" to view and pay outstanding invoices.

If you need to review your registration information, just go to the event and click on "Already Registered."

Need help?

Contact the Webmaster with technical questions about this website and issues with abstract submission and registration.

Contact the Treasurer with questions about invoices and payments - you can pay by credit card, money order, check, and cash.

You can find their contact information on the Team NEERS webpage at the NEERS website.

2020 is our 50th Anniversary!

Spring 2020 (Virtual): *June 4 - 6, 2020.* We would have liked to return to the birthplace of NEERS, Salem State University, for our 50th - join us for an online, virtual conference instead! Meeting details are available on the Meeting Overview page.

Fall 2020: We'll be returning to the Spring House Inn on Block Island, RI! Join us on October 15-17, 2020. More details coming soon.

Spring 2021: We are working on a joint meeting with AERS to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of NEERS and AERS joining together to form ERF (now CERF). Potential locations include Long Island and Brooklyn, but plans are still in the works. Contact Brett Branco, the President-Elect, if you would like to get involved with the planning process.

Fall 2021: We hope to see you at CERF! Richmond, VA, November 7 - 11, 2021.

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Opening soon - please check back! Be sure to visit the Meeting Overview page for the latest on what

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Meeting Venue

This meeting will be virtual, conducted entirely on Zoom videoconferencing software.

Accommodations

This meeting will be virtual. You can enjoy the science from the comfort of your own home or any other space with good high speed internet access.

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NEERS Virtual Welcoming Social: Thursday 4:30-5:30 pm: grab your virtual drink ticket and BYO to this fun gathering of old and new colleagues

Stories of Our Careers: Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm:
Interested in learning about careers outside of academia? Dr. Alison Branco, Dr. Phil Caruso and Dr. Pamela Neubert will share their unique journeys to landing their current positions during "Stories of our Careers" panel. This panel will provide insight about alternative careers options for students, recent graduates, and early career professionals, as well as promote potential collaborations with colleagues.

Game Night: Friday, 5:00-6:00 pm: The day would not be complete without some virtual trivia with our very own game host, Walter Berry.

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Join Us - Membership in NEERS

Please visit our website for an overview of the benefits of membership!

PLEASE NOTE - if you are renewing your membership in conjunction with a meeting, you can wait and pay your membership dues at the same time as your meeting registration. Both invoices can be paid at the same time.

Student members - in order to apply for a travel award, you must have an adviser email the treasurer (from an official email address) with a statement that you are a student in good standing at their institution.
See http://www.neers.org/MEETINGS/NEERSmeeting/MtgStudentAwards.html for details.

Select membership level

* Mandatory fields

* **Membership level**

Regular - $20.00 (USD)
Subscription period: 1 year, on: January 1st
No automatically recurring payments
If you paid your annual membership to CERF within the last year and the credit has not yet shown up in your account, please email the treasurer.

Student - $5.00 (USD)
Subscription period: 1 year, on: January 1st
No automatically recurring payments
Only current students in good standing may subscribe as student members.

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