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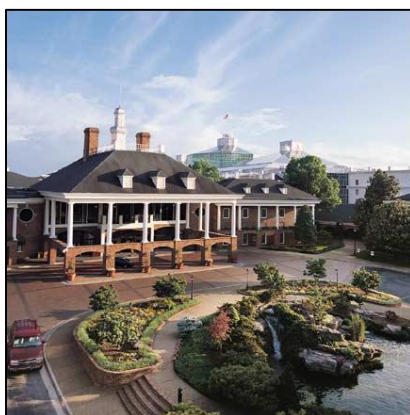
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26th Annual Meeting of the MSAPMS Nashville, TN



The 47th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society will be held July 15-18, 2007, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The MidSouth Chapter will be our host this year and will hold their 26th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the national society. The Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center offers nine acres of gardens, winding rivers and pathways, and waterfalls under climate-controlled glass atriums where you can shop, dine, and be entertained. Our hotel is also within walking distance of Nashville's

most popular tourist attraction, the legendary Grand Ole Opry. Other Nashville attractions and activities include: dinner cruising the Cumberland River aboard the General Jackson Showboat, the State Capitol, the Parthenon, Belmont Mansion, Belle Meade Plantation, Music Row, the Country Music Hall of Fame and much, much more...

The Program Committee is preparing an exemplary meeting certain to peak the interest of all delegates. The technical program will begin on Monday morning and end at noon on Wednesday, with a poster session on Monday evening. The Program promises to be diverse and interesting with excellent oral and poster presentations on research and management activities. A special session and panel discussion on the impacts of invasive plants on threatened and endangered species is planned. In addition, useful information on available aquatic plant management products and professional services will be provided throughout the meeting in our industry exhibits hall.

The Meeting Planning Committee is busy arranging a number of exciting special events for all attendees to enjoy. Our meeting will kick off with a President's Reception on Sunday evening. As the official welcoming event of the meeting, this reception is an excellent time to reacquaint with old friends, meet new friends, and just relax and enjoy great food and beverage. The APMS Banquet on Tuesday evening will be another memorable event where we will recognize those who have served and contributed to our Society, welcome new officers and directors, and present student paper and other awards. The Banquet will conclude with a special evening of country music featuring some of Nashville's most talented singers and songwriters. You won't want to miss it! All special events are free to registered delegates, students, and guests. Non-registered guests may purchase individual tickets for these events at the registration desk.

To make your hotel reservation, call the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center directly at (615) 883-2211. You must make your reservation on or before June 14, 2007 and be sure to mention the Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting or Group Code X-AQPM7. Our special APMS guest room rate is \$142.00 for single or double occupancy per night plus applicable tax, currently 14.25%. Each additional person to a room is \$20.00. Children 12 years and under are free when occupying the same room as their parents. Room rates are good for 3 days before and after the meeting, based on availability. A resort fee of \$10.00 will be charged per room per night and is subject to 9.25% sales tax. This fee includes high speed internet access, access to Cyber Café, local and toll-free calls up to 20 minutes, access to the fitness center, USA Today delivered daily (Monday-Friday), 2 bottles of water (refreshed daily), and scheduled complex transportation. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m. All self-parking is \$10.00 per day and valet parking is \$18.00 plus tax per day.

The meeting registration fees are \$225.00 for delegates and \$100.00 for guests (spouse, partner, child over 12 years-of-age) if received by June 14, 2007. After this date, registration fees at the door will be \$275.00 for delegates and \$125.00 for guests. The meeting registration fee for students competing in the student paper contest (oral or poster) is waived and the registration fee for a student not competing is \$50.00. Delegate and student registration includes all technical sessions, President's Reception, refreshment breaks, Poster Reception, and Banquet. Guest registration includes President's Reception, refreshment breaks, Guest Tour, Poster Reception, and Banquet. Nonregistered guests may purchase individual tickets for the following events: President's Reception, Guest Tour, Poster Reception, and Banquet.

Please help us in planning for the meeting by completing the Registration Form included in this newsletter, and submitting it prior to June 14, 2007. The Registration Form is also available on the APMS website. This will be an extraordinary meeting, so plan to come and bring the family. Music City USA awaits you!

Visit the MSAPMS Website: www.msapms.org
The membership list can be viewed by using the following:

UserName: msapms
Password: lilypad

A Message from the President

Bob Gunkel

Since I didn't have "A Message from the President" in our January 2007 Newsletter, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the 25th Annual Meeting for your participation. A special thank you to our meeting sponsors; through the generosity of their contributions we were able to conduct a highly informative and successful meeting. As Program Chair for the meeting, I express my sincere appreciation to all the speakers for their excellent and interesting presentations. I thank the Board of Directors for their support and assistance, with special thanks to Craig Aguillard, Bryan Goldsby, Sherry Whitaker, Janet Scallions, and Harry Knight. And to Troy Goldsby, thank you for the extraordinary entertainment.

This year our 26th Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 47th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) in Nashville, Tennessee, July 15-18, 2007. I encourage everyone to participate in this combined APMS/MSAPMS meeting. This meeting will provide an excellent environment for the exchange of information and knowledge on aquatic plant management with representatives from Federal and state agencies, universities, private industry, and the public. As host chapter, the MSAPMS is providing assistance with the technical program and local arrangements. As a bonus, meeting attendees will receive a free individual membership in the MSAPMS for 1 year; just check the box at the bottom of the meeting registration form.

The Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and Committee members have been very busy this year. Some of the projects we are working on are an operating manual to provide guidance on the duties of the officers, directors, and committee chairs; a brochure and exhibit presenting the history and activities of the society; and updating the Web site. We have pledged a contribution in support of the APMS Graduate Assistantship for 2007-2008. And we have provided support as a sponsor of the Right-of-Way & Aquatic Pesticide Applicator Training to be held in Panama City Beach, FL, October 16-18, 2007. To have an effective professional organization, volunteers are required to devote many hours of their personal time. I encourage each of you find some way to contribute to the continued growth and success of the MSAPMS.

I am looking forward to seeing y'all in Nashville.

APMS First Annual Photo Contest

The APMS photo salon is a way to share the creative photographic interests of the APMS membership at the annual meeting. While in the field and lab, members are observing and recording interesting, colorful, and informative photographic images related to many aspects of aquatic plant management including all phases of aquatic plant life, ecological interactions with other flora and fauna, and plant management and control.

Rules/Instructions: Members may submit two unpublished digital photos in each of five categories dealing with some aspect of aquatic plant botany and/or aquatic plant management. The five categories include Scenic, Humorous, Management, Biology/Ecology, and People. Awards will be given in each category.

The photos entered must be taken by an APMS member in good standing (membership dues paid). The photos can be cropped and/or color adjusted but otherwise digitally unaltered. If photos include the image of a person or persons, the photographer must obtain a signed photographic release from those individuals allowing their images to be used. Digitally scanned film images are acceptable. Acceptability of photos submitted to the photo salon will be determined by the Photo Salon Committee. Their decision is final.

Submission to the Photo Salon Committee will be by E-mail. Upon submission of photos to the APMS Photo Salon Committee, the photographer gives without compensation, the APMS all rights to copy, display, publish or use for any society purpose, as approved by the Executive Board, the images submitted. The photographer retains all use rights outside of those granted to the APMS.

Photos must be submitted digitally by June 1, 2007. Each submission E-mail must include the full name, address, daytime phone number, and E-mail address of the submitting member. Each submitted digital photo must be in JPEG format. Send no more than two attached photos with each E-mail submission because exceedingly large files may not be accepted by the receiving server. Send all E-mail photo submissions to the two following E-mail addresses: klmanuel@duke-energy.com and michael.j.grodowitz@erdc.usace.army.mil

Awards: The photos will be awarded prizes at the Tuesday night APMS Awards Banquet. Award

categories will include, but are not limited to, 1st-3rd place for each category as well as Best of Show. The photographer does not have to be present to win an award. The award decisions by the Photo Salon Committee are final.

4th Reservoir Symposium *Balancing Fisheries Management and Water Uses for Impounded River Systems* **June 6-9, 2007 Atlanta, Georgia**



Water allocation is one of the leading issues facing fisheries today, and fisheries managers are increasingly required to interact with other professionals including hydrologists, economists, and industry representatives in water conflicts. This symposium will address the challenges of managing reservoir fisheries and habitat in the context of competing water uses. Approximately fifty speakers, representing various state and federal agencies, universities, and private organizations, have been assembled from across the United States -and globally- to present issues related to the symposium's theme, "Balancing Fisheries Management and Water Uses for Impounded River Systems." In addition to invited and contributed papers, a poster session and social will also be held to further discussion of these issues.

Collectively, the symposium and book that follows will provide a valuable resource for reservoir fisheries managers, anglers, and professionals in fields related to water allocation.

For a tentative program and other information about the symposium, including registration and hotel details, visit the symposium's home page at: www.sdafs.org/reservoir/symposium.

For more information, contact Vic DiCenzo at vic.dicenzo@dgif.virginia.gov.

Aquatic Plant Management Society

Announces Annual Student Paper Contests for Upcoming July 2007 Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee

The Aquatic Plant Management Society is soliciting student papers for their upcoming 47th Annual Meeting to be held July 15 - 18, 2007, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Oral and Poster Presentations of original research on the biology or ecology of aquatic and wetland plants, control methods (biological, chemical, cultural, mechanical) for invasive exotic or nuisance native plant species, and restoration projects involving wetland or aquatic plants are solicited.

The Society encourages students that have conducted original research to present their findings and gain a valuable perspective on aquatic plant problems and various management applications throughout the U.S. The meeting locale in Nashville provides an excellent opportunity for students from much of the eastern U.S. to attend and present research on aquatic plant management in several diverse settings.

The APMS has a strong ethic of student support and all qualified attendees will be provided room accommodations (based on double occupancy) and waiver of registration fees. In addition, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money will be awarded in separate contests for *both* oral and poster presentations. This meeting presents an opportunity for students to develop their presentation skills, learn about the field of aquatic plant management, and meet with key Government, University, Industry representatives and peers with similar educational and professional interests.

Please log on to **www.apms.org** to learn more about the Aquatic Plant Management Society and this year's meeting. Students may register for the contest by submitting an abstract as per web site instructions. For more information about the contest, please contact:

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47th Annual Meeting of the APMS and 26th Annual Meeting of the MidSouth APMS Registration Form

Delegate/Student Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Registration *(Includes Refreshment Breaks, President's Reception, Poster Reception, and Banquet)*

	Early <i>(by June 14, 2007)</i>	On-site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate Registration	\$ 225.00	\$ 275.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Paper Competition Registration	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Student Registration (non-competing)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Registration (spouse, partner, child over 12 years-of-age) <i>(also includes the Guest Tour)</i>			
Name(s): _____	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ _____

Individual Special Event Tickets for Non-registered Guests

<input type="checkbox"/> President's Reception	Name(s): _____	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Tour	Name(s): _____	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Poster Reception	Name(s): _____	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet	Name(s): _____	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ _____

Total Registration Amount

\$ _____

Payment Method (Check One)

☐ Check *(Make Payable to APMS, Inc.)* Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name as it Appears on Card: _____ Signature of Card Holder: _____

Send Completed Form and Payment to:

The Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 821265

Vicksburg, MS 39182-1265

Fax: 601-634-2430

Early registration accepted if form and payment received by June 14, 2007.

Registration questions, please phone: 601-634-3722 or e-mail: robert.c.gunkel@erdc.usace.army.mil

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Registration fees are fully refundable prior to June 30, 2007, less a \$25.00 processing and handling fee. No refund of any fees will be issued if cancellation of participation is received after June 30, 2007. Notice of cancellation must be received by APMS via mail, fax, or e-mail. **Phone cancellations will not be accepted.**

☐ Check this box if you would like a free individual membership in the MidSouth APMS for 1 year (2007-2008).



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 - Right-of-Way
 - Natural Areas
 - General Standards (CORE)

For more Information and to Register Online go to:

<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/applicator>

Calendar of Events

June 4-7, 2007

Florida Lake Management Society Annual Conference
Naples, Florida
www.flms.net

June 6-9, 2007

Fourth North American Reservoir Symposium/ International
Reservoirs Symposium
Atlanta, Georgia
www.sdafs.org/reservoir/symposium

June 8-9, 2007

New England Chapter of the North American Lake
Management Society
Storrs, Connecticut
www.nalms.org/necnalms

July 15-18, 2007

47th Annual Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee
www.apms.org

July 15-18, 2007

26th MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee
www.msapms.org

August 15-17, 2007

South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
Springmaid Beach, South Carolina
www.scamps.org

October 2-4, 2007

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
St. Petersburg, Florida
www.fapms.org

October 29 - November 3, 2007

NALMS 2007 International Symposium
Orlando, Florida
www.nalms.org

September 23-27 2007

15th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species
Nijmegen, The Netherlands
www.icaais.org

October 16-18, 2007

Right-of-Way & Aquatic Pesticide Applicator Training
Panama City Beach, Florida
<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/applicator>

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