



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Mississippi River Research Consortium
37th Annual Meeting
April 28-29, 2005
Radisson Hotel
La Crosse, Wisconsin

The Mississippi River Research Consortium is soliciting platform and poster papers for presentation at the 37th Annual Meeting (April 28-29, 2005). Papers are invited on any subject dealing with the biota and environment, both terrestrial and aquatic, in and along the Mississippi River and its major tributaries.

Platform presentations: Speakers will be allotted 20 minutes for each presentation including 5 minutes for questions and discussion. Use of Microsoft PowerPoint (2003 preferred) is strongly encouraged for platform presentations; however a 35 mm (2" x 2") slide projector will be available.

Poster presentations: Standard posters should be no larger than 5 x 4 ft (H x W). A larger space (5 x 8 ft) can be requested and will be approved if space is available. Text, tables, and figures should be readable from a distance of 4 ft. Velcro (not provided) will be used to attach posters to the presentation boards. Instructions for abstract preparation and submittal appear below. Submit all abstracts and program inquiries to:

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ABSTRACTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 22, 2005

A preliminary program with registration materials and information on hotel accommodations will be mailed during February 2005. This information will also be available on the MRRC webpage at <http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/mrrc.html>.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL

- **Submittal Form:** Abstracts for platform and poster presentations should be submitted by e-mail (Microsoft Word attachment). Font (print) size/type: 12 point/Times Roman (preferred) or Universal Scalable. If you cannot e-mail the abstract, send it as a MS Word file on a 3 ½" disk.
- **Submittal Format:** The first line of the abstract should contain the title in CAPITAL letters. Skip 1 line and type the author(s) names, and address(es). **Bold face** the presenter's name. Skip 1 line and begin the text. Text can be a maximum of 45 single-spaced lines. The abstract must fit within 1-inch margins at the top, bottom, and sides (see example below). No figures are allowed.
- **Keywords:** Please include a list of 5 key words in a line below the abstract (for use on MRRC website).
- **Example Abstract:**

TEMPORAL AND VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION OF UN-IONIZED AMMONIA IN SEDIMENT PORE WATER IN POOL 8, UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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Recently, populations of the fingernail clam *Musculium transversum* have significantly decreased in the upper Mississippi River. Although the causal factors contributing to this decline are unknown, high concentrations of un-ionized ammonia (NH₃) in pore water...

Keywords: fingernail clam, Mississippi River, *Musculium transversum*, ammonia, macroinvertebrate

At the bottom of the page, type/indicate:

1. The name, address, telephone and FAX numbers, and e-mail address of the presenting author. **Indicate if any of the above information should NOT be included on the website.**
 2. A preference for Platform or Poster presentation and willingness (yes/no) to convert from one format to another. If platform presentation is requested, indicate the format to be used (slides or PowerPoint).
 3. If the paper is authored by a student.
 4. Indicate if you need a larger space (5 x 8 ft instead of the new standard 5 x 4 ft) for your poster. Approval dependent on available space.
- E-mail or mail the abstract (Microsoft Word file) to the address listed above. **SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 22, 2005.** Confirmation of receipt will be returned via e-mail.
 - Due to the large number of abstracts received for recent meetings, we can accept only one submission (platform or poster) by the same first author. **All participants in the conference must register and pay appropriate fees.**