



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Mississippi River Research Consortium
40th Annual Meeting
April 24-25, 2008
The Grand River Center
Dubuque, Iowa

The Mississippi River Research Consortium is soliciting platform and poster papers for presentation at the 40th Annual Meeting (April 24-25, 2008). 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.

Special publication: To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the MRRC a series of invited speakers will synthesize the current and potential future state of the upper Mississippi River ecosystem. These presentations will be published in a special issue of the journal *Hydrobiologia* with an anticipated publication date of April 2009. Pre-publication orders of this special issue are currently being accepted. Copies may be ordered by sending checks or money orders made out to the Mississippi River Research Consortium for \$64.50 to the following address:

Dr. Neal Mundahl
Winona State University
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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 18, 2008

A preliminary program with registration materials and information on hotel accommodations will be mailed during February 2008. This information will also be available on the MRRC webpage at <http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/mrrc.html>.

Students, please note three (3) student travel scholarships (\$200 each) are available for the 2008 conference. Students interested in competing for one of these scholarships should submit a scholarship application, available on the MRRC webpage (<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. Please indicate if any of the above information should NOT be included on the website.
 2. Denote your preference for Platform or Poster presentation formats and willingness (yes/no) to convert from one format to another. If a platform presentation is requested, indicate the media to be used (slides or PowerPoint).
 3. Denote if the paper is authored by a student (**Students, please note 3 travel scholarships are available, see above**).
 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 is dependent on available space.
- E-mail or mail the abstract (Microsoft Word file) to the address listed above. **SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 18, 2008.** 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 fee.*

