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Topic:

Topic author: wurtsbaugh

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Posted on: 02 Feb 2008 17:02:56

Message:

The joint ISSLR / Friends of Great Salt Lake joint meeting is coming together reasonably well, but I'm disappointed that we don't have the web site operating. I thought that would happen by 1 Feb, but it should be up by the 3rd. It has been a challenge to plan because of the joint meeting. The FOGSL Issues forum are normally 2 days long and focus on conservation and management, with a big effort to include the public. 10 days ago the person planning the post-conference field trip told me he didn't really feel up to the task and resigned! That was a shock, but I think we're back on track with a trip. Enough whining. Here are some specifics:

Budget - our current estimate is around \$103,000. This includes an estimate of \$9,700 for student travel grants, and \$12,000 for scientists from developing countries. Most of the money for student travel has come from contributions that specify that they must be for US students, but we have some for international students, so pass the word about these opportunities. For the people that register as being associated with ISSLR (as opposed to FOGSL participants), we will pay \$60/each back to the society.

So far we have raised \$57,000 from private and governmental donors to offset costs. \$9,100 came from NSF to support students travel and activities, but most of the other was raised by the director of FOGSL, Lynn de Freitas, from private companies that utilize the lake, from consulting firms or from foundations. We have registration options for the full 6 days, but also for 2 days. The latter is primarily for the people interested in the presentations on conservation and management that will occur on the last 2 days. We are charging a \$40 fee for the mid-conference field trips to the Great Salt Lake. This is less than the cost of the trip, but we wanted to get some revenue from it. Also, most of the local FOGSL members wouldn't be interested in seeing these areas again, and we were trying to keep the 2-day registration fee for them manageable.

Program:

As I said earlier, we're anticipating 150-200 papers in contributed and special sessions (10), plus 6 plenary talks. There will be a special session on education, and we've provided a 1/2 day registration fee to attract local teachers.

If these number actually materialize, we will have 2-3 concurrent sessions. There will be two special activities for students (career discussions; social).

Field trips:

There's a good 1-day pre-conference trip for only \$10 to the hypersaline North Arm of the Great Salt Lake.

Mid-conference: 1 option to go on a large boat into the lake, as well as visiting mitigation wetlands along the shoreline. The 2nd trip will go to Antelope Island (via a causeway) where people can swim, collect shrimp, brine flies and phytos, watch buffalo, do a short hike and go to the visitor center. I think both of these will be great.

Post-conference: It will be shorter than normal (3 days), but perhaps that will be attractive to a greater number of people. We will circumnavigate the Great Salt Lake with stops at bird refuges,

the hypersaline north arm, Indian dwellings, hopefully some salars, and the Bonneville Salt Flats. We're still working out the details due to the sudden resignation. Cost ca. \$290.

The web site should be functional by the 3rd, and there will be lots of details there.

Replies:

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 02 Feb 2008 20:24:10

Message:

This sounds absolutely wonderful! 200 contributions probably means parallel sessions. How many parallel sessions will there be?

Reply author: shurlbert

Replied on: 02 Feb 2008 21:26:43

Message:

Splendid work, Wayne. Hats off to Lynn, too!

Reply author: btimms

Replied on: 02 Feb 2008 23:53:39

Message:

Sounds good, though too many parallel sessions can be a pain. Necessary though. Congratulations to you Wayne and to Lynn also.

Reply author: sarosj

Replied on: 07 May 2008 08:41:12

Message:

Hello fellow board members-

I'm looking for a few volunteers to serve as judges for the Williams award at the meeting next week- we have 15 talks and 8 posters to judge. Please let me know if you can help out!

Thanks-
Jasmine

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 07 May 2008 08:42:26

Message:

With pleasure!

Reply author: shurlbert

Replied on: 07 May 2008 12:13:30

Message:

Jasmine, I'd be glad to help too.

Reply author: btimms

Replied on: 07 May 2008 17:44:36

Message:

Jasmine it looks like to me you have a excellent team, but I am available if needed (in other words I don't mind you telling me I am not needed!)

Brian

Reply author: sarosj

Replied on: 09 May 2008 04:47:10

Message:

Thanks! I think I will need all 3 of you- we also need to do the FOGSL presentations as well, so there are 23 talks, 8 posters. I'll track you down at the reception on Sunday- see you in SLC!

Jasmine

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