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NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

Meeting Announcement and Call For Papers

DATES: 14–18 June 2013

PLACE: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

VENUE: Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Final Call for Papers: This is the *final call* for oral and poster presentations. Abstract submittal information is available at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/submit>. Abstract submission must be completed online at the conference website by 5 pm CST 1 March 2013. *Authors must be registered for the conference before they submit an abstract.* Submit no more than 1 paper as 1st author. Space is available for papers and posters, allotted on a first-come, first-scheduled basis. Additional oral presentations may be designated as alternate or poster presentations. Oral presentations must be created in PowerPoint format; each PowerPoint must adhere to the guidelines that will be provided on the conference website. Oral presentations for technical sessions will be allotted 12 min for the talk and 3 min for questions. Poster presentations *must* fit within a 4' high and 4' wide (1.2 m high by 1.2 m wide) space. Participants also should visit the conference website for detailed information on registration, accommodations, abstract submission, and how to prepare and submit a PowerPoint presentation. Advance submission of PowerPoint presentations will not be required. A tentative schedule of events will be available on the conference website.

Registration: Online registration is open and continues through 30 May. Early Bird registration extends from 21 December 2012 to 1 February 2013. Regular registration extends from 2 February to 15 April. Late Registration will run from 16 April through 30 May. On-site registration will be available 14 June. *All active meeting participants (i.e., those contributing papers or posters, or attending technical sessions) and vendors must register.* Please see conference website for more information and final registration costs.

Payment: Registration forms are available on the conference website at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/registration>. Register securely online or by phone (1-800-432-8222), or print the registration form and fax to 785-532-2422 or mail it to:

2013 ASM Annual Meeting
Conference Registration Office
Division of Continuing Education
Kansas State University
1615 Anderson Avenue, Suite 154
Manhattan, KS 66502-4098

Board of Directors Meeting: Friday, 14 June (0800 to 1700 h) and Sunday, 16 June (1330 to 1500 h).

Committee Meetings: Committee chairs should make arrangements for committee meetings by 31 March 2013 by contacting Tony Ballard at tballard@k-state.edu or by phone at (785) 532-2402. A schedule of rooms and their seating capacities will be available on the conference website.

Members Meeting: Members are invited to participate in 2 meetings of the membership: 1) Saturday, 15 June 1115 - 1230 h, and 2) Sunday 16 June, 1100 - 1230 h. The meetings will be open to all registrants, but only active members of the Society will be permitted to vote; attendance by the membership is strongly encouraged.

Technical Sessions: The Annual Meeting begins formally with the Welcome and Plenary Session on Saturday, 15 June and ends with the Capstone Symposium on Tuesday, 18 June. All meeting rooms for Plenary Session, Capstone Address, Technical Sessions, Thematic Sessions, Symposia, Workshops, Poster Sessions, Exhibitors, etc., will be in the conference facilities of the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

Plenary Session I: Saturday, 15 June (approximately 0800 to 1045 h). This main session will open the conference and will include a welcoming address and presentations by several student award winners.

Plenary Session II: Sunday, 16 June, 0800–1030 h. The second plenary session will include presentations by the 2012 recipients of the Joseph Grinnell Award (James Brown), the Aldo Leopold Award (Dean Biggins), and the C. Hart Merriam Award (James Estes).

Feature Speaker: Monday, 17 June, 0830–0930. The featured speaker for the meeting is James Hansen of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and Adjunct Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Columbia University.

Capstone Session: Tuesday, 18 June. This year's capstone symposium will have as its keynote speaker Professor Colin Peter Groves of the Australian National University. The theme of the symposium is "*Ungulates Today*".

Symposia: Two symposia are scheduled: "*White nose Syndrome: A Deadly Disease of North American Hibernating Bats*", organized by DeeAnn Reeder on Saturday, 15 June; and "*Ecological Niche Modeling: Concepts, Applications, Challenges, and Solutions*," organized by Robert Anderson and Mariano Soley-G. on Sunday 16 June

Forum: The Human Diversity Committee will present a forum focusing on issues related to human diversity in mammalogy that will include commentary by invited panelists, as well as audience interaction, concerns, questions, and feedback.

Workshops: Five workshops will be offered, including “*Geometric Morphometrics*” presented by David Sheets on Friday, 14 June; “*How to Write a Successful DDIG NSF Proposal Part I and Part II*” presented by Michael Willig and the Education and Graduate Student Committee on Friday, 14 June; “*Ecological Niche Modeling*” presented by Robert P. Anderson, Mariano Soley-G., and Robert Boria on Sunday, 16 June; and “*High-throughput Sequencing (HTS)*” presented by Sonal Singhal on Sunday, 16 June.

Social Programs:

Board of Director’s Dinner – Thursday 13 June. Board members will be contacted regarding details of the Board of Directors Dinner.

Student Mixer – Friday, 14 June 1700 to 1800 h.

New Members/Attendees Reception – Friday, 14 June 1800 to 1830 h.

Opening Social – Friday, 14 June, 1830 to 2300 h.

Social – Saturday, 15 June, 2000 to 2200 h.

Picnic – Sunday, 16 June, at the Reading Terminal Market.

Auction – Monday, 17 June, 2100 to 2300 h, following Poster Session II. If you are interested in contributing items to the auction, please contact Dr. Meredith Hamilton (meredith.hamilton@okstate.edu). Items can be dropped off at the Registration desk or mailed to Dr. Janet K. Braun, Sam Noble Museum, 2401 Chautauqua Avenue, Norman, OK 73072. If mailing, items must be received by Friday 31 May 2013 to ensure delivery to the meeting. Proceeds of the auction go to the Future Mammalogists Fund.

Donor Reception – Tuesday, 18 June, 1730 to 1800 h.

Pre-Banquet Social – Tuesday, 18 June, 1800 to 1900 h.

Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, 18 June, 1900 to 2100 h.

Gordon Kirkland Memorial Run/Walk for Research: Monday 17 June, 0600 start time. Proceeds from the 5 km run and 1 mile walk will go to the Future Mammalogists Fund, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. This year’s annual Run/Walk will follow the *Rocky* tradition.

Accommodations: A room block has been reserved for meeting participants at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. The room block is located in the hotel and is easily accessible to the meeting space. Rooms in the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown are \$169 plus applicable fees and taxes, and are the same whether there is 1 person or up to 4 people per room. Hotel reservations must be made and secured by May 21, 2013. Reservations received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space-available basis at the group room rate. If you phone in your reservations, be sure to mention the group rate for the **American Society of Mammalogists** to receive the group rate! Please call 877-212-5752 to make your room reservations or make them online at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/accomodations>.

Dining: Meals will be available for individual purchase at the 3 on-site restaurants (Circ (dinner only) and 13: American Inspired Cuisine) or Starbucks Coffee House. Many dining options are nearby, including the Reading Terminal Market.

Climate: June temperatures in Philadelphia average a daily low of 16°C (62°F) and a daily high of 27°C (82°F); record lows and highs are 7°C (44°F) and 38°C (100°F) respectively. On average there are nine rainy days in the month of June, with total monthly rainfall averaging 80 mm (3.14 inches).

Getting to Philadelphia: The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown is located about 10 mi (16 km) from the Philadelphia International Airport (<http://www.phl.org/Pages/HomePage.aspx>) and about 1.4 mi (2.25 km) from the 30th Street Amtrak Station. For driving directions and additional travel information, please visit the conference website at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/accomodations>.

Parking: Parking is available for all Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel guests for \$45.60 per day. There are also many parking options surrounding the hotel.

Field Trips and Programs: The Program Committee has made arrangements with Uniquely Philadelphia, a local tour company, to provide several pre- and post-conference field trips: Colonial Philadelphia Experience: Walking Tour, The Philadelphia Story: Full-City Tour, The Simple Life: Pennsylvania’s Amish, Philadelphia Illuminations: Evening Tour, and a post-conference excursion to New York City. In addition, attendees are encouraged to look into the Philadelphia “City Pass” which provides tickets to 6 of Philadelphia’s most popular attractions for one low price. Please visit the conference website for additional details.

Childcare: Childcare will not be available. Please contact local childcare providers in Philadelphia for more information.

Exhibitors: The registration fee (see the conference website, <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/exhibitor>) includes the use of one display table in the vendor display area. Vendor areas will be locked when not occupied. Additional tables may be available at \$100 each. Please contact Tony Ballard (tballard@ksu.edu) for additional details.

Refund Policy: A refund, minus a \$50 administrative fee, will be issued if notice of cancellation is received by the Division of Continuing Education by 5:00 p.m. CST on 30 May 2013. After that date, due to guarantees that must be provided, refunds are not available. Registrants who do not cancel their registration are responsible for the registration fee even if they do not attend the meeting and have not paid the registration fee. Registration implies permission for photos to be taken and possibly used in publications.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities or special needs should contact Tony Ballard (tballard@ksu.edu) with specific needs as soon as possible or no later than 1 June.

Contact Us: For information about registration, please see the “Registration” tab at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/registration> or email registration@k-state.edu. For information about conference content, please email Tony Ballard at tballard@k-state.edu.

For other inquiries, please contact the chair of the Program Committee: Janet K. Braun, Sam Noble Museum, University of Oklahoma, 2401 Chautauqua Avenue; Norman, OK 73072, USA; voice 405-325-0801; fax: 405-325-7699; email: jkbrown@ou.edu.