

**The biennial ASLO Aquatic Sciences Meeting, an international gathering of more than 2000 aquatic scientists, will be held at the Acropolis in Nice, France, 25-31 January.**

Sponsored (so far) by INSU/CNRS, ESA, EAWAG, University Pierre-et-Marie Curie-Paris6 and University of Nice.

The Planning Committee invites proposals from members of ASLO, all interested scientists in the aquatic sciences and leaders of major programs in this area for sessions of interest to members of ASLO. The Aquatic Sciences meeting is an important venue for scientific exchange across broad marine-science disciplines, including physical, biological, chemical, and geological oceanography, all branches of limnology, hydrology, and multidisciplinary topics ranging from evolution to climate change. We also welcome proposals for sessions on subjects that reflect new and ongoing research on watersheds, the global ocean, and society, including science education, outreach, and public policy.

Session Proposals are due **April 15, 2008**. Proposals should identify at least two co-chairs and include an informative session title and a short description of the session (see details below). Session presentations will be oral, poster, or both, to be determined by the Planning Committee after abstracts have been received. We strongly encourage proposals for poster-only sessions. Posters sessions will be designed for maximum attendance and will not conflict with oral presentations. We are also looking at creative ways to allow electronic poster presentations.

**Guidelines for Session Proposal Submissions**

At least two (maximum four) co-chairs that plan to attend the meeting are required. Co-chairs must be members of ASLO. Session titles should be between 45 to 180 characters. Session descriptions should be limited to 200 words and should be broad enough to include all interested researchers, regardless of affiliation or funding sources.

**Schedule**

Session proposals must be submitted online by 23:59 U.S. Central Daylight Time, 15 April, 2008. The Call for Abstracts will be issued early summer 2008. Abstracts will be due online 1 October 2008, when an abstract fee and registration for the conference will be required. The registration fee will be fully refundable up to 30 days prior to the conference, should cancellation be necessary.

**Oral Session Format**

Oral sessions will be in groups of eight 15-min talks, or seven talks with one double-length (30-min) talk available at the discretion of the co-chairs. Chairs may designate up to two presenters as "Invited" in each session. Invited presenters are still required to submit an abstract and pay abstract and registration fees. Chairs may choose to use the 30-min talk for an overview or tutorial; the presenter of this talk may submit a second abstract (at no cost) that may be accepted for oral or poster presentation at the discretion of the session chairs and program planning committee. Otherwise, only one first-author presentation per attendee will be permitted. Sessions will be scheduled by the Planning Committee after abstracts have been received.

### **Poster Session Format**

Posters will be approximately 4'x4' or 122cmx122cm. Groups of posters, organized by topic, will be highlighted for two hours at a time when no oral sessions are scheduled. Beverages and substantial snacks will be available during poster sessions. Please submit session proposals online at: <http://www.aslo.org/forms/nice2009.html>

We also encourage town-hall and other group meetings in rooms at the Convention Center, primarily during the two hour lunch break. Request forms will be available with the Call for Abstracts. There is also space available at the Convention Center for exhibition booths; for further information ask [business@aslo.org](mailto:business@aslo.org)

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