



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2ND Annual SWPARC Meeting Joined with THS and HLCS Austin, TX June 5 - 8, 2008

We invite members of Southwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (SWPARC), the Texas Herpetological Society (THS), the Horned Lizard Conservation Society (HLCS), and other interested parties to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the 2nd Annual SWPARC Meeting joined this year with THS and HLCS. The meeting will be held in Austin, Texas, USA, June 5-8, 2008. Presentation topics are open to any reptile and/or amphibian conservation work in the Southwest United States and Mexico, but we are particularly interested in presentations related to our 2008 meeting themes:

- (1) Herpetofauna conservation on private lands
- (2) International herpetofaunal conservation issues
- (3) Southwest reptile and amphibian Habitat Management Guidelines (HMG)
- (4) Reptile and/or amphibian inventory and monitoring training
- (5) Reptile and/or amphibian regulations and impacts from collection
- (6) Herpetofaunal publicity and/or education.

The SWPARC annual meeting is quickly establishing a reputation not only for its camaraderie, but also for the high quality of its program and presentations.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Presentations must be based on original work. Abstracts must contain sufficient information to convey the main theme, objectives, results, and conclusions of the work.
- Abstracts (maximum 200 words) will be evaluated on relevance to the subject of herpetological conservation, originality, quality of writing, and adherence to required guidelines.
- Before submitting an abstract, authors should be confident that they will attend the meeting. At least one of the authors on the abstract should register for the meeting. Withdrawal of papers creates problems. If cancellation is necessary, please contact Laura L.C. Hines at laurahines@utah.gov immediately.
- Please conform to the submission instructions. Failure to do so will result in your abstract being returned and possibly rejected.

Submission Procedure:

All abstracts for oral and poster sessions must be submitted to Laura L.C. Hines at: laurahines@utah.gov no later than 11:59 PM (Pacific time) **Thursday, May 1, 2008**. Use the following format for your abstract, and refer to the example below:

- Use MS Word, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, single-spaced, left justified
- Use UPPERCASE for authors and indicate presenter

- Include affiliation and address after names; email address (remove hyperlink) and phone number
 - Indicate presentation type: oral or poster
 - Indicate presentation topic or theme (optional)
 - Leave a single space between address block and abstract
 - Use **Bold Title Case** for title
 - Abstract has a maximum of 200 words
 - Limit abstract to one paragraph
 - On your email subject line, use LASTNAME: SW PARC Poster Abstract
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PRESENTATION: Oral

TOPIC (optional): International herpetofaunal conservation issues

The Herpetofauna of Isla Chiricahua off the Coast of New Mexico. In 1492, Charles Darwin sailed the HMS Bagel to the remote Madrean Archipelago and discovered a unique ecosystem on Isla Chiricahua, inhabited by many endemic reptiles and amphibians. The most conspicuous denizen was the Commode Dragon, an arboreal amphisbaenian reaching 4 m in length. We returned to his original study site to conduct research on this elusive parthenogenic, all-male species, only to discover that they...

After you submit the abstract by email, you should receive acknowledgment via a reply to email. Be sure to check the website after the deadline to make sure your name, title, and affiliation have been entered correctly. For more information, contact Laura Hines at laurahines@utah.gov. The SW PARC Website is: <http://chelydra.unm.edu/swparc/>.

PRESENTATION FORMATS

Oral Presentations: Contributed and invited presentations are limited to 12-13 minutes plus 2-3 minutes for discussion (maximum 15 minutes per presenter). Session moderators will strictly enforce these limits. PowerPoint presentations are the only format allowed for oral presentations.

Posters: The Program Committee strongly encourages participants to consider submission for poster presentations. Posters are an excellent medium for detailed and extended discussion of your research and allow for complex charts, graphs, tables, or photographs that are difficult to present in an oral presentation session. Allowed poster dimensions are 36" tall X 48" wide. All posters must be up by Friday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. A formal poster session will take place Friday evening.

Please take advantage of the several excellent guides available on the web for preparing effective talks and posters.