

## Keeping in Touch

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### **Notes From the Executive Director**

It is hard to believe that it has been nearly 3 months since the ISSRM in Houghton. I want to thank Kathy, Richelle, Jill, and company for putting on an excellent meeting. It is no small task to host an ISSRM and our Michigan crew did an excellent job.

As 2016 is quickly drawing to a close, we are gearing up for the 2017 ISSRM in Umea, Sweden. I do want to bring to your attention that in order for folks to save money on airfare, we have accelerated the timing of the call for abstracts and for organized session proposals to points earlier than we have ever had before. The organized session and abstract submission system is now open. Please check the 2017 ISSRM website for deadlines and more information.

Having said that, I wish to devote the balance of this Director's Corner to our upcoming election.



It has been my privilege to serve with dedicated and talented people on Council and as fellow Executive Officers It is now time to nominate candidates for our next slate of Executive Officers and to replace outgoing members of Council (see the details of the election in a separate article in this issue). If you are a member of our organization, I would like to ask you to consider allowing yourself to be nominated for whichever office is appropriate to your situation and level of experience. Our organization's successes over the years have been a direct function of the

willingness of members to step up and volunteer their services in various capacities. We are at an exciting and important juncture in the life of IASNR. Our future success depends on continuing the spirit of volunteerism that has characterized our organization from the beginning. If you are not in a position to run for an office, I would ask that you carefully consider which one or more of your colleagues you might consider recruiting to run.

It is my hope that we will have a strong group of candidates in our upcoming election. I look forward to my final months in office as we have some important tasks to complete before we turn things over to a new leadership cadre.

Thank you once again and I look forward to a productive final year in office.

### ISSRM 2017: Umeå, Sweden



Submitted by Camilla Sandstrom:

ISRRM 2017 is less than a year away and it is not too early to start planning to attend!

International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), June 19 -22, 2017 in Umeå, Sweden

Symposium Theme:

Contested Spaces: Bridging Protection and Development in a Globalizing World

Call for Organized Session Proposals: Proposals for Panels, Paper Sessions, Book Review Sessions, and Workshops are invited now - the deadline for submission is October 31, 2016, at midnight (Central Standard Time). Proposals from any area of societal relationships to environment and natural resources are welcome. Organized sessions are an opportunity to bring together a group of scholars around a particular topic. They can be a collection of 3-5 oral presentations with or without a discussant, a panel of experts on a given topic, a roundtable discussion, an author-meets-critics session. a workshop, or propose your own idea. Panels and paper sessions will last 75 minutes each. The organizer(s) should recruit participants and include these in the session proposal. Organized sessions

will be highlighted and given priority in the program.

Please submit your session proposal electronically by going to the ISSRM 2017 webpage and click on "Add" next to "Session Proposals" on the right side of the page. Please note: a login account is required before a session proposal can be submitted; you must also be logged into your account to submit a session proposal.

Call for Abstracts: Abstract submissions for organized sessions, individual papers and posters are now open and due December 1, 2016, at midnight (Central Standard Time). Individual paper and poster abstracts can be submitted electronically by going to the ISSRM 2017 webpage and clicking on "Add" next to "Abstracts (Oral Presentations and Posters)" on the right side of the page. Please note: a login account is required before an abstract can be submitted; you must also be logged into your account to submit an abstract.

Guidelines for Abstracts:

Abstracts should be in paragraph form without bullet points. Additionally, the abstract body should include details regarding the background, purpose, methods, results, and conclusions. Please also include theory/ analytical framework and a description of the methods employed (e.g. quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, etc.).

Proposals for Organized Sessions for ISSRM 2017 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Go to the ISSRM 2017
Website
to submit your

session proposal.

### **ISSRM 2016**

#### Submitted by Kathy Halvorsen:

ISSRM 2016 was a great success (thanks, attendees!) with 475 attendees from six continents, including 200 students. We (about 35 people total) collected 840 pounds of trash during the Hungarian Falls Cleanup Service Field Trip. 37 students attended the Student Forum. We collected \$12,630 in sponsorships that offset registration costs, including over \$3,000 collected through the Founders Challenge. 93 participants elected to forego the printed program to reduce waste and expense. 30 people contributed \$262 to Carbonfund.org to offset the carbon expenditures of their travel. 37 people participated in the new Young Professionals networking event. Wonderful keynotes from Chad Pregracke, Nancy Langston, and Riley Dunlap filled out a program capped by a beautiful Lake Superior beach-based banquet. See you at ISSRM 2017!







### **Elections Committee**

#### Submitted by Tom Fish:

Election season is upon us once again! This time we will hold elections for seven positions – all three Executive Officers (Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary), three Council professional positions, and the Student Representative-Elect.

Service as an Executive Officer or on the IASNR Council affords members the opportunity to contribute substantially to current operations and future directions of the organization. IASNR strives for the organizational leadership to be "broadly representative of the membership reflecting a balance of disciplinary orientations in the social sciences; (2) natural resource management fields; and (3) professional practice" (e.g., academic, agency, and NGO scientists; resource managers; domestic and international scholars; mid-career and seasoned profession-

als). The organization relies on this group of dedicated members to bring their knowledge, experience, energy, and ideas together to lead IASNR over the coming years.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for Executive Officers and Council positions, and are counting on **all members** to vote in the election. Please visit the IASNR website to view the "Call for Nominations." Nominations must be received no later than **Monday, October 31st**. Inquiries regarding nominations and elections should be directed to the IASNR Elections Committee.

~IASNR Council Elections Committee Tom Fish, Zhao Ma, Shawn K. Olson-Hazboun, Eick von Ruschkowski

### Site Selection Committee: 2020 and Beyond

The site selection committee seeks host institutions for the annual meeting of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR) for 2020 and beyond. The annual meeting is called International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) and should be promoted as such.

#### **Dates:**

The meeting should be held during the month of June. Although specific meeting dates are open, the conference should extend across three to four days to accommodate a full program of paper sessions, poster sessions, plenary speakers, business sessions, and social events. Typical schedules are Monday – Thursday or Tuesday – Friday, with the student forum (1 day event) occurring the day preceding the opening session. Pre- or post-meeting workshops or organized tours may also be included as means of encouraging attendance

#### **Facilities:**

We require a conference facility with an auditorium for plenary sessions that will seat at least 400-500 persons, 12-14 break-out rooms, several small conference rooms or classrooms, and space for at least 50 posters/exhibits. The host institution is responsible for facilitating accommodations for 400-600 people. The accommodations should include at least one inexpensive option (particularly for students) such as on campus student housing. Cafeteria food service is acceptable; on-site beer and wine service is desirable.

#### **Accounting:**

The registration fee will be set by the host institution in consultation with the site selection committee representatives and the IASNR Executive Director's office. Registration fees must be commensurate with other professional societies' registration costs. Between 300 and 600 persons are expected to attend the symposium. The tradition of low student registration fees must be adhered to so that student participation in the conference will remain affordable. Active pursuit of grants and sponsorships to raise funds in support of the annual meeting is important.

The IASNR Business Office will be responsible for collecting all registration fees, student scholarship funds, and other donations. The host institution will be responsible for maintaining appropriate accounts for grants and contracts obtained at their institution in support of the annual meeting. The IASNR and host institution will share the costs and profits for a given annual meeting. The IASNR will, if necessary, underwrite financial losses of a conference, but organizers are expected to exercise due diligence with respect to budget planning to avoid this outcome. In addition, the host institution must clear any significant changes to original approved budget with the IASNR Business Office. Fifty percent of net profit will be returned to IASNR Business Office. All costs for the meeting should be budgeted and accommodated within the registration fees, grants, contracts, scholarships, and in-kind donations.

The host institution may seek funds to support onsite hospitality and excursions. Due to currency exchange issues, the capability of charging registration fees, accommodations, and other fees to Visa and MasterCard is a requirement.

#### **Social Events:**

The costs of the opening reception and at least one group meal (e.g., a picnic, barbeque, or banquet), as well as daily refreshments during morning and afternoon breaks, are normally included in the registration fee. Other social activities, meals, and excursions may be billed separately as appropriate.

#### The Proposal:

Each potential symposium host will prepare a proposal to be submitted to the IASNR site selection committee. The proposal should contain the following:

- Title, authors and their affiliations
- Description of the host organization site
- Subtitles might include such items as "Environmental novelties of the region", "Sustainable tourism projects", "Local arts, products and foods"

- Discussion of the proposed symposium theme
- Description of housing options and costs
- Travel arrangements available for participants and estimated costs from airport to contracted accommodations
- Outline of the meeting space available
- Description of host institutional support (financial, in-kind, and staff support allocations, for example)
- Plan for recruitment of volunteers' plan for the conference, if applicable
- Proposed schedule, including possible field trips
- Student events
- Room rates for students
- Student forum pre-session, quiz bowl competition, and student mixer are typical student events.
- Proposed committee members
- Executive committee
- Planning committee
- Proposed budget
- Justification for fee structure

The proposal should include a Proposed Budget outlining both anticipated revenue and expenses.

Suggested budget categories include:

#### **Revenue:**

- Registration fees (by type and projected numbers of registrants)
- Contributions from institutions and agencies and private funding sources

#### **Expenditures:**

- Conference services (food, beverages, and registration)
- Printing
- Program costs (swag, AV costs, poster boards, etc.)
- Personnel (coordinator, secretarial, student hourly, etc.)
- Supplies, telephone, postage, web site
- Speaker honoraria and travel expenses
- IASNR fee (see accounting section)

#### **Mailings and Publications:**

The host institution will assume responsibility for the following:

1. Preparation, printing, and distribution of the call

for program ideas and call for papers and posters.

- 2. Preparation, printing, and distribution of the preliminary program and registration materials (to be available online in advance to potential registrants). Previous meeting mailing lists will be provided to host institutions for their use.
- 3. Preparation and printing of the final program (distributed on site). Note: listing of participants in the final program is normally contingent upon the completion of registration; all symposium participants are expected to be registered for the meeting.
- 4. Preparation and printing of the list of attendees (distributed on site).
- 5. Publication of paper and poster abstracts (distributed on site).

#### **Other Notes:**

- 1. The host institution, IASNR Executive Officers and Council members, and the program committee will be jointly responsible for raising funds for student scholarships and making decisions about allocation of registration fee waivers.
- A spousal registration rate will be provided.
- 3. A one-day registration rate will be provided.
- 4. A named site chairperson as well as a proposed local steering committee must accompany the proposal.

#### Who to Contact:

If you have questions about the Symposium, the preparation of the proposal, or wish to express interest in preparing a proposal, please contact any member of the ISSRM Site Selection Committee:

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#### **Completed Proposal:**

Please submit your completed proposal as an email attachment to Gene Theodori (<a href="mailto:gtheodori@shsu.edu">gtheodori@shsu.edu</a>) by January 15th, 2017.

### **SNR Editor Search Committee**

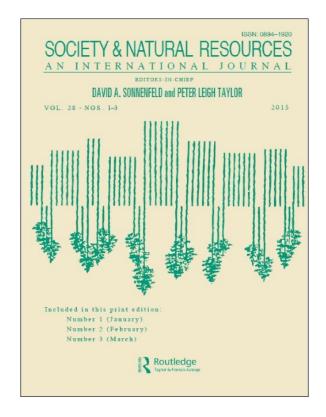
#### Submitted by Neelam Poudyal:

In July, the Executive Director of the IASNR charged us with the responsibility of co-chairing the editor search committee for *Society and Natural Resources*. The committee has worked with the current co-editors in chief (David A. Sonnenfeld and Peter Leigh Taylor) to draft a call for application to serve as editor or co-editors of the journal. The announcement has already been posted on IASNR website (link: http://www.iasnr.org/?p=2622), and also widely circulated in various email listservs. The committee has been responding to initial inquiries from interested candidates.

The committee will begin reviewing applications after the deadline (February 1, 2017).

We encourage IASNR members to provide input on the search and selection process by contacting the co-chairs of the search committee.

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### **Student Affairs Committee**

Greetings, and welcome to a new school year! Mysha Clarke and I are very excited to kick off this year as your student representatives for IASNR. The Student Affairs Committee (SAC) serves as the student voice to the organization and exists to provide a platform for facilitating student involvement, providing student benefits, and distributing resources to student members. Our organization has an active student membership, with 240 student members currently and seven student chapters at various universities.

Mysha and I are at work brainstorming ways to grow our student membership and to provide valuable resources for current student members. Below we have listed some ways you can get involved in the Student Affairs Committee and communicate your needs/desires as student members of this organization. We welcome your involvement and feedback!

#### Get involved in the SAC!

In just a few weeks, we will be sending out an email soliciting your involvement in the SAC. We will be looking for student members who are interested in working on one of our four subcommittees: Communication, Collaboration, Professional Development, and Quiz Bowl. In light of the fact that the next ISSRM meeting is in Sweden next year, which may limit how many of us will be able to attend, we want to assure you that there will still be many ways in which students can be involved with the SAC, including working with the meeting organizers in Sweden to create the Student Forum and Quiz Bowl. Be on the lookout for an email in your inbox – you can also request to be involved with the SAC by emailing shawn.k.olson@usu.edu. Being a part of the SAC is an excellent way to engage with the organization, meet other students, and add a "service" item to your resume or CV.

IASNR will also be undergoing its Council elections in early 2017. If you are interested in running for the position of Student Representative, you will need to garner a nomination from a mem-

ber of the organization. The Student Representative serves for two years, the first as Student Representative-Elect, and the second as Student Representative. That way, elected representatives have one year to 'learn the ropes.' Nominees for this position must have been a student member for at least one year prior to the beginning of serving in this position (the position begins at the time of the annual meeting). Please consider running!

#### Student Chapters

Are you interested in forming a student chapter at your university? If so, you can find more information online (from the IASNR homepage, click on "About IASNR and our journals" or follow this link: <a href="http://www.iasnr.org/?page\_id=124">http://www.iasnr.org/?page\_id=124</a> ). On this page are templates you can use to create chapter constitutions and by-laws, as well as an application form to apply to become a student chapter. Existing student chapters will need to complete and submit Application Renewable forms by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. For more information, please contact Shawn Olson-Hazboun at shawn.k.olson@usu.edu.

What are your needs as a student member? The SAC is committed to providing professional and academic resources to student members, both during the annual meeting and throughout the year. If you have any particular resources you would like to see made available, or if you have ideas for something that would be useful to you and other students (such as a webinar or workshop on a certain topic), please email these ideas to shawn.k.olson@usu.edu.

Thanks, and we look forward to being in touch as the year unfolds!

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# We Look Forward to Seeing Everyone at ISSRM 2017!