

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FIRST ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING



MIDWEST-GREAT LAKES CHAPTER SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION INTERNATIONAL

We invite all interested parties to submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster to be presented at the First Annual Chapter Meeting of the Midwest-Great Lakes SER Chapter. The meeting is scheduled for April 24 to 25, 2009 and will be held at Marian College in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration International (SER) is the newest regional SER chapter, covering a six-state region of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Our mission is to promote the science and practice of ecological restoration to assist with the recovery and management of degraded ecosystems throughout the Midwestern and Great Lakes region of the United States. There is a tremendous diversity of individuals and institutions involved in ecological restoration within the Chapter boundaries. Our goal is to provide a forum on a diversity of ecological restoration topics and we welcome abstracts from all individuals, institutions, and disciplines involved in ecological restoration. Oral presentations will be scheduled in 15 minute segments. More details related to audiovisual formats and space requirements will be provided at a later date. This meeting is an inaugural event for us because it represents the beginning of what will be a dynamic and exciting regional SER Chapter.

The deadline for submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations is **Monday February 23, 2009**. Abstracts will be reviewed and authors will be notified of acceptance status by **Monday March 23, 2009**. **Abstracts will be limited to 250 words.**

Abstracts need to be submitted via email to the following email address (rocky.smiley@ars.usda.gov) with the author information and abstract attached as a Microsoft Word file (Microsoft Word 2003 or earlier files only - *.doc) or Rich Text Format (*.rtf). We will not accept Microsoft Word 2007 (*.docx) documents. The subject line of your email should read "MWGL SER Annual Meeting Abstract". Alternatively, if email submission is not an option for you then you may FAX your abstract to Rocky Smiley (614-292-9448) or mail to USDA-ARS Soil Drainage Research Unit, 590 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Please follow the formatting guidelines on the next page in preparation of your abstract. Abstracts that do not follow the required formatting guidelines will be rejected.

1. Format for Author, title, and affiliation information:

Use Times New Roman font with a font size of 12. List all authors and indicate the person who will be presenting with an * following their name. The title of the presentation should be bolded. Provide an abbreviated contact information for each author containing the affiliated institution, City, and State. Additionally, provide the email address of the person giving the presentation. See examples provided below

a. All authors having same affiliation:

Jones, Jane J.* and John D. Doe. **Hydrological and ecological responses to implementation of streamside buffers.** Jones University, Anytown, Ohio. Email: jane.jones@jones.edu

b. Authors with different affiliations:

Smith, Ann R..^{*1}, Jane D. Doe ¹, and Jim R. Evers ². **Prairie restoration efforts in Wisconsin.**
¹ Old School University, Anytown, Wisconsin. ² Deer County Agricultural Agency, Jonesburg, Michigan. Email: asmith@oldschool.edu

2. Format for Text of Abstracts:

The text of the abstract begins two line spaces below the author, title, and contact information. Use Times New Roman font with a font size of 12. The abstract is to be single spaced and aligned left with no indentations. Maximum word limit for text of abstract is 250 words. An abstract is a single paragraph summary of your entire talk or poster in 250 words or less. It is not an outline of what you are going to present. It should be concise and to the point.

Indicate if the abstract is for an oral presentation or poster presentation and if the abstract is student presentation in the line that is two line spaces below end of the abstract. Indication of abstract type will not be counted towards maximum word limit.