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NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

Meeting Announcement and Call For Papers

DATES: 22–26 June 2012

PLACE: Reno, Nevada, USA

VENUE: Peppermill Resort Spa & Casino

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, or follow the link from the ''Meetings'' tab on the ASM web page at http://www.mammalsociety.org. Abstract submission must be completed online at the conference website by 5 pm CST 15 April 2012. *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 web site.

Registration: Online registration is open and continues through 15 June. Early Bird Registration is available until 31 January. Regular registration extends from 1 February to 1 May. Late Registration will run from 2 May through 15 June. On–site registration will be available 22 June. *All active meeting participants (i.e., those contributing papers or posters, or attending technical sessions) and vendors must register*. Please see conference web site 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:

2012 ASM Annual Meeting
Division of Continuing Education
Kansas State University
1615 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66502-4098.

Board of Directors Meeting: Friday, 22 June (0800 to 1700 h) and Monday, 25 June (1200 to 1330 h).

Committee Meetings: Committee chairs should make arrangements for committee meetings by 1 April 2011 by contacting Tony Ballard at tballard@k-state.edu or by phone at (785) 532-2402. A schedule of rooms and their seating capacities are available on the conference website.

Members Meeting: Members are invited to participate in 2 meetings of the membership: 1) Sunday, 24 June 1015–1200 h, and 2) Monday 25 June, 1030–1200 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, 23 June and ends with the Capstone Session on Tuesday, 26 June. All meeting rooms for Plenary Session, Capstone Address, Technical Sessions, Poster Sessions, Exhibitors, etc., will be in the conference facilities of the Peppermill Resort Spa and Casino.

Plenary Session I: Saturday, 23 June (approximately 0800 to 1030 h). This main session will open the conference and will include a welcoming address and presentations by several student award winners.

Plenary Session II: Monday, 25 June, 0800–1030 h. The second plenary session will include presentations by the 2011 recipients of the Joseph Grinnell Award and the Aldo Leopold Award. This session also will include a presentation by Dr. Hans Kruuk, who was elected as an Honorary Member in 2011.

Capstone Session: Tuesday, 26 June. This year's capstone presenter is Dr. Anne Yoder of Duke University. The theme of her presentation will be ''Hidden biodiversity in cryptic species: lessons from Madagascar's mouse lemurs.''

Symposia: Two symposia are scheduled: *Interactions between mammals and their pathogens*, organized by Richard S. Ostfeld; and second symposium focusing on the Great Basin organized by Marjorie Matocq.

Social Programs:

Board of Director's Dinner – Thursday 21 June. Board members will be contacted regarding details of the Board of Directors Dinner.

Opening Social – Friday, 22 June, 1800 to 2300 h.

Welcoming Social – Saturday, 23 June, 2100 to 2300 h.

Student Mixer – Saturday, 23 June 1730 to 1900 h.

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Picnic – Sunday, 24 June, 1800 to 2100 h poolside at the Peppermill Resort, Spa, and Casino.

Pre–Banquet Social – Monday, 25 June, 1730 to 1900 h.

Annual Banquet/Auction/Social – Monday, 25 June, 1900 to 2300 h. Students are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in contributing items to the auction, please contact Dr. Meredith Hamilton (meredith.hamilton@okstate.edu) or bring the items to the Registration desk. Proceeds of the auction go to the Future Mammalogists Fund.

Group Photograph: Sunday, 24 June, 930 to 945; location to be announced.

Gordon Kirkland Memorial Run/Walk for Research: Monday 25 June, 0630 to 0730 h. 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. More information will be available on the conference website.

Accommodations: Two room blocks have been reserved for meeting participants at the Peppermill Resort, Spa, and Casino. Both room blocks are located in the hotel and are easily accessible to the meeting space. Complimentary high speed wireless will be available in all meeting space and Peppermill hotel rooms. Rooms in the Peppermill Montego Bay are $89 plus applicable fees and taxes, and rooms in the Peppermill Tower are $109 plus applicable fees and taxes. Hotel reservations must be made and secured by May 30, 2012. 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 code **AKSASM** to receive the group rate! Please call 866-821-9996 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 any of the 10 on-site restaurants.

Climate: Temperatures in Reno average 8°–28°C (47°–83°F) in June; record lows and highs are −3.9°C and 39.4°C (25°–103°F), respectively. Rain is uncommon, with an average of 11.9 mm.

Getting to Reno: The Peppermill Resort Spa & Casino is located about 2.5 mi (4 km) from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport (http://renoairport.com/). For driving directions and additional travel information, please visit the conference website at http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/transportation.

Parking: Complimentary self and valet parking is available for all Peppermill Hotel guests.

Field Trips and Programs: The Program Committee has made arrangements with a local company to provide several pre– and post–conference field trips. Please visit the conference website for additional details.

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

Collecting Permits: For information regarding Scientific Collecting Permits issued by the Nevada Department of Fish and Wildlife, please see the ''Collecting Permits'' tab at http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/permits or (http://www.ndow.org/law/licenses/special.shtm). Be aware that the application review process can take several months. For questions regarding scientific collection permits, contact: Nevada Department of Wildlife License Office – Scientific Collection, 4600 Kietzke Lane – D-135, Reno, NV 89502; 775-688-1512; jmeadows@ndow.org).

Vendors: 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 $50 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 15 June 2012. 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: jkbraun@ou.edu.

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