

AMS/WSM Meeting Announcement

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The American Malacological Society and the Western Society of Malacologists

76th (AMS) and 43rd (WSM) • 26 June – 1 July 2010
Joint Annual Meetings San Diego, California

As the current President of AMS, it is my pleasure to announce the upcoming joint 76th Annual Meeting of the AMS and 43rd Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists. The meeting will kick off in style with a welcome reception on the evening of Saturday, June 26th, with scientific sessions held from Sunday (June 27th) to noon on Wednesday (June 30th). Stay the following day, Thursday, July 1st, for organized or informal excursions in the San Diego area.

Venue. – We are fortunate to have reserved our meeting site at San Diego State University. The new SDSU convention center is attractive and easily accessible by car or via public transportation. SDSU has both new and somewhat less expensive older dorms, but both are affordable. Alternatively, there are many hotels close by. Meeting attendees, whether staying in the dorms or not, can choose between an excellent optional meal plan or forage on their own in nearby university district or convention center restaurants. Public transit options include a new trolley stop, which is adjacent to the convention center or a brief walk across a footbridge from the dorms. The trolley connects directly to the downtown train station and airport (search in Google maps for SDSU Transit Center, San Diego), and provides easy access to the outstanding selection of restaurants and bars in famous Old Town, San Diego about 29 minutes by trolley. The meeting will be affordable for students and close to world-class ocean beaches and other well-known attractions that make San Diego such a popular destination to visit.

Sessions. – Scientific sessions are historically great at joint AMS/WSM West Coast meetings.

- Dr. Peter Marko (*Assistant Professor*, Clemson University) and Dr. Alan Kohn (*Professor Emeritus*, University of Washington) are organizing an AMS-sponsored symposium on “Biogeography of the Pacific.” An impressive line-up of speakers has agreed to present their research on Pacific molluscan biogeography on June 29. This symposium and associated contributed paper and poster sessions are expected to be a memorable highlight of the meeting.
- Dr. Jennifer Burnaford (*Assistant Professor*, Cal State Fullerton) is organizing a complementary special session on invasive molluscs.
- Dr. Eric Gonzales (*Postdoctoral Researcher*, UC Berkeley) will present a timely Student Workshop, “Genomic Tools for Molluscan Ecology and Evolution.”
- Further details on the meeting website: <http://www.malacological.org/meetings/>

Other events include ever-popular auction, banquet, reprint sales, and other fun activities. Please plan to attend and spread the word. Contact me if you would like to ship donations for the auction. Help us to make this joint meeting a success by planning to attend, responding when the call for contributed talks and posters is announced, getting involved, and especially encouraging students and colleagues, including those from Latin American countries, to participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the meeting organizers, myself (deernisse@fullerton.edu) or WSM President, Dr. George Kennedy (gkennedy@bfsa-ca.com).

See you in San Diego!

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AMS WSM 2010 meeting **SAN DIEGO**

June 26-30, 2010
at San Diego State University



Featured Symposium on
Pacific Biogeography
Special Session on Invasive Molluscs
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