



National Water Quality Monitoring Council

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2014 National Monitoring Conference

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9th National Monitoring Conference: *Working Together for Clean Water*

Where: Cincinnati, Ohio

When: April 28 – May 2, 2014



Conference Lodging



Registration – still a work in progress

- ▶ Best Guess – Similar to 2012 Conference
 - About \$400 \pm 10%
 - Regular attendee
 - Less for presenters
 - Increases after specified date
- ▶ Should know soon!

Contract for Program Planning Service Provider

- ▶ Still a work in progress
- ▶ Plan – Have service provider in place before December Council meeting

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Photo courtesy Jerry Schullik, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commissioner

Join us in Cincinnati for the National Water Quality Monitoring Council's 9th National Monitoring Conference – Working Together for Clean Water on April 28 – May 2, 2014. This national forum provides an exceptional opportunity for federal, state, local, tribal, volunteer, academic, private, and other water stakeholders to exchange information and technology related to water monitoring, assessment, research, protection, restoration, and management, as well as to develop new skills and professional networks.

Conference themes will cover your water management & science needs, including:

- Addressing Emerging Contaminants and Threats to Human Health and Aquatic Ecosystems
- Evaluating the Impact of Extreme Events – Natural and Man-made
- Evaluating and Managing Water Protection and Restoration Activities
- Managing and Sharing Water Quality Monitoring Data
- Determining the Holistic Value of Water - How Science, Public Opinion, Economic and Social Information are used for Better Water Management and Decision Making
- Assessing the Influence of Energy Production on Water Quality, Aquatic Ecosystems, and Water Management
- Connecting Science to Action - Communicating Science and Data in Ways that Influence Behavior
- Advancing Innovation in Monitoring: Technology, Assessment, Modeling, and Methods
- Strengthening Monitoring Collaboration and Partnerships
- Demonstrating the Value of Monitoring in Measuring Environmental Change

Of special note...



The Fluid 5K Run will be back! Funds from the run go toward Eleanor By Memorial Scholarships that support volunteer monitoring colleagues' attendance to the National Monitoring Conference.

Awards

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2014 Elizabeth J. Fellows Award, Barry A. Long Award, and Vision Award. Please visit the conference website for details.

Instructions for submitting abstracts and proposals for extended sessions (workshops, short courses, and panel discussions) can be found at the [Conference website](http://www.confmonitoring.org/conference/2014/): www.confmonitoring.org/conference/2014/

All abstracts and proposals must be received no later than September 20, 2013

Registration information will be available soon!

Authors of abstracts accepted for oral and poster presentations and organizers of extended sessions will be notified by January 17th, 2014. Presenters will receive further guidelines for preparation of presentations and posters. All presenters must register for the conference.

For exhibitor and sponsorship information please contact Greg Arenz, garenz@nwmc.org. For questions related to programming, please contact the 2014 National Monitoring Conference Co-chairs Cathy Tate, cmate@usgs.gov, Jeff Schloss jeff.schloss@unh.edu or Alice Maylo, Maylo.Alice@epa.gov. To be placed on a mailing list, please contact Philip Forsberg, forsberg@nwmc.org. To learn more about the Council and previous conferences, visit: www.confmonitoring.org/.



Sent out on June 13th

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6.10.2013: **Please Note: Not all links are "live"; they will be updated as information becomes available.**

Conference Themes - see the Call for Abstracts for more information

- **Emerging Contaminants and Threats to Human Health and Aquatic Ecosystems**
- **Extreme Events – Impacts from both Natural and Human-made**
- **Water Protection and Restoration Activities**
- **Managing and Sharing Water Quality Monitoring Data**
- **The Holistic Value of Water - How Science, Public Opinion, Economic and Social Information are used for Better Water Management and Decision Making**
- **Energy Production: Assessing the influence on Water Quality, Aquatic Ecosystems, and Water Management**
- **Connecting Science to Action - Communicating Science and Data in Ways that Influence Behavior**
- **Technology, Assessment, Modeling, and Methods: Advancing Innovation in Monitoring**
- **Collaboration and Partnerships**
- **Environmental Change: Demonstrating the Value of Monitoring**

Conference Deadlines

Abstract submissions:
September 20, 2013

Award nominations:
January 15, 2014

Notification of presenters:
January 17, 2014

Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards that will be presented at the conference.

- [Elizabeth J. Fellows](#) | [EJF Nomination form](#)
- [Vision Award](#) | [Vision Nomination form](#)
- [Barry A. Long Award](#) | [BAL Nomination form](#)



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Call for Abstracts

Instructions for Abstract
Submittal

Registration (coming soon)

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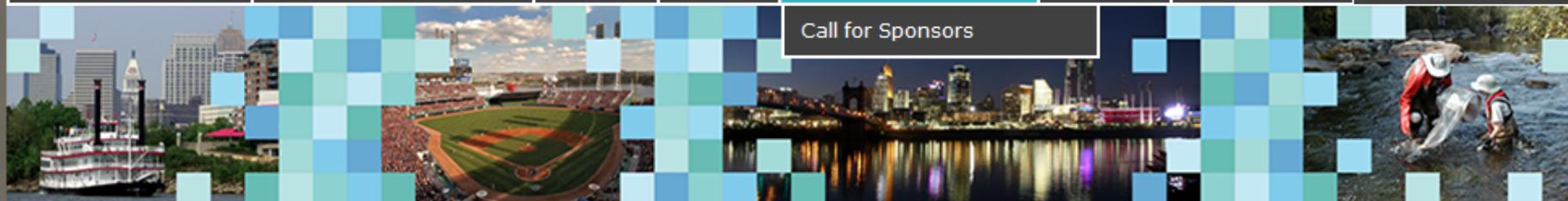
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Where are we to date?

- ▶ Number abstracts submitted: **2**
- ▶ Number extended session proposals submitted: **0**
- ▶ Number proposed concurrent sessions submitted: **17** (not including continuous monitoring track)

Next Steps

- ▶ Continue to encourage submission of proposed concurrent and extended sessions
- ▶ Re-send out Call For Abstracts
 - Mid August
 - Two weeks prior to Sept 20th deadline
 - One week prior to deadline
 - One day prior to deadline
- ▶ Set up review teams

“Mad scramble phase” (June 13 – Sept 20, 2013)

- ▶ Contact colleagues for ideas for potential concurrent sessions!



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Subject: National Monitoring Conference 2014 – How to be a session “champion”

Thank you for agreeing to help organize (“champion”) a session for the NWQMC conference in Cincinnati, OH, April 28 – May 2, 2014. Here is a list of the things we (the Program Committee) would like each session champion to do:

1. As soon as possible, send Cathy Tate (cmtate@usgs.gov) a title for the session(s) you would like to propose, along with the associated Conference Theme (from the *Call for Abstracts* at: <http://acwi.gov/monitoring/conference/2014/CFA.pdf>). In some cases, the session title could be the same as one of the Topics listed on page 2 of the *Call for Abstracts*. If you are proposing more than one session, they could have separate titles or they could have the same title followed by a number to indicate that they are part of a multi-session track. Each session should include four 20-minute presentations.
2. Contact the proposed presenters and encourage them to submit abstracts for the session(s). The Program Committee would like each session at the Conference to include presentations from a variety of perspectives, so **be sure your presenters are from different organizations.**



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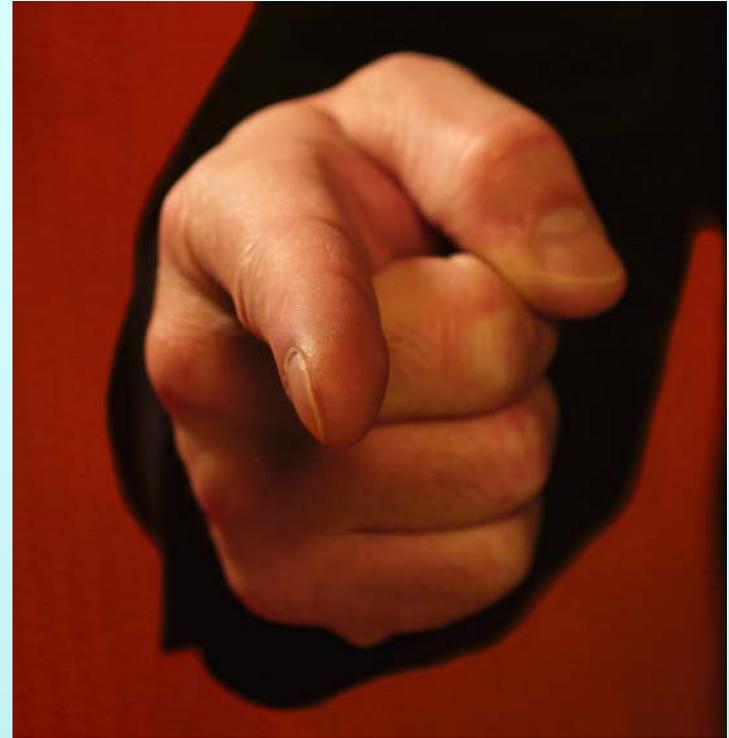
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September 20, 2013



Review Teams

We Need You
to Volunteer to
be on a Review
Team!

(as participant or lead)



Deadline to sign up: August 15th

As of August 6th

Review teams for 2014 Conference										
	Theme number (see themes at bottom)									
Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tony Shaw						1				2
Curtis Cude	1				2		3			
Steve Wolfe			1					3	2	
Charles Kovatch				1	2					
Dave Chestnut							2		3	1
Glenn Skuta										1
David Neils	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barb Horn										
Julie Vastine										
Greg Pettit	3				1					2
Mike Eberle			3		2				1	
Rachel Noble								1		
Mike Yurewicz	1		2							
Mike Higgins (lead)	x				x	x				

Review Process continued

- ▶ **Sept 20, 2013:** Abstract and Extended sessions deadline
- ▶ **Oct – Nov 2013:**
 - Program committee works with program planning service provider or Cathy Tate to sort abstracts into themes
 - Set up review teams for December Council meeting based on themes
 - Review teams get started putting together concurrent sessions through a series of Conference Calls in Oct-Nov!
 - Extended Session Committee reviews and selects sessions

Review Process continued

- ▶ Dec 3-5, 2013 Council meeting – Great exchange
 - Review teams sort abstracts into concurrent sessions, poster sessions, and rejected abstracts
 - For each concurrent session, provide session titles and potential moderators
 - Extended sessions are finalized
 - All information handed over to program planning service provider

How many sessions can we accommodate in the program?

- ▶ About 73 concurrent session (292 oral presentations at 4 per session)
- ▶ 20 extended sessions (if 1.5 hours each)
- ▶ Longer extended sessions on Friday
- ▶ 150-200 posters?

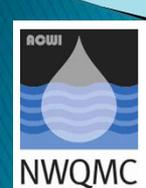
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▶ December 2013/Jan 2014:

- Program committee works with program planning service provider to finalize concurrent sessions and poster sessions
- Extended session committee works with program planning service provider to finalize extended sessions
- Finalize conference agenda including details regarding plenary speakers, field trips, short courses, workshops, offsite reception, etc., including costs, logistics, and descriptions

Timeline for Conference Planning Activities 2014

- ▶ **Jan 17, 2014:** Notification of Speakers
- ▶ **Jan 2014:** Rollout registration website if not sooner
- ▶ **Jan/Feb 2014:** Put final program together including award winners, plenary bios, field trip descriptions, Council 4 page document, etc.,
- ▶ **Feb/Mar 2014:** Organize Conference volunteers
- ▶ **Mar 2014:** Work with presenters/moderators/vendors and finalize conference structure/agenda
- ▶ **April 28 – May 2, 2014:** Hold NWQMC Conference



Questions or Comments?



Revised 2014 Conference Agenda

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Field trips	Concurrent Extended Sessions	Concurrent Extended Sessions	5KRun Concurrent Extended Sessions	Extended/ workshop sessions — longer, training, known target audience driven Side meetings
2		Plenary (welcome; key speaker; charge)	Concurrent Extended Sessions	Concurrent Extended Sessions	
Lunch		90 min	2 hrs: Posters (½)	2 hrs: Posters (½)	
3		Concurrent (3) Network block (6)	Concurrent Extended Sessions	Concurrent Extended Sessions	
4		Concurrent Extended Sessions	Concurrent Extended sessions Field trips	Concurrent Extended Sessions Field Trips	
eve	Reception	Exhibitors Posters (all) Reception	Small Side meetings	Plenary/awards Dinner	